

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>

+ Michael Higgins

Requested by Margo & Vincent Madigan

### Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

+ Salvacion Bautista

Requested by Rosalinda & Bernardo Febria

### Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

+ Emelda Logan

Requested by Margo & Vincent Madigan

### Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**8:15am:** + Baby Oliver Thomas Marar

Requested by Emma Markle & Alexander Marar

**7pm:** + Patricia Ryan

Requested by Peggy O'Meara & Family

### Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

+ Michael Higgins

Requested by Santan & Margaret Lobo

## 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, Doug Burt

## 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, Lynn Sparkes

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

*When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

## 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:

<b>Archdiocese</b>	St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
<b>Shrines</b>	Martyrs' Shrine, Midland
<b>Central Region</b>	St. Paul's Basilica St. Mary's, Toronto St. Edward the Confessor
<b>Western Region</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows, Etobicoke St. Mary's, Brampton
<b>Eastern Region</b>	St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough St. Gregory the Great, Oshawa
<b>Northern Region</b>	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](http://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

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### 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!

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### 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!

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### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PANCAKE SUNDAY!



On Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. John's Parish hosted pancake Sunday after each mass. Great food, fellowship, and fun! Thank you to Corbin and Chi Chi, our incredible chefs who prepared all the food. All was made possible with the help of students from St. Pat's – Riley, and St. John's School – Alexandra, Rose, Terry, Elliot, and Mia. Our gratitude to the strong serving, and clean-up crew – Doris, Bill, Dianne, Rob, Elisha, and others. The event was an overwhelming success due to the support of our parishioners having raised almost \$1500 for St. Vincent de Paul. Much appreciation and gratitude to David Breech for organizing and coordinating this event!

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### 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.

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### 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 5<sup>th</sup>) Mass with distribution of Ashes:** 8:15AM & 7:00PM  
**All Fridays of Lent (starting March 7<sup>th</sup>):** Confession: 6PM – 6:45PM  
Holy Mass: 7PM  
Stations of the Cross: 7:30PM

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### 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.