

# Parish of Saint John

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Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

**Baptisms:** Please email the parish office.

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**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

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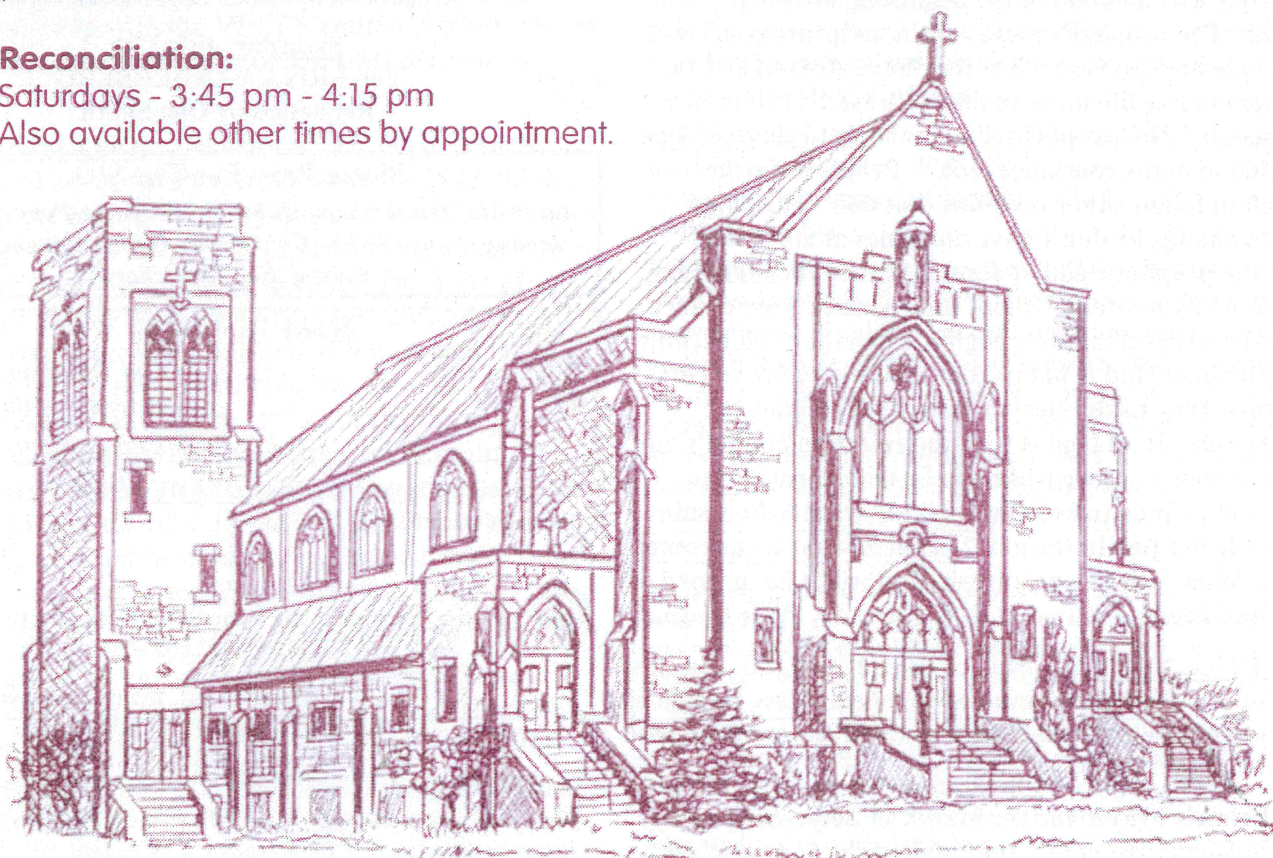
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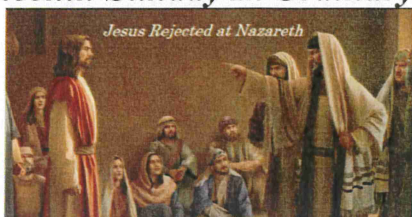
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## PRAY THE ROSARY



## Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**Gospel Meditation:** "A prophet is not without honour except in his native place." The rejection of Jesus by the people of Nazareth is not something new in the history of God's relation to the people of God. The prophets of God have always had a hard time with God's people. Jesus comes as priest, prophet, and king. By the end of Jesus' mission on earth, the world will reject Jesus in all three roles. The rejection as king is the final rejection on Good Friday, but the first rejection is as prophet. The kingship is the first to be rejected because the people look for the king to protect them from worldly threats. Since worldly threats are the hardest to ignore we want someone powerful to protect us. As priest Jesus is the one to intercede for us with God. Since God's presence is often hidden in our lives this role is rejected more quickly. People are willing to accept Jesus in these first two roles longer because they are looking for something they desire, protection from enemies and good things from God. The role of prophet is the first rejection by the people and it comes at the beginning of Jesus' mission. The prophet's main role in scripture is to call the people back to God when they have strayed and to call them to live life more in line with God's call to be a holy people. The prophet tell us we have to change. The rejection of Jesus continues today. People leave the Church to follow other religions that don't challenge them to change or don't have doctrines at all. They reject the prophetic call of Jesus. As they then focus on more worldly matters without interference from church obligations they abandon religion altogether and become just spiritual. God is not part of their everyday world; therefore, they have rejected Jesus as mediator, the priestly role. It all begins with the rejection of God's call to conversion. Are we willing to be transformed into what God calls us to be? Do you truly want to be a saint in this life not just in the next? That is what Jesus comes to say. What will be our answer, and will it be in word or word and deed? .....Fr. Peter Giovanni

**BULLETIN NOTICE:** This weekend will be the last weekend for the bulletin until September. Mass Intentions will be posted on the bulletin boards in the vestibule and online. Happy Summer!

**Pope Francis Prayer for the Month of July:** *Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.*

**MISSION APPEAL:** The Archdiocesan Mission Cooperative Program plays an important role in connecting the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto with the Catholic Church in other parts of the world. Through this appeal, our local Catholic community learns about the mission works of the Church and will have the opportunity to offer their financial support. This year, our parish welcomes Fr. Anthony Silva, who will be concelebrating and preaching at all the Masses the weekend of July 20 & 21. Fr. Anthony also works as one of our Chaplains to the Hospitals in downtown Toronto. There will be a second collection at each during Mass that weekend. Please consider giving generously for our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you!

### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, July 9th**

For + **PHILOMENIA POWER**

Requested by Paul Power

**Wednesday, July 10th**

For **INTENTIONS OF JENNIFER MBAEGBU**

Requested by The Family

**Thursday, July 11th**

For + **MARY MAILLOUX**

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

**Friday, July 12th**

For + **AIDEN & AGNES CARR**

Requested by Aiden & Kathleen Carr

**Saturday, July 13th**

For + **RITA VANDERBERG**

Requested by Don Smith

### Please Pray For The Sick

*Jacob McLean, Eleanor Miller, Brian Young-Pong, Christina Jopling, Nancy Smith, Chiu Wong, Gillian Haughey, Isabel Cairns, Carmel Richard*

### Rest in Peace

*In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of*

*Elizabeth Eths & Monish Sarker*



Come join us in praying the **ROSARY** before Mass, Tuesday to Friday at 7:45 am



Please remember the Poor Box as you exit the church.



**OFFERING**

Now that school is out, many of you will be taking holidays away. While you are away, the parish will continue to celebrate daily and Sunday Masses. Sadly, the bills do not take a holiday. Please continue to support your Parish Church throughout the summer. Don't carry cash, Scan the QR code.



	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 2765	\$ 3760
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## In The News

**ST. PAUL'S BASILICA:** is running a three-week summer day camp for children in grades 1 to 7, July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26. The camp focuses on helping children learn about our Catholic faith while providing fun opportunities to meet new friends and participate in a variety of activities including games, arts & crafts and sports. Each week will feature a water day, a field trip and a drama production open to families and friends. The weekly cost per child is \$130 or save by registering for all three weeks for \$300. Additional siblings receive a weekly discount of \$20 or \$70 for all three weeks. Registration forms are available at the back of the church, at the parish office, online at [bit.ly/3JOyL82](https://bit.ly/3JOyL82). For more information please reach out to our youth minister, Micah at [mmacmullen@archtoronto.org](mailto:mmacmullen@archtoronto.org).

