MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 23rd

+ Philip Bodyk Requested by Lisette Bodyk

Wednesday, September 24th

+ Maria Medeiros Requested by Lisette Bodyk

Thursday, September 25th

+ Aidan Carr Requested by Maureen Carr

Friday, September 26th

Intentions of Evelyn Wemigwans Requested by Marshall & Family

Saturday, September 27th

+ Maria Pallotta
Requested by The Rizzo Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns for the intentions of Quinlan and Amanda Faria

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 Nicoloas

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of MaryAnne Parisian

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Ask the Lord to fill your heart with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what you have with others.

Lord Jesus, all that I have is a gift from you. Help me to be a wise and faithful steward of the resources you put at my disposal, including the use of my time, money, and possessions.

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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/uQHNKR2xPd

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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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA SPECIAL COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2025

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of **September 27 and 28**. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

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 – **8 spots remaining**November 8th from 9:30am to 4:30pm – **10 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!

CANDLE DONATION UPDATE

Please note that beginning next weekend, the wall-mounted donation tubes will be sealed. All candle donations must be placed directly into the candle stand collection boxes. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Starting next weekend, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to support the Good Shepherd Ministries as they organize their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations will help provide a special meal for those in our community who are struggling with hunger.

Most-needed items include:

- Canned goods (tuna, soups, stews)
- Condiments
- Pasta sauce
- Packaged snacks
- Spices, salt, and pepper

A full list of suggested items is posted on the parish bulletin board. Please place your donations in the basket on the side of the altar near the displayed cross. Thank you for your generosity!

ALL SOULS DAY MASS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 11AM

At the 11am Mass, we will remember all parishioners and loved ones whose funerals were held at St. John's Parish in **2024** and **2025**.

If you have a loved one whose funeral was held here during that time, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email to ensure their name is included on our remembrance list.

We warmly invite all family members of the deceased to attend. During the Mass, a member of the family can come forward to light a candle in their memory.