

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday March 18th

+ Philomenia Power

Requested by Paul Power

Wednesday, March 19th

+ Felice Sabelli

Requested by Emily Lombardo & Family

Thursday, March 20th

+ Jamie Madigan

Requested by Margo & Vincent Madigan

Friday, March 21st

8:15am: + Stuart Michiele

Requested by Katherine Henderson and
Katie & Michael McKenna

7pm: For the intentions of our community

Saturday, March 22nd

+ Gabriel Acuña

Requested by Dean

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of:
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

*Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your
merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our
enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel,
from all our distress.*

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

OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE:

Please note that on Tuesday, March 18th, the parish office will close at 12pm and reopen on Wednesday, March 19th at 9am.

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!

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:



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

TRADITIONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINES:

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.

UPCOMING EASTER SCHEDULE:

Palm (Passion) Sunday	April 13 th	9AM & 11AM
Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper	April 17 th	7PM (Note: there is no 8:15AM mass)
Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord	April 18 th	12PM & 3PM
Easter Vigil	April 19 th	8PM (Note: there is no 4:30PM mass)
Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord	April 20 th	9AM & 11AM