

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

† Rev. Joseph A. Nolan

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

† Clare (Byerley) Kavanagh

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

† Arthur Geekie

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Special Intentions for Mary Picard

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

† William (Bill) MacLean

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns this week in thanksgiving for the gift of new life in Christ.

## 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 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.*

## EASTER REFLECTION

One clear truth stands out: without the resurrection, Jesus' followers would never have proclaimed his name. Only his rising could transform their despair into joy and courage. The resurrection remains the heart of Christian faith, and through the Holy Spirit we gain the faith to recognize its power. The deepest joy comes from encountering the living Christ. Do you welcome Easter with gratitude for his victory over sin and death?

***Lord Jesus, you conquered the grave and brought us new life. Grant me faith to see your glory and draw me closer to your love and power.***

## TUESDAYS OF EASTER: FAITH FORMATION SERIES

St. John's Parish invites you to join us for **Tuesdays of Easter** 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.

**Upcoming Session Dates:** *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*

## EASTER GRATITUDE TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

St. John's Parish extends heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Your dedication and generosity helped create a prayerful and beautiful celebration of the Resurrection.

**With gratitude to:**

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ushers and Greeters
- Cantors, Choir, Organist, and Musicians
- All volunteers who assisted in our preparations and celebrations

A special word of appreciation to **Most Rev. Robert Kasun, C.S.B., Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto**, for presiding at the 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass. We are truly grateful for his presence and ministry among us.

To all our parishioners, thank you for gathering in faith and celebrating Easter with us at St. John's Parish. Your presence strengthens our community and fills our church with joy.

May the Risen Christ bless you and your families with peace and hope.

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## PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

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### OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE:

Please note that the parish office will be closed on **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> for Easter Monday**. On behalf of the parish staff, we warmly wish you a blessed and joyful Easter weekend.

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### HEARTFELT THANKS!

Our deepest appreciation goes to all who donated flowers for our liturgies. Your gifts filled the sanctuary with a sense of celebration that lifted the hearts of everyone who gathered.

A special word of gratitude to **Emily at Kingston Road Flower Market** (Kingston Rd. & Scarborough Rd.) for her kindness and for always securing such beautiful blooms for our parish. Her support helps our church look welcoming and radiant throughout liturgical seasons.

Warm thanks to the volunteers who decorated the sanctuary and prepared the church for the liturgies. Your time, creativity, and hard work brought everything together with such grace. Your generosity and dedication are truly appreciated by our whole community.

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### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER!

St. John's Parish will be hosting a special celebration during National Volunteer Week this April to honour those who generously share their time and talents in service to our community.

**Please note:** Invitations were emailed to parish volunteers whose current volunteer documentation is on file.

If you actively serve in any ministry and did not receive an email invitation, we warmly invite you to contact the parish office so we can ensure our records are up to date. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful people who help our parish thrive!

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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### 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: **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](mailto:stjohnsym@archtoronto.org).



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### 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](mailto: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.