

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 28th

† Raymond Mailloux

Wednesday, April 29th

† Robert O'Reilly

Thursday, April 30th

† Helen Travers-Griffin

Friday, May 1st

† Inez Doiron

Saturday, May 2nd

† John Olsen

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns for every heart awaiting God's call, for every soul seeking its purpose, and for every vocation being born in silence and grace.

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 Robert "Bob" O'Reilly. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on May 2, 2026, at 11:00AM.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Elaine Attwood. Her 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.

BLESSINGS ON OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion on April 18th, 19th, and April 26th.

May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with joy, peace, and a deep love for Jesus present in the Eucharist. As you continue to grow in faith, may this sacred moment be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Christ, who nourishes, strengthens, and guides you each day. We celebrate with you, your families, and all who have supported you on this beautiful journey of faith.

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 28; May 5; May 12 (Parish Hall)*

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish is looking to officially start a Bereavement Ministry, and we are seeking volunteers who feel called to offer comfort and support to families experiencing loss. A few people have stepped forward so far, and we need additional volunteers before the ministry can begin. If you are interested, please reach out to the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Joshua after Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This weekend, the Church celebrates the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We join Catholics around the world in praying that God will raise up generous, faith-filled men and women to serve as priests, deacons, and religious. May our parish community encourage and support those who are discerning God's call and may each of us renew our own commitment to follow Christ with joyful hearts.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!
Parish @StJohnsParishTO
Youth Ministry @StJohnsTOYouth



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 THIS WEEKEND, SECOND COLLECTION – APRIL 25TH & 26TH

This 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. To date, we have raised \$7,967.85. 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!

For a value of: \$575 (registration closes 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.