

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 6th

† Frank Vandersteen

Wednesday, October 7th

† Mary McNelis

Thursday, October 8th

† Hugh O’Gorman

Friday, October 9th

Special Intentions of the Youth Ministry Team

Saturday, October 10th

† Patrick Kerrigan

Sunday, October 11th

9AM: Pro Populo

11AM: † Antonio Gomes

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns for the response of the soul of
Frank Vandersteen

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jacob McLean, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng, 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

RCIA BEGINS OCTOBER 7, 2026

RCIA Begins This Wednesday!

A warm reminder to everyone who has been inquiring about the Catholic faith: our first RCIA gathering will take place this Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.

We will meet in the upstairs meeting room attached to the rectory. It will be a relaxed opportunity to meet one another, ask questions, and begin our journey of faith together.

Fr. Andrew

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

As we enter the beautiful fall month of October, with its changing colours and cooler days, the Church invites us to turn in a special way to Mary, Our Blessed Mother. October has traditionally been known as the Month of the Holy Rosary, and on October 7 we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Rosary is such a simple prayer, and yet it can become a wonderful companion in our daily lives. With Mary, we walk through the mysteries of the life of Jesus - His joy, His suffering, His love and His glory. The Rosary is not so much about saying many words as it is about slowing down, placing ourselves in God’s presence, and allowing Mary to lead us closer to her Son.

His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo, our Archbishop, in his 2024 message for the Month of the Holy Rosary, reminded us that the Rosary has long been for the faithful a source of “comfort, help and inspiration.” He invited us to turn to this beautiful prayer for those who are suffering, for peace in our world, for our families and for our own ongoing conversion.

Perhaps October can be an invitation for each of us to rediscover this beautiful prayer. Pray a Rosary on your own, with your spouse or family, or even begin simply with one decade during a quiet moment of the day. Bring to Mary the people you love, the worries you carry and the intentions that are close to your heart.

Mary’s whole life pointed toward Jesus. May she teach us to do the same.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Fr. Andrew

SECOND COLLECTION – OCTOBER 3 & 4

This weekend, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 3/4, 2026 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.



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PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

BLESSING OF PETS – FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – OCTOBER 4 AT 4PM

In honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the parish will celebrate the blessing of pets on **Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm** outside the main doors of the Church. All pets and owners are welcome. For the safety of all people and animals, all pets must be leashed, caged or held in owners' control.

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

We are 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

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 - LAUNCHING OCT 9!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone at St. John's who supported our Butcher Shoppe fundraiser! We are so grateful for your generosity and for the continued support you show our ministry. This ministry simply would not exist without the generous hearts, prayers, and support of the St. John's community.

We're excited to announce the launch of our Edge Ministry! Edge is our Catholic middle school program for youth in Grades 5-8. Edge nights take place **every other Friday from 6:30-8PM** starting with our **social kick off on October 9**. Registration forms can be found in the church foyer or in the parish office. **Registration fee per child is \$50 for the whole year**. This fee helps cover the program cost and materials. For more information, please contact the Youth Minister, Mercy, at StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org. Please keep this ministry in your prayers!

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.

