

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 21st

† Bill & Mary Scanlon

Wednesday, April 22nd

† Inez Doiron

Thursday, April 23rd

† Elaine Attwood

Friday, April 24th

† Georgina Revells

Saturday, April 25th

† William McGee

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Elaine Attwood

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, Susan Kormendy

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.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – APRIL 19-25, 2026

THANK YOU!

As we celebrate **National Volunteer Week**, our parish community at St. John's pauses with deep gratitude for the many hands and hearts that make our ministries flourish. From those who greet at the doors, prepare the liturgy, visit the sick, support our outreach programs, care for our facilities, or quietly step in wherever help is needed - your service is a living expression of the Gospel. You show what it means to be a parish rooted in compassion, hospitality, and hope.

This week invites us not only to recognize the extraordinary generosity of our current volunteers, but also to reflect on how each act of service - large or small - strengthens the bonds of our parish family. Your dedication brings light to others, and we are truly blessed by the spirit you share.

May God pour out abundant blessings on all who give of their time, talents, and hearts.

May your service continue to be a source of joy, purpose, and grace, and may the Lord reward your kindness in ways seen and unseen.

As we honor our volunteers, we also warmly welcome **new volunteers** who feel called to get involved. If you've been thinking about offering your gifts, this is a wonderful moment to step forward. There is a place for everyone, and your presence can make a real difference.

Thank you to all who serve, and to all who are discerning a new way to participate. Together, we continue building a parish where Christ's love is lived and shared.

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 21; April 28; May 5; May 12 (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.

SHARELIFE SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND, SECOND COLLECTION – APRIL 25TH & 26TH



Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday, our second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has lived out our Catholic call to charity, uniting parishioners, schools, and workplaces to support those in need. Grounded in the belief that every person is created in the image of God, ShareLife continues to uphold the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. As we approach ShareLife's milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to honour this legacy of service in our parish and beyond.

Our parish goal is \$100,500. Please give using a ShareLife envelope found at the back of the church, through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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 until May 15:

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

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: **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 is OPEN!

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.