

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Intentions of Grant Harvey  
Requested by Kay Ainey

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

+ Rev. Antero DeMelo  
Requested by Theresa DeMelo

**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

+ Rogerio DeMelo  
Requested by Theresa DeMelo

**Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

+ Hugh Doherty  
Requested by Maureen Carr

**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

+ Isabel Cairns  
Requested by Mary Rose

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns for the intentions of teachers, students, and parents, as they begin a new school year.

### REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of  
Rev. Fr. James P. Adams.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jacob McLean, Elaine Attwood, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Agnes Von Mehren, Ella Careira, Patricia Doiron, Gerry Genuino, Lorelai MacNeil, Evelyn Wemigwans, Frances McCourt, Philip Nicolaos

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own.

*Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of sin, selfishness, and conceit. Help me to be humble as you are humble and to love freely and graciously all whom you call me to serve.*

### PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

#### SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

We are now accepting registrations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2026. Please visit our website to register.

- **First Holy Communion:** In First Holy Communion, children receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time – the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Registration is now open for children in Grade 2 and up who have received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Registration:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/uQHNR2xPd>

- **Confirmation:** In the Sacrament of Confirmation, young people receive the fulness of the Holy Spirit, strengthening them to live out their faith with courage and witness to Christ in the world. Registration is now open to youth in Grade 7 & 8 who have been baptized in the Catholic Church.

**Registration:** <https://forms.office.com/r/tqUVk8f18T>

#### BAPTISMS AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH

We rejoice with families preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism! Parents are asked to introduce themselves to Fr. Joshua or Deacon Paul after the weekend Mass they attend, in order to discuss next steps and to receive a registration package.

#### A CALL TO MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we return from the summer break, we invite all parishioners to consider sharing their time and talents in the many ministries of St. John's Parish. Whether you are new or have served before, your help makes our community stronger and more welcoming.

All are welcome to volunteer! Please contact the Parish Office for more information, or follow the link to our parish website to sign up today:

<https://stjohnsto.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/volunteer-opportunities/>

#### NEW PARISHIONERS – WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S PARISH!

If you are new to St. John's Parish, we warmly welcome you to our faith community! We invite you to introduce yourself to Fr. Joshua after Mass, and to also register as a parishioner so that we can better serve you.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church, and also on our website:

<https://stjohnsto.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/parish-registration-forms/>

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PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

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**OFFICE CLOSURE – LABOUR DAY**

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** for the Labour Day long weekend! We wish everyone a very safe and restful long weekend before the new school year begins!

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**SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The Second Collection next weekend will be for the **Building Fund**. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF ERIC WALKER, ORGANIST & CHOIR MASTER**

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our beloved organist and choir master, **Eric Walker**, on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Eric was not only a gifted musician, but also a cherished member of the St. John's Parish family. His dedication, talent, and kindness touched the hearts of all who knew him, and his music lifted our worship in a way that will never be forgotten.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am**, followed by a reception in the parish hall. We invite all who knew and loved Eric to join us as we give thanks for his life and his many contributions to our community.

Eric will be deeply missed by the staff, parishioners, and choir members of St. John's, but his legacy of faith and music will live on in our hearts. Let us continue to pray for Eric and his family.

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**WELCOME BACK COFFEE & DESSERTS – SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Welcome back, St. John's Parish! Join us after all Masses on **September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** for a special Welcome Back Coffee & Desserts. Let's come together as a parish family to reconnect after the summer break, share fellowship, and enjoy some treats. Parishioners are invited to bring along homemade desserts to share with the community. All are welcome – we look forward to seeing you there!

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**HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD FUNDRAISER – SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

On **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**, a group will be visiting St. John's Parish offering beautiful, handcrafted olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land. Proceeds will help our starving brothers and sisters in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, putting food on their tables and supporting their Christian presence in the land of Jesus' birth.

Your support through the purchase of these items is a direct way to show solidarity and care for our fellow Christians in need. Accepted methods of payment include Visa, Mastercard, Debit, and Cash.

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**WELCOME OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER, MERCY!**

We are excited to welcome Mercy as our new Youth Minister! Mercy comes with a passion for walking with young people in their faith journey and helping them encounter Christ in meaningful and joyful ways. Through prayer, service, and community, she looks forward to building strong connections with the youth of our parish, their families, and the surrounding schools.

*"I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve this parish community, and I look forward to journeying with our youth as we grow together in faith, hope, and love. Having years of experience working with youth in different capacities throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto, I have seen firsthand the joy, energy, and unique gifts that the young people bring to the Church. I believe deeply that our youth are not only the future of the Church, but the NOW of the Church. They already bring energy, creativity, and faith to our community, and I hope this ministry will help them recognize their place and importance in the life of the parish today. We will be introducing regular youth gatherings that are faith-filled and fun — a place where young people can build lasting friendships, deepen their relationship with Christ, and be empowered to live their faith in daily life.*

*I humbly ask you, the faithful, to please pray that our ministry may be guided by the Holy Spirit, that young people may encounter Christ in a real and personal way, and that the seeds of faith planted in their hearts may grow strong. Your prayerful support is a powerful way of helping our parish youth ministry flourish, and together we can build a vibrant community where our young people feel at home in the Church."*

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Youth Ministry @StJohnsTOYouth

