

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 22nd

† Peter deCourcy

Wednesday, September 23rd

† Araceli Fernandez

Thursday, September 24th

Special Intentions of Atticus Faria

Friday, September 25th

† Aidan Carr

Saturday, September 26th

† Roger & Magella Savoie

Sunday, September 27th

9AM: Pro Populo

11AM: † Paul Gallagher

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns for the special intentions of our parish community

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,
Rachel Ouellette, Norm Leach,
Sean Murphy, Gary Fisher,
Deacon Robert Nevins Selvadurai, Matthew Pereira

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – AN INVITATION TO RCIA

Dear Parishioners,

On **Wednesday, October 7**, we will begin our parish RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults here at St. John's.

RCIA is a beautiful journey for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, for baptized Christians considering entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, and for Catholics who have not yet completed their Sacraments of Initiation. It is a time to ask questions, discover the richness of our Catholic faith, deepen one's relationship with Jesus Christ, and discern where God may be leading.

Over the years, many people have experienced RCIA as a tremendous blessing - a journey leading them into a deeper life of faith, prayer and belonging. Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming Catholic, or perhaps you know a family member, friend, neighbour or co-worker who has expressed an interest in our faith. This may be the time simply to invite them to "come and see."

Our first session will take place on Wednesday evening, October 7. Anyone interested is warmly invited to contact the parish office for more information.

I also ask our whole parish community to pray for those considering RCIA and for all who will begin this journey with us. Welcoming new members into the life of the Church is a blessing for the entire parish.

May the Lord guide those who are searching and give all of us the joy of sharing the faith we have received.

Fr. Andrew

SECOND COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.



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Youth Ministry @StJohnsTOYouth

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 9AM

We are happy to announce Children's Liturgy is resuming at the 9am Masses starting on **Sunday, September 20th**. Children will be called up to the altar where Father will give a blessing, and will then be walked downstairs to the parish hall. This is open to ALL children of our parish who wish to hear the good news from the Gospel of our lord and do a fun craft. No signups are required. Children will be ushered back upstairs for Offertory. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer for this fun program, we would love to have you, please contact Iris Savage at: isavage@archtoronto.org or the parish office.

WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL – OCTOBER 3 & 4

Join us after all Masses on **October 3 and 4** as we gather in fellowship and extend a warm welcome to **Fr. Andrew Cyruk** as he begins his ministry with our parish community.

A sandwich, chips, and drink combo will be available for \$10, with all proceeds supporting our parish endeavours. **Coffee, tea, and desserts will be provided free of charge.**

Parishioners are warmly invited to bring homemade baked goods and desserts to share with everyone. If you would like to contribute, please email Adriana at stjohnsto@archtoronto.org.

All are welcome to attend. We look forward to celebrating together and welcoming Fr. Andrew!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION – NOW OPEN!

Registration for First Holy Communion is now open for all students in Grade 2 and up. Registration forms are available at the back of the church near the bulletins. Please complete **one form per child**.

Completed forms with payment may be returned to the Parish Office. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Parish Office.

We look forward to accompanying our children and families as they prepare to receive this important sacrament in their faith journey.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY – THE BUTCHER SHOPPE FUNDRAISER LINK

The clock is ticking on this delicious fundraiser! Our ministry receives \$10 for every item sold through our fundraiser link, so every order makes a difference. Orders are delivered directly to your doorstep Tuesday-Friday, with your choice of delivery date. Please visit our link below or scan the QR code which will take you to our link. Purchases must be made through our link for us to receive donations.

Link: <https://butchershoppeteams.com/collections/st-johns-youth-ministry?page=1>

Your support helps fund retreats, outreach events, leadership development, and weekly programs like Edge Ministry and Life Teen for the 2026–2027 ministry year. For more information, contact our Youth Minister, Mercy, at StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY – JOIN OUR CORE TEAM!

Our Youth Ministry is back for another year, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve at St. John's? We're looking for caring and enthusiastic parishioners who are willing to serve as mentors, small-group leaders, or helpers during our Edge Nights (ministry for Grades 6–8) and Life Teen Nights (ministry for high school students). Will you join us? Help our young people encounter, love, and serve our Lord while building friendships and growing in their faith. Training will be provided! If you feel called to serve, please contact our Youth Minister, Mercy, for more information at StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org.

