

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 14th

† Elaine Attwood

Special intentions of George Attwood

Wednesday, April 15th

† Clare (Byerley) Kavanagh

Thursday, April 16th

† Gerdie Doherty

Friday, April 17th

† Rick Peltier

Saturday, April 18th

† Edmond Valin Sr.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary lamp burns this week in honor of the special intentions and birthday blessing of Msgr. Patrick O'Dea.

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

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.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Elaine Attwood, who died away peacefully on Sunday, April 5. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on May 6, 2026, at 11:00AM.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Paul McCullagh. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on May 7, 2026, at 11:00AM.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY REFLECTION

Most of us are not aware of the thresholds of our trust and what makes us choose to shut the doors of our hearts. Usually it is not until a crisis hits us that we realize our need for greater openness, to trust someone greater than ourselves.

Jesus longs for the chance to show us how trust in Him conquers the storms of life and manifests the brilliance of His love. It is only through Jesus that we can learn to live authentic trust. In fully embracing our humanity, Jesus transforms the negative experience of our openness (this vulnerability), showing us it is THE place of love, true life, and joy.

No matter what we face, He who is almighty invites us to meet Him in a life beyond our capacities – His divine life. Only His mercy can fix the shattered trust in our hearts.

God is always inviting us to a deeper relationship with Him and, therefore, a greater threshold of trust. Trust is what opens the doors of our hearts to the flow of love. And through trusting God's merciful love, we open ourselves to the ever-flowing stream of God's victorious goodness. If we have been made to love, we have been made to be vulnerable and therefore, created to live trust.

Jesus is always worth trusting.

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 14 (Parish Hall); April 21; April 28; May 5; May 12 (Parish Hall)

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

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PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

IMPORTANT: OFFERTORY ENVELOPES NOTICE

We've noticed that some parishioners are using old offertory envelopes by crossing out the dates and re-labeling them. While we appreciate every donation, using outdated envelopes can create confusion when recording contributions and may result in errors with tax receipts or attributing donations to the wrong household.

If you no longer have assigned envelopes and would like a new set, please contact the parish office. You are also welcome to give online, through PAG, or by using a pink visitor envelope and filling in your information. We appreciate your cooperation.

A DAY WITH MARY – MAY 30, 2026

You are invited to a "Day With Mary" taking place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026** at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more.

There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Registration is open from April 8 until May 15:

<https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218 - WRITE YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TODAY!

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to e-mail your Member of Parliament and ask them to support Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This bill proposes amending the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being offered when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this amendment, MAiD is scheduled to become available for mental-illness-only cases in March 2027.

Many Canadians know someone living with mental illness. Supporters of the bill argue that care, hope, and protection should be prioritized for vulnerable individuals. To learn more or contact your MP, visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca.

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: **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.