

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday March 4th

+ James Mailloux

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Wednesday, March 5th – Ash Wednesday

8:15am: Pro Populo

7pm: Pro Populo

Thursday, March 6th

+ Rodney Travers-Griffin

Requested by Colette Bell

Friday, March 7th

8:15am: + Richard Ainey

Requested by Maureen Carr

7pm: + Filomena & Manuel Meireles

Requested by Filomena Meireles

Saturday, March 8th

+ Joan McCullagh

Requested by Tommy McCullagh

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of:
Joan McCullagh, Michael Stuart, Rodney Travers-Griffin,
Ronald Alphonso, Maria Batista

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the healing and peace of Pope Francis

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philip Teixeira, John W., Paul Holliday, Gerry Genuino,
Baby Isaiah Liam, Baby Owen, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob
McLean, Elaine Atwood, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng,
Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Doug Burt

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Do you trust in God's mercy and grace? Ask the Lord to flood your heart with His loving-kindness and mercy that you may only have room for charity, forbearance, and kindness towards your neighbour.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES IN THE GTA:

We have identified holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. The locations are as follows:

Archdiocese	St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
Shrines	Martyrs' Shrine, Midland
Central Region	St. Paul's Basilica St. Mary's, Toronto St. Edward the Confessor
Western Region	Our Lady of Sorrows, Etobicoke St. Mary's, Brampton
Eastern Region	St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough St. Gregory the Great, Oshawa
Northern Region	St. Padre Pio, Kleinburg St. Mary's, Barrie

16TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE:

Saturday March 22, 2024

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)

Closing Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB

Register using this link: www.dwf2025.eventbrite.ca

A DAY WITH MARY:

Save the Date: On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship, and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend's second collection will be for the **Building Fund**. Thank you for your generosity!

2024 TAX RECEIPTS:

2024 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, March 10th. Thank you to those who contributed in 2024!

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. John's Parish! Please take a moment to fill out the registration form in order that we may serve you better. Forms are available at the back of the Church, in the Parish Office, and online (<https://stjohnsto.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/parish-registration-forms/>).

We have the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (direct debit from your bank) or if you wish a box of offertory envelopes for 2025, please visit the Parish Office. All parishioners are kindly requested to inform the Parish Office whenever there is a change in address or phone number. Thank you!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND:



This Sunday March 2nd, ahead of Shrove Tuesday, St. John's Parish will be hosting a pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall from 10am to 12:30pm. Come out and enjoy pancakes, sausages, coffee, tea, juice, and a great family-friend's event. Families - \$20, Adults - \$10, Seniors/Students - \$5. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds will go to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

ANNUAL 40 CANS FOR LENT – I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

The Knights of Columbus Beaches Council 7008 are encouraging you to donate one can per day for 40 days during the Lenten season, or substitute \$1 for each can. All donations will be given to the Good Shepherd mission. Drop off your non-perishable donation in the special 40 Cans for Lent basket in the back of the church. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope, marked "40 Cans for Lent," and dropped in the collection basket.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2025:



As we approach the liturgical season of Lent, we will be adding more opportunities for an encounter with Our Lord, so that we may experience and enter more deeply into His mercy.

Ash Wednesday (March 5th) Mass with distribution of Ashes: 8:15AM & 7:00PM

All Fridays of Lent (starting March 7th): Confession: 6PM – 6:45PM
Holy Mass: 7PM
Stations of the Cross: 7:30PM

TRADITIONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINES:

Penance: Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to enter into a deeper prayer life during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholic aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholic from age 18 – 59 practice fasting, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals on those respective days.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by less eating or shopping. Consider donations to ShareLife or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul who serve the poor and the needy.