

Parish of Saint John

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

Baptisms: Please email the parish office.

Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.

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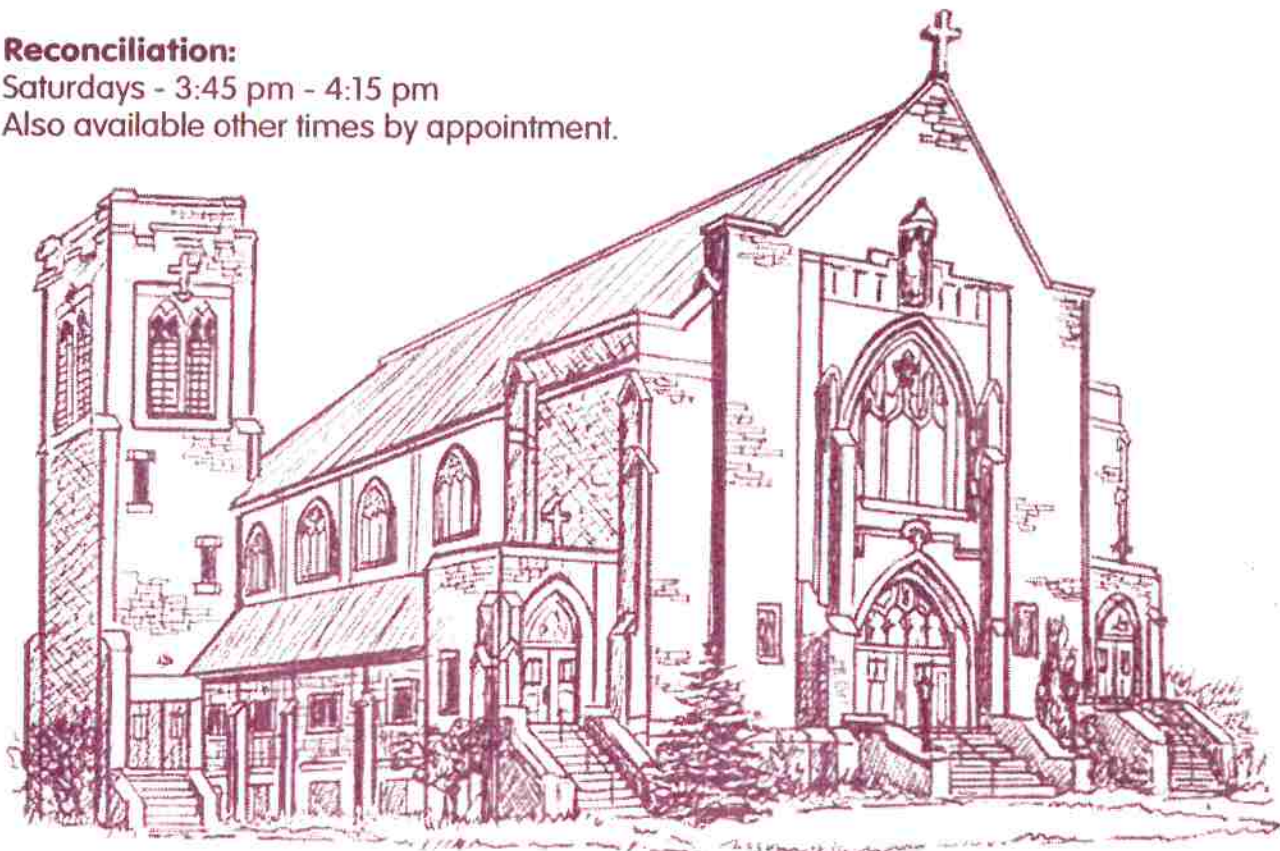
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Office Hours:

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

Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Third Sunday of Easter



From the Pastor's Desk: THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS: "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (St. Paul to the Galatians, 6:10)

As these beautiful words of St. Paul remind us, the family of faith is built up by the good works that we do for one another, at any opportunity. A parish presents many possibilities to contribute time and talent to the building up of a spiritual family, and St. John's Parish has been blessed with many volunteers who give freely of their gifts for the good of the parish. As part of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Appreciation Week, we all have an opportunity to recognize that our parish life is greatly assisted by people who volunteer in many different ways. And by recognizing those who volunteer, we can all think about ways we could follow their example of generosity, and get involved in one of the parish ministries. As we look at the present generation of volunteers, we also remember those who have served as volunteers over many years, and might not be active at the moment, but their efforts are not forgotten. We stand on the shoulders of so many who volunteered in the parish over the years, some now retired, and some have been called to their heavenly home. Many thanks to all who volunteer their time and talent in building up our parish life.Fr. John-Mark

COMMUNION REFLECTION: When I was a child, a friend at my parish told me, if you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong later-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times. The Gospel reading today shows how wrong it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light. The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death and resurrection. They would later report that this liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the breaking of the bread. With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point; Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. The Word induces fire counts, too! LPi

