ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 3rd
† Rosemary Sullivan & Bernadette Simms

Wednesday, November 4th
† Katherine McMahon

Thursday, November 5th
† The Deceased of the Notre Dame Alumnae

Friday, November 6th
† The MacDonald & Mailloux Families

Saturday, November 7th
† Maria Anjos & Fernando Dias

Sunday, November 8th
9AM: † Larence Ryan
11AM: Pro Populo

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Chang Bee Ming

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Nick Zainos and Anne O'Brien.

A funeral Mass for Nick Zainos will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 11am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of selfish pride and self-concern. Teach me to be humble as you are humble and to love others generously with selfless service and kindness.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

November: A Month of Remembrance and Hope

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the month of November, the Church invites us to remember with love and gratitude those who have gone before us. It is a special time to pause, to pray, and to remember the people who have touched our lives and who now rest in God's loving hands.

We begin the month with two beautiful celebrations. On November 1, All Saints' Day, we honour all those who have reached heaven and remind ourselves that holiness is a calling for each one of us. On November 2, All Souls' Day, we remember and pray especially for our faithful departed, entrusting them to God's infinite mercy.

For many of us, November brings memories of parents, grandparents, family members, and friends who are no longer with us. We remember their faces, their voices, their kindness, and the love they shared. Although we miss them, our faith reminds us that death does not have the final word. Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we live in the hope of eternal life.

During this month, I encourage you to take a little time to pray for your loved ones, perhaps visit a cemetery, light a candle, or offer a Mass for their souls. These simple gestures are beautiful expressions of love and faith. Here at St. John's, let us remember all those who have gone before us, especially our deceased parishioners and loved ones. May our prayers bring comfort to those who mourn and strengthen our hope that one day we will be reunited in God's presence.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

God bless you and your families,
Fr. Andrew

SECOND COLLECTION – OCT 31/NOV 1

This weekend, we will take up a second collection for the **Building Fund**. Through your generosity, St. John's Parish is able to maintain and preserve our buildings for the benefit of our parish community. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – AVAILABLE OCTOBER 31ST

In the month of November, it is our tradition to pray for our beloved dead. Beginning October 31st the parish will place a Book of Remembrance at the side of the altar. Parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of deceased family members and friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. All names written in the book will be remembered at every Mass throughout November. A basket and envelopes will also be available for those who wish to make a memorial offering.

2027 MASS INTENTION BOOK OPENS NOVEMBER 2ND

Beginning November 2nd, parishioners may begin scheduling Mass intentions for 2027. Intentions may be offered for both the living and the deceased, in prayerful support of loved ones, special occasions, or in remembrance.
Suggested donations are as follows:

- $20 for announced Masses
- $10 for unannounced Masses
- $20 for the Sanctuary Light

Please contact the parish office for further assistance. Requests may be made in person during office hours, by phone, or email.

MINISTRY TRAININGS – EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS – NOVEMBER 7

Training sessions for ***Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*** and ***Lectors*** will be held in the church with Fr. Andrew. Training for **Lectors will begin at 9:15am** followed by training for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at 10:00am.** Both **current** and **new volunteers** are warmly welcome. If you are interested in serving in either ministry, please email the parish office for more information. We encourage all those currently serving, as well as anyone discerning this ministry, to attend.

CONFIRMATION – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open for students in Grade 7 and up. We are delighted to accompany your family as your child prepares to receive this important sacrament, deepening their relationship with Christ and being strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Registration forms may be picked up at the back of the church during the weekend Mass near the bulletins or from the Parish Office. Please complete **one registration form per child** and ensure all required information and supporting documents are included. **Completed registration packages with payment ($75)** 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 supporting and celebrating this special milestone in your child's faith journey and celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 29, 2027, with Bishop Robert Kasun. Classes begin April 4, 2027, at 10am in the parish hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY - EDGE MINISTRY FOR GR. 5-8!

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Calling all students in Grades 5-8! Join Edge, our Catholic middle school program, for fun games, engaging talks, prayer, and small-group discussions as you grow in faith and build friendships. Edge Ministry takes place on alternating **Fridays from 6:30-8:00 PM**. Registration is **$50 for the year**, with forms available in the church foyer or parish office. For more information about our ministry or volunteer opportunities, please contact Mercy at StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org. Please keep our ministry in your prayers!