

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 30th

+ Carmen Gomez

Requested by Daniel & Adriana Fernandez

Wednesday, October 1st

+ Jean Robert Leduc

Requested by Erin Rielly Clarke & Family

Thursday, October 2nd

+ Rogerio DeMelo

Requested by Theresa DeMelo

Friday, October 3rd

+ Maria Sousa

Requested by Theresa DeMelo

Saturday, October 4th

+ James & Mary Mailloux

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns for the intentions of Brian & Leslie Broughton who are celebrating 50 years of Holy Matrimony.

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 Nicolaoas, Carmel Richard, Linda Duke, Gary Fisher

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The name *Lazarus* means *God is my help*. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He not only had every thing he needed, he selfishly spent all he had on himself. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar!

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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/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.

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/>

2026 ENVELOPE PREPARATION NOTICE

As we prepare to order offertory envelopes for the upcoming year, we kindly ask parishioners who have transitioned or will be transitioning to **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)** to notify the parish office if they no longer require envelopes.

Letting us know helps reduce waste and manage costs more effectively. Thank you for your continued support and stewardship!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you've changed your address, email, or phone number, please notify the parish office so we can update your parishioner profile accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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 this weekend. 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 for your generosity and continued commitment.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION: INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION, OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 4/5, 2025, to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S PARISH COMMUNITY!

A heartfelt thank-you to all who joined our Welcome Back Coffee Social last weekend!

To our amazing volunteers – Deacon Paul, Dianne & Rob, Ed & Lisa, Maureen, Alexander, Doris, Kevin, Ed & Sheila, Iris, and Carolyn – your time and kindness made it all possible.

To every parishioner who baked and shared treats, you filled our tables (and hearts!) with joy. A special shout-out to local KupKates on Kingston Rd. who baked delicious cupcakes, and to Tim Hortons on Main St. for the fresh coffee that everyone enjoyed.

It was a wonderful weekend of fellowship, community, and hospitality. And a special welcome to Mercy, who introduced herself and the new Youth Ministry – what a blessing to begin this season together!

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 – **7 spots remaining**

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

GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Starting this 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), pasta sauce, packaged snacks, and 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!

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