

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Intentions of the Prayer Group  
Requested by Chang Wf Catherine

### **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Intentions of Noel & Eileen McKinstry  
Requested by Noel & Eileen McKinstry

### **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

+ Aidan Carr  
Requested by Maureen Carr

### **Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Intentions of Linda Duke  
Requested by Carolyn Brady

### **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

+ Mary Joseph Campbell  
Requested by The Ainey & The Campbell Family

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns for the deCourcy Family

## 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, MaryAnne Parisian

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

If you lost something of great value and importance to you, wouldn't you search for it until you found it? The joy of finding a lost loved one, a precious member of your fold, and your hard-earned savings to feed your hungry family are vivid illustrations which Jesus uses to describe what God's kingdom is like. God the Father does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. He earnestly searches for the lost until they are restored and joyfully united with the whole community of heaven.

*Lord Jesus, may your light dispel the darkness of sin, deception, and ignorance, so that all who are lost or confused may find their way to the Father's home and be united with him in a bond of peace and friendship. Transform my heart with your merciful love that I may point many others to the good news of pardon, peace, and new life which you offer to all who trust in you, the Good Shepherd and Savior of the world.*

## 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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**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 POTLUCK COFFEE & DESSERTS – SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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. If you are interested in contributing baked goods to the social, please email Adriana at [stjohnsto@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohnsto@archtoronto.org).

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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**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 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 4:30pm – **10 spots remaining**

November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 4:30pm – **12 spots remaining**

**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!

