

Parish of Saint John

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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416-733-8544

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Baptisms: Please email the parish office.

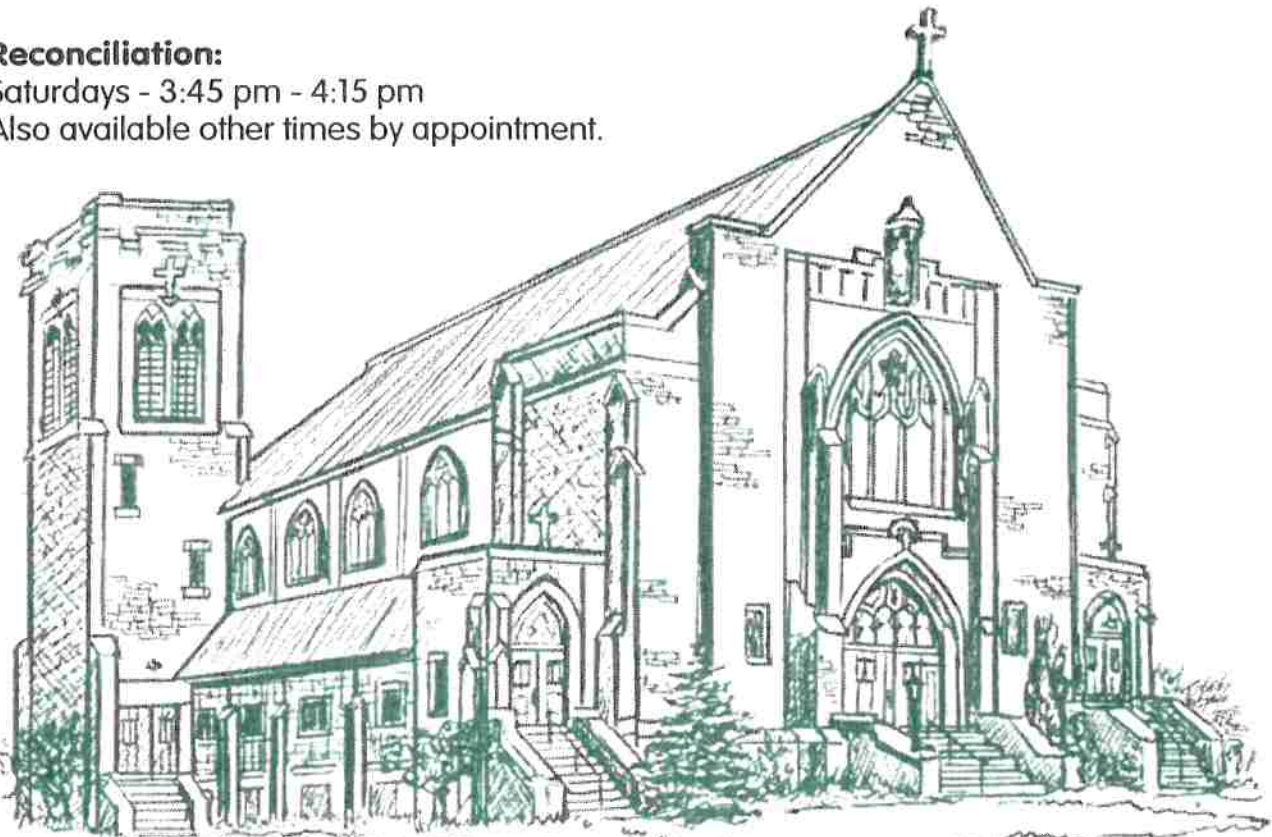
Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Divine Mercy Sunday



From the Pastor's Desk: CONSECRATION OF THE FAITHFUL IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Archbishop Leo asks all the faithful of Toronto to consecrate themselves, along with their families and their parish, to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of the Annunciation,

Monday, April 8th. At St. John's Parish, we will have a Monday Mass at 8:15 a.m., but anyone not attending is asked to say the Prayer of Consecration on Monday:

As we knock at the door of her heart, may Our Lady intercede on our behalf with her Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as she did at the wedding of Cana, so that the new wine of hope, joy, holiness and peace may flow abundantly in all who call upon her maternal mediation.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, I consecrate to you myself, my family and all the faithful of St. John's Parish, together with all the faithful of the Church.

We lift up to you, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, all of our families, and all of those brothers and sisters of Your Son, who need your maternal care and your intercession. Through your powerful and loving prayers, bring the consolation of Christ our Lord to all the pastors and the entire flock of your Beloved Son, Jesus: to the young and to the elderly, the sick and the abandoned, the lonely and the dejected, those who are to be born and those who are dying, those trying to find their way and those who have strayed away. With a mother's heart, welcome our petitions and show forth your great compassion and love to those who have become your children entrusted to your motherly care by the Crucified Redeemer.

By your merciful gaze, look upon all those who are persecuted for their faith, the victims of war and abuse, those who are afflicted by addictions, those who despair and have lost all hope. You who are the gift whom our loving Lord gave to us on Calvary, graciously receive our prayer and deny us not the graces we humbly implore from you.

(Followed by the prayer Hail, Holy Queen, prayers of intercession, and the Our Father.)

