

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 25th

† Mary Frew Spillane
Requested by John Cairns

Wednesday, November 26th

Intentions of Fr. Charles Anang
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Thursday, November 27th

Intentions of Mercy Cacdac
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Friday, November 28th

Intentions of Linda Duke
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Saturday, November 29th

Intentions of Exy D'Souza
Requested by Karen Baptiste

REST IN PEACE

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of
Russell Coleman and Brendan Fortune

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns in memory of loving mother,
grandmother, and great grandmother
Briget Boyle Lindsay

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, Evelyn Wemigwans,
Philip Nicolaoas, Carmel Richard, Linda Duke,
Vivian Holland, Richard Keating, Joanna Hodson

WEEKLY REFLECTION

***Which kingdom will you serve - today, tomorrow,
and for all eternity? This present world will pass
away, but God's kingdom will endure forever. If we
accept Jesus Christ as Lord and King and submit to
his rule for our lives, we become citizens of heaven
and inherit an everlasting kingdom which is ruled by
righteousness, peace, and love.***

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK NOW OPEN

Parishioners can now schedule Mass intentions for 2026. Intentions may be offered for both the living and the deceased, in prayerful support of loved ones, special occasions, or in remembrance.

Suggested donations are as follows:

- \$20 for announced Masses
- \$10 for unannounced Masses
- \$20 for the Sanctuary Light

Please contact the parish office for further assistance. Requests may be made in person during office hours, by phone, or email.

MULTIPLE INTENTION MASS STARTING 2026

Beginning in January 2026, every Wednesday Mass at 8:15am will include **Multiple Intentions**. Up to 10 names may be listed per Mass, with each intention offered at \$10. Intentions will be announced during the Wednesday morning liturgy.

Please contact the parish office to reserve a spot or for more information.

WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular person, or intention. By doing so special graces from God are applied upon that person or intention. The act of offering prayers for the dead at Mass goes back to AD 235. Canon Law also confirms this practice and states, "In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating, or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention" (Can. 945 §1).

Anyone may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons. For example, Masses can be offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

"The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2). This refers to a longstanding practice in the Church of offering a specified amount of money to the Church for a particular intention offered by the priest. This is not the act of selling something sacred for money (simony), but it is for the purpose of supplying items for Mass and for the support of the priest. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, the suggested donation for an announced Mass is \$20, for unannounced \$10.

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2026 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – AVAILABLE STARTING NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH

Starting the weekend of November 29th and 30th, 2026 parish offertory envelopes will be available for pickup at the back of the church. Please note that envelope numbers may have changed due to reorganization, so look for your envelope by last name. These envelopes should only be used beginning January 1, 2026; please discard your 2025 envelopes after that date. If you're a registered parishioner and would like to receive envelopes, contact the parish office at stjohnsto@archtoronto.org. If you no longer wish to use envelopes, we encourage you to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a convenient way to donate—visit our website or reach out to the parish office to learn more. Thank you for your continued support for our parish!

SUNDAY MISSAL 2025-2026 AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Sunday Missals will be available for sale at the back of the church after each Mass. Accepted methods of payment include cash and debit/credit.

Sunday Missals - \$5

Sunday Missal for Young Catholics - \$10

POINSETTIA ORDERS FOR ADVENT – ONLY UNTIL NOVEMBER 30TH

Following each Mass at the back of the church, we'll be accepting orders for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary during Advent. You're welcome to dedicate a poinsettia in memory or in honour of a loved one—their name will be displayed on the plant you select and will be part of our seasonal sanctuary decorations. The last day to place an order will be November 30th!

Available Sizes:

Regular (8") - \$30

Large (10") - \$50

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the month of November, it is our tradition to pray for our beloved dead. From November 1st until November 30th, the parish has placed a Book of Remembrance on a stand near the cross at the side of the altar. Parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of deceased family members and friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. All names written in the book will be remembered at every Mass throughout November. A basket and envelopes will also be available for those who wish to make a memorial offering.

YOUTH MINISTRY - JOIN OUR CORE TEAM!

Our Youth Ministry is gearing up to launch in 2026! We're looking for caring, enthusiastic parishioners who are willing to serve as mentors, small-group leaders, or helpers during our *Edge Nights*. Will you join us? Help and support our youth as they encounter, love and serve our Lord. Training will be provided!

If you feel called to serve, please contact our Youth Minister, Mercy, for more information - StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org.

ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We invite all children of the parish, including those in our Sunday morning catechism classes, to take part in our annual Christmas Nativity Play, which will be presented during the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 PM on December 24. Orientation and auditions for speaking roles will be held on Sunday, December 7 at 10 AM. At the orientation, we'll provide the script, permission forms, and assign roles—there are both speaking and non-speaking parts, so every child can participate. Costumes and props will be provided. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, December 14 and Sunday, December 21 from 10 to 11 AM. For more information, please contact Iris Savage at isavage@archtoronto.org, or the parish office at stjohnsto@archtoronto.org.

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