

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 17th

† Filomenia Power

Wednesday, March 18th

Sp. Intentions of George Attwood

Thursday, March 19th

Pro Populo

Friday, March 20th

† Josefina Alejandra

Saturday, March 21st

† Anna Artuso

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for the special intentions of Allen Carlow

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Murray and Anthony Sullivan

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jacob McLean, Dawn Ruthven,
Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Agnes Von Mehren, Ella Careira, Patricia Doiron,
Gerry Genuino, Evelyn Wemigwans,
Philip Nicolaoas, Carmel Richard, Linda Duke,
Vivian Holland, Richard Keating, Joanna Hodson,
Elaine & George Attwood

Those wishing to add a loved one to the parish Mass intentions or list of the sick are kindly asked to contact the parish office.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Jesus, in your name the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS OF LENT

All Fridays of Lent until March April 3rd

Confessions – 6PM – 6:30PM

Holy Mass – 8:15AM & 7PM

Stations of the Cross – 7:30PM

TUESDAYS OF LENT: FAITH FORMATION SERIES

St. John's Parish invites you to join us for **Tuesdays of Lent** in the Upper Lounge. From **7:00–8:30 p.m.**, Fr. Joshua will continue leading a faith formation series featuring *Catholicism* by Bishop Robert Barron. Together, we'll explore the beauty, depth, and richness of our Catholic faith through teaching, discussion, and community.

All are welcome – come when you can. Attendance at every session isn't required; simply join as your schedule allows.

Session Dates: *March 17; April 7; April 14 (Parish Hall); April 21; April 28; May 5; May 12 (Parish Hall)*

**Please note, some sessions will take place in the Parish Hall*

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2025 have been issued. If you do not receive yours by the end of March, or if you have moved and haven't updated your address with the parish office, please contact us.

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our parish throughout 2025.

Any St. Vincent de Paul donations collected through the second collection at St. John's Parish are included on your parish tax receipt. Donations made using the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes by the front door—outside of parish collections—are handled directly by St. Vincent de Paul, and separate tax receipts are issued.

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PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION – MARCH 21ST & 22ND – SHARELIFE



2026 marks the 50th anniversary of ShareLife!

Lent invites us to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer, and to respond with love. When someone in our parish is grieving, alone, or unsure where to turn, your gift can make a life-changing difference. By supporting ShareLife, you help lift burdens, reach more people in need, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are never alone.

Our first ShareLife Sunday collection takes place on March 21 and 22. This year's suggested parish goal is **\$100,500**. Please give using a ShareLife envelope at the parish, through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your generous support!

GOOD SHEPHERD LENTEN DONATION DRIVE UNTIL MARCH 22ND

As part of our Lenten outreach, St. John's Parish is collecting non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd **until March 22nd**. Parishioners are invited to place their donations in the baskets near the cross in the Sanctuary. A full list of suggested items is available on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS – FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

During Lent, we are invited to return to the Lord with renewed hearts. As part of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Day of Confessions, St. John's Parish will offer extended times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Friday, March 27:**

- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Parish Office)
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Parish Office)
- 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Church)

Confessions are also available every Friday of Lent from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. or by appointment on weekdays.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE MINISTRY PROGRAM!

Edge is a Catholic middle school ministry for Grades 6–8 that offers a fun, welcoming space to build community, grow in friendship, and deepen faith through games, small group discussions, light snacks, and shared exploration in the parish hall. Edge nights run every other **Friday from 6:30–8:00 PM** on the following dates: **March 20, April 17, May 15, and May 29.**

New participants are always welcome. Registration forms are available in the church foyer or parish office, and the yearly fee is \$25 per child to help cover program costs and materials. For more information, please contact our Youth Minister, Mercy, at stjohnsym@archtoronto.org.



EDGE CAMP – OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

All EDGE youth registered in our ministry program are invited to attend EDGE Camp, an overnight summer camp at Camp White Pine (Haliburton, Ontario) from **August 19–23, 2026**. EDGE Camp offers a fun, Christ-centered week with catechesis, Mass, praise & worship, and fellowship with other EDGE parishes across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Registration opened March 1, 2026

Early-bird: \$500 (until April 24)

Regular: \$575 (until May 22)

The fee includes transportation, accommodations, meals, activities, and camp merchandise. For details and the registration link, please email Mercy at stjohnsym@archtoronto.org.

We want every young person who hopes to attend to have the chance to experience this unforgettable week. Gifts of \$20–\$500 help provide a full camp experience filled with friendship, faith, and lasting memories. To support a camper, please place your donation in the offertory basket labeled **“Edge Camp Sponsor” with your name**, or visit the parish office. All gifts are eligible for tax receipts. Thank you for helping our youth encounter Christ in such a joyful and transformative way.