

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 14th

+ Mary Cairns

Requested by The Cairns Family

Wednesday, October 15th

+ Rev. Antero DeMelo

Thursday, October 16th

+ Andrew Stanko

Requested by The Attwood Family

Friday, October 17th

+ John William McDermott

Saturday, October 18th

+ Isabel Cairns

Requested by Patricia Clancy & Family

REST IN PEACE

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Vandersteen, retired teacher at Neil McNeil high school.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns in thanksgiving for all the members and volunteers of the St. John's community.

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, Vivian Holland

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize your loving kindness and mercy towards me. Fill my heart with compassion and thanksgiving, and free me from ingratitude and discontentment. Help me to count my blessings with a grateful heart and to give thanks in all circumstances.

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SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

We are 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!

OFFICE CLOSURE – THANKSGIVING MONDAY

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, October 13th** for Thanksgiving Monday. On behalf of the parish staff, we wish you all a very blessed thanksgiving weekend!

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SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. Thank you for your support of this important work.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY – OCTOBER 18 AND 19 & OCTOBER 25 AND 26TH

The annual weekend mass count will take place on **October 18–19** and **October 25–26**. This initiative helps provide an accurate profile of mass attendance across the archdiocese. The Ushers and volunteers will be present during all weekend masses to conduct a headcount.

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:

October 18th from 9:30am to 4:30pm – **3 spots remaining**

November 8th from 9:30am to 4:30pm – **3 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

This is the last weekend 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!

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.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD FUNDRAISER – NOVEMBER 1ST & 2ND

On **Saturday, November 1st** and **Sunday, September 2nd**, a group will be visiting St. John's Parish offering beautiful, handcrafted olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land. Proceeds will help those starving in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, putting food on their tables and supporting their Christian presence in the land of Jesus' birth.

Accepted methods of payment include Visa, Mastercard, Debit, and Cash.

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