.....Fr. John-Mark

Please Pray For The Sick

Marianella Espinal, Helen Travers-Griffin, Catherine Chang, Paul Proctor, Christina Jopling, John Rao, Nancy Smith, Rosanne Nihtila, Margaret Ryan, Michael Higgins, Richard Bowman, Chiu Wong, Cathy Connor, Gillian Haughey, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jack Lees, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard

Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Hackett



WHAT IS "DIVINE MERCY?": You've probably seen the images of Jesus, where there are two rays, one red and one white, coming out of his heart. This is the image of the Divine Mercy. The red ray represents the Blood of Christ for the life of souls, or the justification for life and the white, or pale ray, represents Water, for the forgiveness for souls. Both of these elements also appear when Jesus is pierced by a soldier at the foot of the cross.

Through this revelation, we are taught by Jesus to pray for mercy from our own sins and for the sins of the whole world. We pray for the conversion of sinners, and for every soul, that they may attain heaven and obtain sanctification and holiness.

The Prayer: The hour of Divine Mercy is 3 pm - when Jesus died on the cross. It is also encouraged to say the Divine Mercy at 3 pm. While there is a Divine Mercy chaplet that uses the rosary, the most important take away is to think and say, "Jesus, I Trust in You. Have mercy on us and on the whole world." This puts us in the presence of God and allows us to think and participate in the Divine Mercy.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Begin with the sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

1. Then on the Our Father beads, say the Following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
2. On the 10th Hail Mary Beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
3. On the next 10 beads, say: Eternal Father I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Repeat step 2 & 3 for all five decades.
4. Conclude with saying three times: Holy God, Holy Mighty One. Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 8th

For INTENTIONS OF THE DECOURCY FAMILY

Requested by the Family

Tuesday, April 9th

For + TILLY & GERRY VANDERREEST

Requested by The Vanderreest Family

Wednesday, April 10th

For + GEORGINA & MARIE REVELLS

Requested by Georgina Revells

Thursday, April 11th

For INTENTIONS OF ED STUART

Requested by Parish Family

Friday, April 12th

For + HUGH & GERDIE DOHERTY

Requested by Maureen Carr

Saturday, April 13th

For + VANEZA MARCELINO

Requested by The McCourt Family

In The News

FORMED: What's New the Week of April 8th

The Rosary: A special Way to Pray
 Why Catholics believe in "Life everlasting"
 Not Just! A legal Transaction: Lectio: Salvation; Episode 5
 Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum. Topic: Springtime: growing through grieving. Moderator: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, RP (Q). Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session March 27, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Register at: <https://nbbd0324.eventbrite.ca> Catholic Family Services of Toronto 1155 Yonge St., Suite 200 Toronto, ON M4T 1W2 (416) 921-1163 www.cfstoronto.com


RETRouvaille TORONTO is hosting a weekend at Queen of Apostles in Mississauga April 5-7 to help you rekindle your love. Open to ALL married couples. Visit the website HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS - CATHOLIC

CHARITIES: is now accepting applications for our full array of Scholarships and nominations for our Community Service Awards. With five newly created scholarships, including the Cardinal Thomas Collins Palliative Care & Gerontology Studies Scholarship and the establishment of the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. Visit link below for more details. Submission deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30. www.ccat.ca/scholarships-and-awards/

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Easter	\$ 6665	\$ 5095
Good Friday	\$ 2355	\$ 3105

Parish News



SPECIAL MASS - SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD: - Join us on Monday April 8th at 8:15 am as we celebrate the Mass for The Annunciation of Our Lord. The Rosary will begin at 7:45 am.

We congratulate our 2024 RCIA Class
 Robert Duncan, John Dynes, Bella Liang, Jessica Noonan, Jane Samler, Janice Webster, Amy Zhu



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50/50 RAFFLE: You still have time to grab your tickets before the final draw! Get your tickets for The Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle lottery in support of the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario. Tickets are just 10 tickets for \$10.00/ 40 tickets for \$20.00 / 125 tickets for \$50.00 or 300 tickets for \$100. Draw April 28th. For tickets follow the link: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/194>

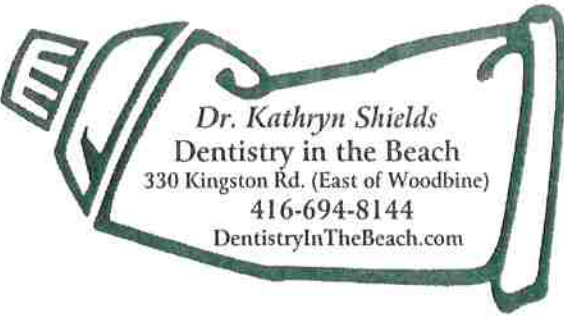
Please remember the Poor Box as you exit the church. Use a St. Vincent de Paul envelope and you get a tax receipt.



Little Levity: John grabs three freshly baked buns and quickly puts them into his pockets. He says to Fr. Michael standing in the line, "That took great skill and guile to steal those buns, the owner didn't even see me." Fr. Michael replied, "That's just simple thievery, I'll show you how to do it the honest way and get the same results." Fr. Michael called out to the owner of the bakery, "Sir, I want to show you a miracle of the Lord." The owner was intrigued so he came over to see what the priest was talking about. Fr. Michael asked him for a bun, and then he proceeded to give it to a homeless-looking man outside. He asked two more times, and after once again handing the buns out, the owner says, "Okay my friend, where's the miracle?" Fr. Michael said, "Look in the Lawyer's pockets." Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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