Lisa C, Alec J, Claudia K, Declan M, Finlay J, Iggy C., Jaylah B, Tyrrel B, Violet M, Rose M, Sofia V, Larry L, Catherine S, Mario T, Charlie T, Dean T, Keelan T, James J, Doris C, Diane K, Patrick K, Katie W, Eric W, David B, Linda D, Mike G, Camille H, Rob H, Louise L, Jane M, Christine S, Jane W, Leah T, Timothy, Sarah, Meg M, Kim L, Maureen M, Joan G, Angela D, Jim M, Chris D, Cathy D, Barry C, Linda B, Mary R, Laurelie C, Joan F, Lesley H, Kevin M, June H, Kay A, Elisha H, Irene W, Christoph L, Maureen M, Alexander M, Claudia D, Paul D, Tom M, Gabriella M, Leona R, Deborah M, Don S, Calvin J, Lisa M, Fran F, Frank R, Avis F, Paul H, Bernie F, Rosalind F, Torres E, Carolyn C, Eileen R, Rosanne N, Diane R, Iris S, Sheila S, Helen F, Megan N, Bill K, Richard A, Joan B, Paul F, Leslie B, Bernadette C, Mike H, Noel B, George O, Scott C., George W, Barry St., Barry C, Virgil A, Peter C, Ed V, Larry C, Shaun N, Roy N, Ujwal P, Marie P, James K, Terry K, Jeff S, Neil H, Marshall S, Analyn S, Lucille C, Peggy R, Emma R, Will H, D.Paul M

Thank You!

We appreciate and celebrate your faithful service within our parish community. Thank you for volunteering and making every moment matter.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 16th

For + ULRIKE LICHT

Requested by Christoph Licht & Family

Wednesday, April 17th

For + ALAIN MENESES

Requested by Bernie & Rosalind Febria

Thursday, April 18th

For + JOHN O'HARE

Requested by Anne O'Brien

Friday, April 19th

For + TIM DOHERTY

Requested by Maureen Carr

Saturday, April 20th

For + JIM KEARNS

Requested by Anne Kearns & Family

Please Pray For The Sick

Michelle Miles, 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, Gillian Haughey, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard

Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Anne Flaherty



The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions of

The DeCourcy Family

In The News


WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT: Join us at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre on Saturday, May 9th from 8:30 to 3 pm for Attitude with Gratitude Day Retreat. The cost to attend is \$45 and includes lunch. For more information, contact Jean at 905.278.5229 or office@goa.ca. Queen of Apostles is located at 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

DAY OF REFLECTION: Join us at Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre on Monday, April 29, from 9 am to 3:30 pm for a day of reflection on "Hospitality of the Heart". During this retreat we will be invited to enter deeply into the value and practice of hospitality, shared at many levels of culture and faith, and at the very centre of the Christian life. We will look anew and contemplatively at the dynamic of hospitality. Drawn beyond common and limited understandings of hospitality our reflections will focus on God as the source of hospitality, receiving the gift of Divine Love, hospitality to the self, the expanding love of neighbour and hospitality to an unknown future. The day will include opportunities for communal and personal prayer, presentations and reflections to accompany us on the day's journey. Facilitator: Sr Mary Rowell, csj A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with the program Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. REGISTER: <http://manresa-canada.ca>, 905.839.2864. or registration@manresa.ca

NEW BEGINNINGS: will be hosting an online Bereavement Introductory Program on April 17th at 7 pm. Register at: <https://nbb0424.eventbrite.ca>. For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, RP (Q) alimanni@cfstoronto.com 647.215.3978. New Beginnings offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint and time will be allocated for group discussion.

FORMED: What's New the Week of April 14th
God Is With Us: What does it mean to say "God is with us in the Eucharist"?

St. Bernadette of Lourdes: A retelling of the story
Joan Of Arc: Cultivate a devotion to Joan of Arc
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	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3700	\$ 4064
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1421	\$ 1426
Building Fund	\$ NA	\$ 1495

Parish News

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Next weekend is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis theme this year, "*Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace*" "... I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom." We are so grateful for the Good shepherd and all our shepherds especially Fr. John-Mark. Let us take a moment next weekend to thank him. We hope to host a coffee Sunday outside soon as the Hall is in use during sacramental prep until the second weekend in May. Stay tuned!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES: beginning this weekend at all Masses and continuing at all Masses next weekend the First Holy Communion students who have been preparing since last October, will be receiving for the first time Holy Communion. At every Mass we welcome 4 to 9 students. We rejoice as a Parish Community with all who have become part of our faith community. We also pray that the Lord who has called them to follow him, may guide them in their faith journey.

 Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom.

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community

Thus far we have raised \$15,545 toward our goal of 79,500. Please consider giving at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

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>. If you don't have a way of gaining access to the link let us know and we can help you out.


Please remember the Poor Box as you exit the church.



Little Levity: To resolve conflicts between management and staff, I brought both sides together and asked Paul the employee and Mary the manager to jot down key words on a flip chart. Paul complained about Mary's tendency to interfere and wrote the word nitpicking. Mary leaped to her feet to ask, "Shouldn't there be a hyphen between nit and picking?" Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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