

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 30th

+ Gerdie Doherty

Requested by Maureen Carr

Wednesday, December 31st

Pro Populo

Thursday, January 1st

Pro Populo

Friday, January 2nd

No 8:15 AM Mass

Saturday, January 3rd

Pro Populo

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns for the memory of
Edmond Vallin Sr.

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

REFLECTION

God has a plan for each one of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. Do you trust your heavenly Father for his plan for your life? Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for the sake of God's plan? Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you?

Lord Jesus, make me a faithful servant of your word and guardian of your truth. Help me to obey you willingly, like Joseph and Mary, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope.

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NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

(DAYS OF OBLIGATION)

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

<i>Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Wednesday, December 31st 2025</i>	
<i>4:30PM</i>	<i>Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Joshua Roldan</i>
<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Thursday, January 1st, 2026</i>	
<i>9:00AM</i>	<i>Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Joshua Roldan</i>
<i>11:00AM</i>	<i>Celebrant & Homilist Fr. Joshua Roldan</i>

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S PARISH

As always, Christmas is a season of great joy at St. John's Parish. I wish to take this moment to thank you sincerely for your many prayers, gifts, and cards offered to our pastoral team. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

I am especially grateful for your dedication to our parish community. As we celebrate the 116th Anniversary of our parish, our legacy of faith continues to grow stronger.

To those who prepare our children for the Sacraments; to our Liturgical Ministers who bring beauty and service to our celebrations; to our greeters and ushers who welcome parishioners and visitors alike; to those who visit the sick and bring Christ's presence to them; to those who care for the generous gifts of our parishioners; and to those who reach out to the poor and needy in our community—I thank you wholeheartedly. You inspire us all in the true meaning of Encountering, Loving, and Serving Christ.

On behalf of myself, Deacon Paul, Adriana, Mercy, and our entire staff, may the coming of the Word made Flesh, who dwelt among us, bring peace and joy to our troubled world.

May God bless each of you through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, who brought Christ into the world.

Pax Christi,
Fr. Joshua

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OFFICE CLOSURE SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note that the parish office will be closed from **December 22, 2025, through January 2, 2026**, for the Christmas break. The office will reopen on Monday, January 5th. On behalf of all the staff at St. John's Parish, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas season!

DONATIONS FOR 2025

To qualify for a 2025 tax receipt, all donations for 2025 must be postmarked by December 31, 2025, and received in the office no later than **Sunday, January 11, 2026**. Thank you to all who supported St. John's Parish throughout 2025!

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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

We are accepting registrations for Confirmation for 2026. Please visit our website to register.

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>

EDGE MINISTRY LAUNCH DATE!

We're excited to announce the launch of our **Edge Ministry**! Edge is our Catholic middle school program for youth in Grades 6-8. Edge nights take place every other Friday from 6:30PM-8:00PM starting with our social kick off on **January 23, 2026**. Registration forms can be found in the church foyer or in the parish office. Registration fee per child is \$25 for the whole year. This fee helps cover the program cost and materials. For more information, please contact the Youth Minister, Mercy, at StJohnsYM@archtoronto.org. Please keep this ministry in your prayers!

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

