

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 7th

+ Michael Higgins

Requested by Jo-Ann Higgins

Wednesday, October 8th

+ Iadina DeMelo

Requested by Theresa DeMelo

Thursday, October 9th

+ Mr. Fernand Deziel

Requested by Ted Szeliga

Friday, October 10th

In thanksgiving to St. Joseph for his ongoing
intercession and guidance

Requested by Natalia Raj Surya

Saturday, October 11th

+ Patrick Kerrigan

Requested by The Kerrigan Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of Kathleen Murphy, loving mother and grandmother, who passed away peacefully in her home in Kildare, Ireland on September 4th.

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

How can we love God and others selflessly and unconditionally? Scripture tells us that God himself is love (1 John 4:16) - he is the author of life and the source of all true relationships of love and friendship. He created us in love for love, and he fills our hearts with the boundless love that gives all that is good for the sake of the beloved (Romans 5:5). *If we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us* (1 John 4:12).

Lord Jesus, fill me with your consuming love and set my heart free to love generously and to serve selflessly. Fill me with gratitude for all you have done for me, and increase my faith and loyalty to you who are My All, My Strength, and My Life

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.

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: INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION, OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH

This weekend's second collection will be for *Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation*. As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country.

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 70% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$3.1 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation. The collection on the weekend of October 4/5 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation - thank you for your generosity!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS – OCTOBER 19TH!

We're excited to announce that Children's Liturgy will be starting up again on **Sunday, October 19th** during the 9:00 AM Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners to engage with the Word of God in a way that's meaningful and age-appropriate.

We welcome Lara Gonneau as our new coordinator and are currently looking for more volunteers to help support this ministry. If you're interested in joining the team, please speak with Fr. Joshua after Mass or email Adriana at the Parish Office.

Let's help our children grow in faith 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 – **4 spots remaining**

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