

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 20th

Special Intentions of Pope Leo

Wednesday, October 21st

† Carmel Richard

Thursday, October 22nd

† Edna Higgins

Friday, October 23rd

Special Intentions of the De Santis Family

Saturday, October 24th

† Edmond Valin Sr.

Sunday, October 25th

9AM: Pro Populo

11AM: † Michael Higgins

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary lamp burns for the repose of the souls of
Joseph & Wanda Teminski

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of
Carmel Richard who passed away on
Saturday, October 3, 2026.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jacob McLean, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng, Agnes Von
Mehren, Ella Careira, Patricia Doiron, Gerry Genuino,
Evelyn Wemigwans, Philip Nicolaoas, Linda Duke,
Richard Keating, Joanna Hodson, Rachel Ouellette,
Norm Leach, Sean Murphy, Gary Fisher, Deacon Robert
Nevins Selvadurai, Matthew Pereira

WEEKLY REFLECTION

*Lord, you created me, redeemed me, and promised
me yourself; therefore, I give you all my love and my
whole being. Though I owe you more than I can give,
draw me ever closer to you in love. I am yours by
creation; make me wholly yours in love.*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the beautiful things about parish life is that we are more than a group of people who gather for Sunday Mass. We are a family of faith, brought together by Christ, each with our own stories, joys, challenges, and gifts.

Since coming to St. John's, I have been grateful for the warmth and kindness I have experienced. Whether it is a friendly greeting after Mass, a conversation over coffee, or the quiet generosity of someone helping behind the scenes, these simple moments remind me what a parish community is all about.

Our parish becomes stronger when each of us feels that we belong and that we have something to offer. Sometimes the smallest gesture - a smile, a word of encouragement, or a welcome to someone new - can make a lasting difference.

As we continue our journey together, I hope St. John's will always be a place where people feel at home, where faith grows, and where we care for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you for the many ways you make our parish a beautiful family of faith.

May the Lord continue to bless our community and guide us in all that we do.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

SECOND COLLECTION – OCTOBER 17/18

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally.

Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.



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PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

SERRA CLUB OF TORONTO DOWNTOWN INVITES YOU TO THE OCTOBER 21ST MEETING

The next meeting of the Serra Club of Toronto Downtown, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 in the St. Basil's Parish Hall following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

Our guest speaker will be Fr. Dr. Matthew Durham, a healthcare leader and National Executive Director of the Saint Elizabeth Foundation, which oversees Journey Home Hospice in Toronto and Windsor, the Centre for Equity and Innovation in End-of-Life Care, Spiritual Care, Grief and Bereavement Services, and Volunteer Services that support communities across Canada. The speaker is especially appropriate given that on October 25, our faith community will observe the Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care.

Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are most welcome. St. Basil's Parish is located at 50 St. Joseph St. off Bay St. just north of Wellesley St.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION – REGISTRATION IS STILL 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.

JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHOIR!

The St. John's Choir warmly invites new singers to become part of the choir, especially Sopranos and Altos, as it seeks to continue providing music that enriches and supports our Sunday liturgy. Those interested in becoming part of the choir are invited to come to the choir loft at 10:10 a.m. on Sundays for rehearsal before singing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY - CALLING ALL STUDENTS IN GR. 5-8!

Edge is our Catholic middle school program for youth in Grades 5–8. Through fun games, engaging talks, prayer, and small-group discussions, youth have the opportunity to grow in their faith while building friendships and community. Edge nights take place **every other Friday from 6:30-8PM**.

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.