

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 9th

Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Wednesday, December 10th

† Deacon Walter Marrow
Requested by Simmons & Gordon Family

Thursday, December 11th

Intentions of Richard Keating
Requested by Marshall Sugar

Friday, December 12th

† Lawrence Ryan
Requested by Riet Ryan

Saturday, December 13th

Intentions of The Dias & Meireles Families
Requested by Filomena Meireles

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
Annette McGuinness

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns for the intentions of
Letitia Valin & Family

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 Nicolaas, Carmel Richard, Linda Duke,
Vivian Holland, Richard Keating, Joanna Hodson

HOW TO ADVENT...

As one of my favourite liturgical seasons, it's also the one that often gets overshadowed by all the other celebrations that it's meant to point towards. However, Advent is the sign of a new year, a time of renewal, and most of all a time to prepare. So how do we get the best out of Advent?

Ask yourself, "What's holding me back?"

Our Lord dwells in our hearts only when we let Him. Yet we often hide parts of ourselves—secrets, sins, toxic ties, attachments, or self-made illusions—that block His full communion with us.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

2026 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Offertory envelopes can be picked up at the back of the church. Numbers may have changed—please look by last name. Use them only starting **January 1, 2026** and discard 2025 envelopes after that date.

Registered parishioners wanting envelopes, or those interested in switching to **Pre-Authorized Giving**, may contact the parish office at stjohnsto@archtoronto.org. Thank you for your continued support!

SUNDAY MISSAL 2025-2026 AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Sunday Missals will be available for sale in the office for \$5 while quantities last. Accepted methods of payment include cash and debit/credit.

ST. JOHN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION – DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

Students from St. John's Elementary School will be distributing Christmas cards after each Mass on the weekend of December 13 and 14. Be sure to stop by, greet them, and show your support as they share the joy of the season!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SECOND COLLECTION – DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

A special second collection will be taken the weekend of December 13th and 14th in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. We are grateful for your generosity in supporting the important work of this organization.

ADVENT – DAY OF CONFESSION DECEMBER 16TH

Take time this Advent to prepare your heart through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Schedule:

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM · Parish Office

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM · Parish Office

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM · Main Church

If you are unable to join us for the Day of Confession at St. John's Parish, we warmly invite you to participate at Corpus Christi Parish.

Corpus Christi Parish, Toronto

16 Lockwood Road, Toronto

December 18: 5 pm to 7 pm

December 19: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

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CHRISTMAS DECORATING DECEMBER 20TH AT 10AM – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're gathering on **Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 AM** to decorate and clean the church in preparation for the Christmas season. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in fellowship, lend a helping hand, and make our space shine. Please contact Adriana at the parish office if you can attend. All are welcome—bring your energy, joy, and holiday spirit!

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

All are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the joy of Christ's birth and the hope of the New Year.

Christmas Eve – December 24th 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 pm – <i>Children's Christmas Pageant</i> 4:30 pm – Mass 8:00 pm – Mass (<i>7:40pm carols led by Choir</i>) 10:00 pm – Mass (<i>9:40pm carols led by Choir</i>)
Christmas Day – December 25th 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am – Mass 11:00 am – Mass
December 26th 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Daily Mass
New Year's Eve – December 31st 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 pm – Mass
New Year's Day – January 1st, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am – Mass 11:00 am – Mass
January 2nd 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Daily Mass

ADVENT JESSE TREE OUTREACH

As we enter the season of Advent, the Jesse Tree reminds us of God's enduring faithfulness and calls us to share His love with others. This year, St. John's Parish invites parishioners to participate in our Jesse Tree outreach by donating gift cards to support the ministries of **Good Shepherd** and **St. Vincent de Paul**. Designated tags are available on the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. *Gift card values should not exceed \$50.*

Your generosity will help provide food, clothing, and essential assistance to those in need within our community. Please place your gift cards in the designated Jesse Tree basket in the narthex by **December 21st**. Together, we can bring hope and joy to our neighbors this Advent season.

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.

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