

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 1st

+ Gerry & Tilly Vanderreest
Requested by The Vanderreest Family

Wednesday, April 2nd

(Unannounced) + John Marquess
Requested by Colm & Abina Murphy

Thursday, April 3rd

(Unannounced) + James Madigan
Requested by Ken & Fran Forbes

Friday, April 4th

8:15am: + Maura Lozano

7pm: Pro Populo

Saturday, April 5th

Intentions of Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy
Requested by Margaret McCarthy Perrie

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of
St. John's Parish

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for
the sick and homebound of our parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philip Teixeira, John W., 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

God is truly kinder than any of us. He does not lose hope
or give up when we stray from him. He is always on the
lookout for those who have a change of heart and want
to return. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming
them home.

***Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your love nor take for
granted the mercy you have shown to me.***

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS – MARCH 30TH TO APRIL 5TH

“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an
obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing
us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed
conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but
sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost,
the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his
first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the
Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in
order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion,
and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the
Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful
encounter with divine mercy – is essential.” - Thomas
Cardinal Collins.

This Lenten season, parishes in the Archdiocese of
Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions between
March 30 and April 5, 2025. [Please see confession times
at a parish near you.](#)

***All are welcome to attend St. John's Parish Day of
Lenten Confessions.***

Thursday, April 3rd	Parish Office	9am-12pm 2pm-5pm
Friday, April 4th	Church	4pm-7pm

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS & DECORATING

Would you like to donate to the Easter Flower fund,
helping to make our Church beautiful and joyful for our
Easter celebrations? Donations can be made in memory
of a loved one by completing the information on the Easter
Flower Fund donation envelope located at the back of the
church. Simply complete the information on the front of
the envelope, place the envelope with your donation
inside, into the offertory basket at mass or you can drop
the envelope into the secure office mailbox located on the
front step of the office.

Looking for a way to get involved? If you are interested in
joining in on the fun of flower arranging, please join your
fellow parishioners who help to arrange the flowers for the
Easter celebrations! Please call or email the office and
leave your name and contact details with Adriana
Fernandez.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

SHARELIFE SUNDAY IS MARCH 30TH, 2025

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday



ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish’s annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 5TH & 6TH

Next week’s second collection will be for the **Building Fund**. Thank you for your continued support!

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2025:



All Fridays of Lent (starting March 7th):

Church Opens: 4:00PM
 Stations of the Cross: 4:30PM – *led by parishioners*
 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (APRIL 12TH – APRIL 20TH):

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