

# 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.

## Parish Schools:

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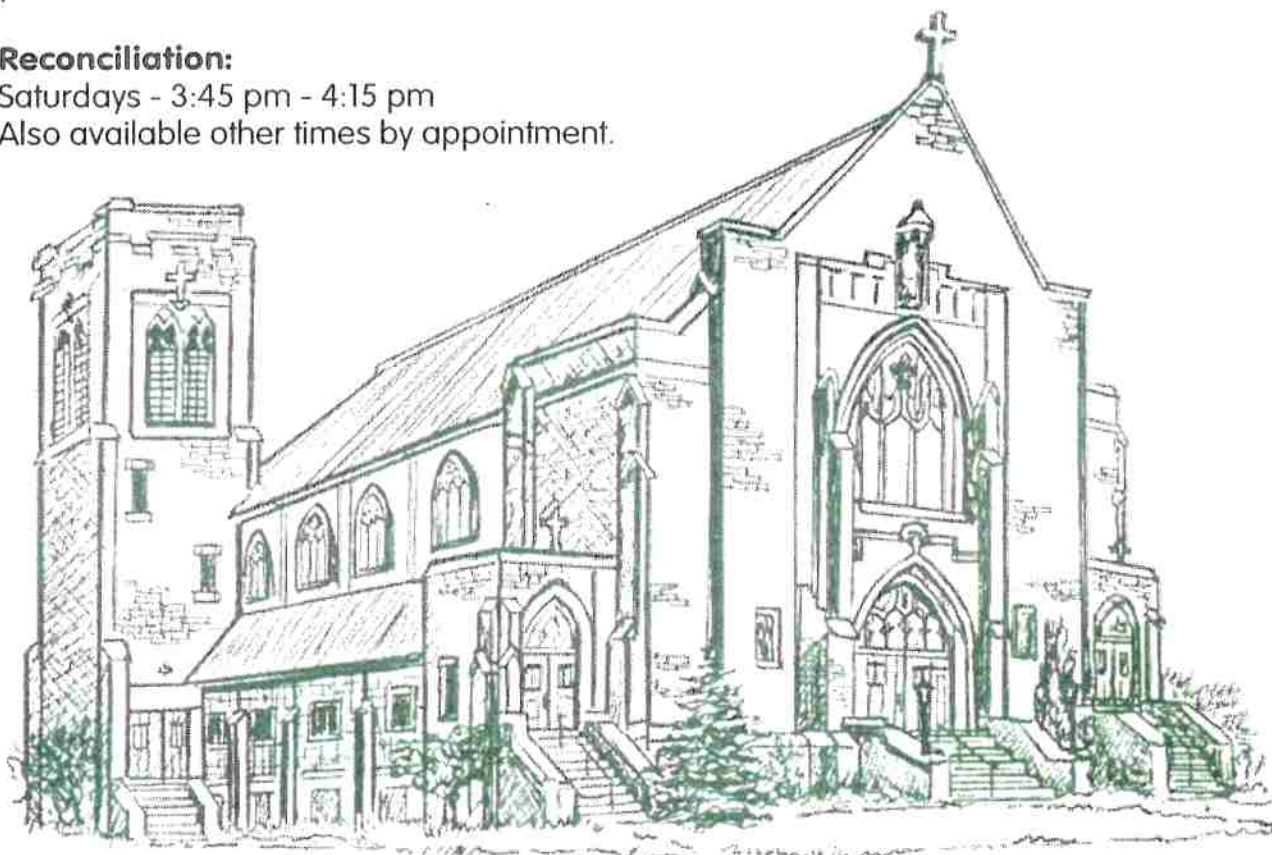
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## Office Hours:

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

Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

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so we can assist you.



## PRAY THE ROSARY



**Pentecost Sunday**



*Jesus said to the disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify to me." John 15:26*

**From the Pastor's Desk:** THE HOLY WORD OF GOD: After the Penitential Act and (often) the Gloria, our hearts have been opened to hear the holy scriptures. Everything up to this point – our gathering, expressing our unity of heart in singing, being drawn toward to altar by the entrance procession, greeting the priest, acknowledging our unworthiness, and praising God – all these are preparatory acts to make room for the Holy Spirit to dispose our hearts for a particularly intense encounter in the Mass: hearing the holy Word of God proclaimed. The Mass has two principal parts: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Mass is a progression from various preparatory acts to a living encounter with the Word proclaimed, then to a transforming encounter with the divine Word of God in Holy Communion. In theory, we could just walk into church and start with the readings from the holy scriptures. But would we really be at our best without allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us from all the cares and concerns of the world to something beyond our imagining? Without acknowledging our sins, would we be best prepared to be hear the challenge to repentance and holiness the scriptures confront us with? The more we can abandon ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit before we hear the Word of God proclaimed, the greater the impact of the reading of the holy scriptures can be on our hearts. The preparatory rites should foster a hunger to hear the Word. The Liturgy of the Word will lead us further into a sacramental encounter with God in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These are the two great parts of the Mass, each with profound ways of encountering Christ. The Holy Spirit is very busy working on our hearts at all points, so let us treasure all the moments of encounter given to us in the Mass, and seek to enter into all of them more deeply with the Spirit's assistance.....Fr. John-Mark

*During this month of May let us continue to pray the Rosary. Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



As we end **NATIONAL FAMILY & LIFE WEEK** on this Pentecost Sunday, the focus of which is, the virtue of hope, together with faith and love, allows us to foster deep and lasting relationships within our families, with others, and with God. Through God's love, we see others with 'the light of hope' (AL,117), adopting the compassionate gaze of Christ and witnessing to his steadfast and merciful love. Let us remember the family has been called to be a community of life and love, where a relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, is fostered and becomes a source and witness of hope for the whole world. Even in the face of disillusionments, suffering and sorrows within our families, "We must not let hope abandon us, because God, with his love, walks with us. 'I hope, because God is beside me': we can all say this. Each one of us can say: 'I hope, I have hope, because God walks with me.' He walks and he holds my hand. God does not leave us to ourselves." This is why we can say with St. Paul the Apostle, "Love hopes all things." We have hope that all things will work towards the good of our families, and through our families, the larger human family. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit." May our faith communities help our families deepen their desire for the Kingdom of Heaven and, relying on Christ's strength, become a witness of joyful faith, hope and love for our world.



