

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 9th

+ Emma Charlotte Harper
Requested by The Nichols Family

Wednesday, September 10th

+ Idalina Melo
Requested by Theresa DeMelo

Thursday, September 11th

+ Raymond Mailloux
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Friday, September 12th

+ Maria Sousa
Requested by Theresa DeMelo

Saturday, September 13th

+ Isabel Cairns
Requested by Anna Molloy & Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns for the repose of the soul of
Edmond Valin Sr.

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
Nicolao

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of
laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake.
What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" for us is
the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Christ
who cleanses us and makes us a new creation in him.

Paul the Apostle tells us that "*God's love has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has
been given to us*" (Romans 5:5). We can never outmatch
God in his merciful love and kindness towards us. He
always gives us more than we can expect or imagine.

***Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart and
transform your life with the overflowing love and
mercy of God?***

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 fullness 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/>

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH

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

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 30th, 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 20th 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.

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK COFFEE & DESSERTS – SEPTEMBER 20TH & 21ST

Welcome back, St. John's Parish! Join us after all Masses on **September 20th and 21st** 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. If you are interested in contributing baked goods to the social, please email Adriana at stjohnsto@archtoronto.org.

All are welcome – we look forward to seeing you there!

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD FUNDRAISER – SEPTEMBER 21ST

On **Sunday, September 21st**, 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.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID, CPR & AED TRAINING – LEVEL C FOR ST. JOHN'S PARISH

St. John's Parish is offering two certified Red Cross Emergency First Aid, CPR & AED Level C training sessions. Learn life-saving skills that could make all the difference in a crisis—from treating injuries to performing CPR and using an AED. *This training is highly recommended for anyone who volunteers throughout the parish.*

Available Training Dates: Saturday October 18th from 9:30am to 4:30pm & November 8th from 9:30am to 4:30pm

Cost: \$50

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/aGERwB8Buc>

Whether you're a parent, caregiver, volunteer, or simply want to be prepared, this course is a vital investment in your ability to help others. Spots are limited for both sessions and will fill up on a first-come first-serve basis—secure yours today!

Lord Jesus, you are my Treasure, my Life, and my All. There is nothing in this life that can outweigh the joy of knowing, loving, and serving you all the days of my life. Take my life and all that I have and make it yours for your glory now and forever.

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