

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 29th

† Colette Bell

Wednesday, September 30th

Special Intentions of Msgr. Vid Vlasic

Thursday, October 1st

† Sr. Eileen Power CND

Friday, October 2nd

† Frank Vandersteen

Saturday, October 3rd

† James & Mary Mailloux

Sunday, October 4th

9AM: † Mr. William Bell

11AM: Pro Populo

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

Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly.

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

This 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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Parish @StJohnsParishTO
Youth Ministry @StJohnsTOYouth

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL – NEXT WEEKEND! OCTOBER 3 & 4

Join us after all Masses next weekend 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 by Wednesday, September 30.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE UNTIL OCTOBER 11TH

Starting this weekend, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to support the Good Shepherd Ministries as they organize their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations will help provide a special meal for those in our community who are struggling with hunger.

Most-needed items include:

- Canned goods (tuna, soups, stews, beans)
- Pasta Sauce
- Condiments
- Packaged snacks
- Spices, salt, and pepper
- Pasta and rice

A full list of suggested items is posted on the parish bulletin board. Please place your donations in the basket on the side of the altar near the displayed cross. Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

This delicious fundraiser ends this week! 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 5–8) 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.