**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, May 20th

For + SR. DENISE BURNS  
Requested by Elaine Attwood

Tuesday, May 21st

For + JOHN & MARGARET REID  
Requested by Kathy, Katie & Michael

Wednesday, May 22nd

For + RICHARD MALONE  
Requested by Richard Jr., Will, & Renny Malone

Thursday, May 23rd

For + QUITERIA VELAZQUEZ ACUNA  
Requested by The Tellez-Mitchell Family

Friday, May 24th

For INTENTIONS OF THE DECOURCY FAMILY  
Requested by The Family

Saturday, May 25th

For + SHEILA RICHARDSON  
Requested by Cathy & Gord McCarroll



**Rest in Peace**

*In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of  
Quiteria Acuna & Shona Murphy*

**Please Pray For The Sick**

*Paul DeCourcy, Michelle Miles, Christina Jopling, John Rao,  
Nancy Smith, Rosanne Nihtila, Margaret Ryan, Chiu Wong,  
Gillian Haughey, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine  
Curran, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard*



**In The News**


**ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL CARNIVAL:** Join us on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5 to 8 pm, in St. John's Catholic Elementary School playground. Inflatable obstacle course, Bouncy Castles, Magic Show at 6pm, Raffles, Bake/Snack sale, BBQ and more. Play all day wristband \$25 day of event. Funds raised support school programs. For more info., contact becky.sherlock@yahoo.ca

**CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION** – Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica – Sunday, June 2, 2024 (following Noon Mass) – All are welcome to join the Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) on Sunday, June 2, following the Noon Mass. A short procession (30–45 minutes) will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction followed by fellowship.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** The Office of Catholic Youth recognizes the need to build a strong sense of community with young adults in our Archdiocese. In order to best engage, support and inspire them, we have ensured that there are networking opportunities for young adults at all levels, especially regionally. In addition, we also offer consulting, networking, training, guest-speaking, and resourcing to strengthen young adult ministries in our parishes. Interested in finding out more visit, <https://ocytoronto.org/>


 **CALLING ALL GOLFERS:** ShareLife's Golf Tournament set for Monday, June 5, the 26th edition of the ShareLife Golf Tournament, returns to Royal Woodbine Golf Club. The day includes camaraderie, friendly competition, and fantastic food, while you support the vital work of Catholic social service agencies in our communities. Registration is filling quickly! We welcome sponsorship enquiries and silent auction and prize donations. For more details or registration forms visit [sharelife.org/golf](http://sharelife.org/golf). Or [tkeethadevan@archtoronto.org](mailto:tkeethadevan@archtoronto.org) Or call 416. 934.3400 ext. 526. Deadline May 28.

**SEEING WITH HEART - A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBTQ Young Adults** Saturday, June 1, from 9 am to 4 pm at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic chaplain, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day ends with Mass. We hope to provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents to meet and interact with other parents, reflect and discuss concerns, learn about resources, strengthen their love, and grow closer to God. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes lunch. For more information or to Register: Call 647.296.2499

 Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church

**Parish News**


**SPECIAL MASS – MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:** - Join us on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am for this special Mass. The Rosary will be recited beginning at 7:45 am.

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** returns next week, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Children's Liturgy runs most Sundays during the 9 am Mass. All school-aged children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 are invited to attend. No registration is necessary. The children are called to the front of the church after the opening of the Mass and proceed to the church hall, where they participate in a discussion and activity based on the Gospel reading. The children return to sit with their family at the offertory.



**THANK YOU:** to all who came out last weekend after the Masses to enjoy our Mother's Day social. Though the sun and warmth did not cooperate to allow us to enjoy the outdoors, many had a chance to meet new parishioners and reacquaint with some they haven't seen in a while, as they enjoyed some yummy treats. Special thank you to our helpers and contributors to the treats, Noel Baszak, Doris Cecchini, Barry Chatterton, Paul Power, Lisa McCourt, Alex McPherson, Gabrielle McQuillan, Erin Rielly Clarke, and Ed & Lisa Valin. Hope to see everyone for the Father's Day BBQ.

 Help support your parish so that we are able to keep our doors open to support you when you need us.



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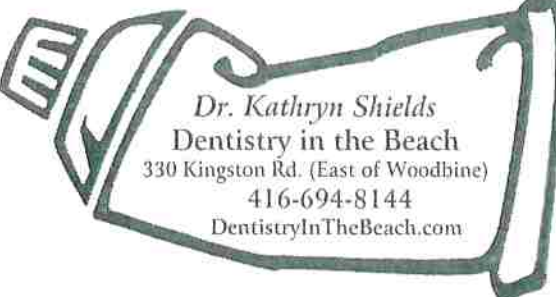
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<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$ 3152	\$ 3482
<i>Offertory PAG</i>	\$ 1421	\$ 1444

**Little Levity:** A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately homes and beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a rundown cabin. The man asked St. Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. St. Peter replied, "I did the best with the money you sent us." Peace begins with a smile.....*Mother Teresa*





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