

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 6th

+ Luis Garcia

Requested by Daniel & Adriana Fernandez

Wednesday, May 7th

Intentions of Elaine Attwood

Thursday, May 8th

+ Peter Holliday

Friday, May 9th

+ Murray Daniel Abbott

Requested by Cathy & Murray Abbott

Saturday, May 10th

+ Georgina Revells

Requested by the Parish Family

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, John O'Connor, Jean Proctor, William McGee, Georgina Revells

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the repose of the soul of Peter Holliday

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philip Teixeira, John W., Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah Liam, Baby Owen, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean, Elaine Attwood, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Lynn Sparkes, Edna Higgins

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else.

What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and mercy.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – MAY 4-9, 2025 — “PILGRIMS OF HOPE”

During Catholic Education Week (**May 4 – 9, 2025**), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. As we celebrate this Year of Jubilee, as pilgrims of hope, let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

2025 NEOPHYTE MASS:

Cardinal Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly initiated, fully initiated or received into the Church at Easter. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 11 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto.**

This Mass is open to all, but reserved seating is available only for Neophytes and up to five guests. Reserved seating will be designated by parish. Registration closes Monday, May 5. Seating is limited, so please register early. All other attendees will be seated in non-reserved sections on a first come, first served basis.

REGISTER:

<https://bit.ly/NeophyteMassRegisterMay2025>

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH (OCY):

❖ THE SOURCE (AGES 19-39)

Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer at **St. Peter's Catholic Church on Thursday, May 15 at 7pm**. Spend some time with Our Lord amidst your busy schedule with the source and summit of our faith – Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors! Holy Hour will begin at 7pm followed by a social time from 8pm to 9pm. Confessions will be available.

<https://ocytoronto.org/TheSource>

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION – SHARELIFE SUNDAY MAY 4TH

The second ShareLife Sunday collection for the year is this weekend, May 4th.

We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at www.sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS – AND AN INVITATION TO JOIN!

At St. John's Parish, we'd like to give a heartfelt thanks to each one of you, from the tireless work of the Liturgical Hospitality Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Choir and Music Members, Collection Counters, Finance Council Members, Ministry Leaders, Social Committee Members, Altar Servers, Altar Guild Members, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, Liturgy of the Word leaders and helpers, and Sacramental-preparation leaders and teachers, and so many other volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts to the parish.

Your efforts create ripples of hope and faith that touch lives throughout our community. Thank you for making a difference, for answering the call to serve, and for being the heart of our parish family.

If you're looking for ways to get involved, or have ever felt called to serve, now is a great time! From liturgical roles to collection counters, and social committee members, there's a place for everyone to serve and grow.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at St. John's Parish, please contact Adriana at the parish office or speak with Fr. Joshua after mass. If you're ready to join us, fill out the sign-up sheet on our website:

<https://stjohnsto.archtoronto.org/Volunteer>

Thank you for being part of what makes St. John's Parish a welcoming and faith-filled home!

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR MOTHER'S DAY:

Throughout the month of May, we invite parishioners to honor their mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all mother figures by filling out a prayer intention card. Cards are available at the entrance of the church and can be placed near the statue of Mary in the nearby basket.

All names and intentions will be prayerfully offered together on **Saturday, May 31st at 4:30pm.**

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

Beginning this May, in honour of Our Blessed Mother, we will be introducing the weekly devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help which will take place **every Wednesday at the 8:15AM Mass**. We will entrust all of our intentions to Her powerful intercession, most especially our parishioners who are sick and suffering during this time.

Just as the Child Jesus fled into the arms of his Mother when he was frightened, so too do we flee into the arms of our Blessed Mother with child-like confidence whenever fear envelopes our hearts. Just as the Virgin Mother consoled and comforted her Divine Child, so too does she console and comfort us, her spiritual children, in our afflictions. We can always come to her in our time of need and receive her help.



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St. John's Parish is now on Instagram! Stay connected with us throughout the week – follow **@StJohnsParishTo** for parish updates, events, inspirational content, Archdiocesan news and events, and more. Let's grow our faith community online!