**NEW CYCLE OF UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON FORMATION COURSES:** New cycle of online courses offered by the university's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is being offered and registration is now currently open. The courses will run from July 15 to August 18, 2024. Wide variety of topics to study, all related to our Catholic faith. The deadline to register for this cycle is July 10, 2024. Registration can be found online at [https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/#cycle\\_2\\_2024\\_English](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/#cycle_2_2024_English). For more info contact Archdiocese Faith Formation. Our partnership with the VLCFF entitles Archdiocese of Toronto to a discounted cost of \$50 USD per 5-week course.

**YEAR OF PRAYER:** On January 21, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God." The Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world." Psalm 107: Give thanks to the Lord; his steadfast love endures forever. A psalm celebrating God who looks after Creation, and takes care of humankind. God delivers us from all of our distress and brings us to our desired haven. A one liner to keep in our prayer: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** Our Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 14 at 7 pm. Masses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and Barrie will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic Cemeteries. For info on cemetery locations and celebrants for this year's Masses visit [catholic.cemeteries.com](http://catholic.cemeteries.com). Alternatively, see the posters on the information board in the vestibule.

## Parish News



**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated Sunday, July 28. The theme chosen by the Holy Father – "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9) – is meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture. In this year of preparation for the Jubilee, which the Holy Father wishes to be devoted to prayer, the theme of the World Day is taken from Psalm 71, the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of his friendship with God. By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness. **SPECIAL PRAYER LIST FOR GRANDPARENTS:** If you would like to add your grandparents name on our special prayer list, in honour of them, send an email with their name to the office by Monday, July 22nd. The list of names will be printed and placed by Mary to be prayed for at all Masses that weekend.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Rosary Sunday-Pilgrimage To Martyrs' Shine, Midland:** Join us for the 40th Annual Rosary Sunday, A Living Pilgrimage on Sunday, September 8th. The day will begin with pick up at 8 am from St. Bonaventure Church parking lot and travel to Martyrs Shrine. An outdoor Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau, followed by procession of a Living Cross with Blessed Mary to the Papal Altar for a Living Rosary & Benediction. \$25.00 per person - Subsidized by the Assembly and valid until August 11th. Departure from Martyrs' Shine: 6 pm. If required alternate pick up location at St. Dunstan's Parish. Tickets to attend this event will be available for sale in the vestibule after all Masses.

**COFFEE SOCIAL:** The next coffee social will be on the weekend of July 20& 21st. Everyone is welcome. If interested in donating baked goods, contact the office.




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**Little Levity:** Torres asked his father Alberto if there was any chance of him getting a car for the summer. "Okay," said his father, "I tell you what I'll do. Get your 'C' level grades to 'A's & 'B's, study your bible & get your hair cut, I'll consider the matter." A month later Torres went back to his father who said "I'm really impressed by your commitment. Your grades are excellent & the work you have put into your bible studies is very encouraging. However, I have to say I'm very disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut yet." Torres was smart and never lost for an answer. "Dad. In the course of my bible studies I've noticed that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson and Jesus had long hair." "Yes. I'm aware of that replied his father "but did you also notice they walked wherever they went?"


*Peace begins with a smile.....St. Teresa*





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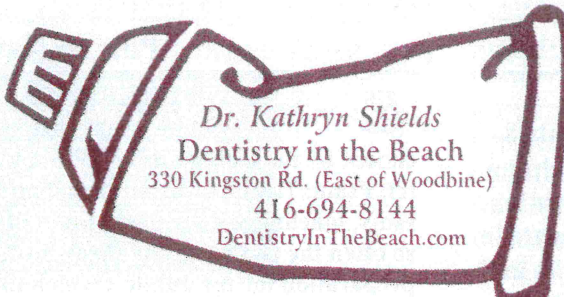


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