

# Parish of Saint John

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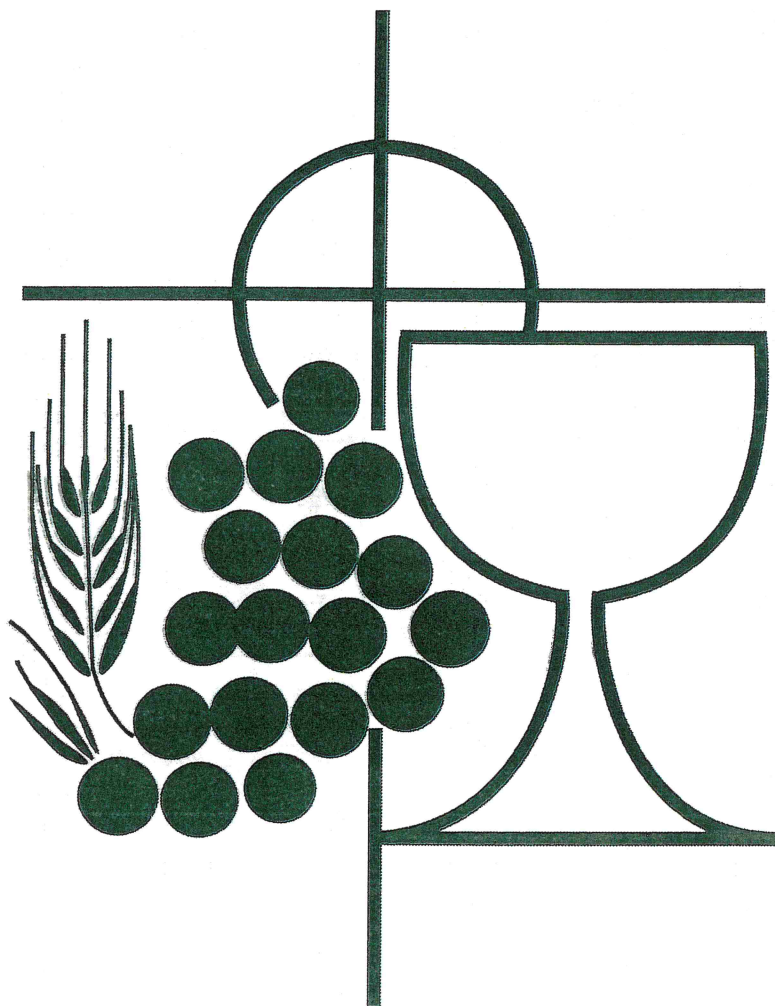
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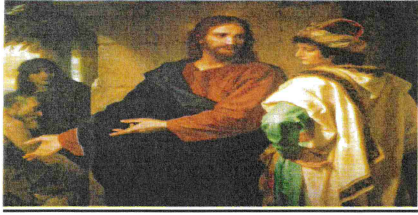
**Sunday Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am



*Give thanks to the Lord for  
His many Blessings  
On Thanksgiving*

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**Reflection:** "This weekend celebration naturally leads us to ask the questions: What am I thankful for in my life? What are the "good things" from which I benefit? Who are those men and women who are channels of God's goodness to me and who witness to the goodness of the Lord calling forth my acknowledgment and gratitude? Sometimes we stop and recognize the blessings formally around the Thanksgiving table, with each person sharing what they are thankful for in their lives. At other times it is done informally with a kind word or simple sentiment of thanks. I would encourage you to take time to consider this question in a more fulsome way. As a healthy and life-giving spiritual exercise, it is imperative to express what we are thankful for, on a daily basis. Why daily? It is crucial that we recognize the Lord in such a way, as being the origin and font of all goodness that all is grace, that we are daily recipients of His bounty and we are called to co-operate with His loving plan. The transformative choice and act of giving thanks involves a process of reflection, recognition and response. Reflecting on what is happening in our lives, in more than just a perfunctory way; Recognizing the gifts and goodness we have received are from God; and Responding by giving thanks and hopefully being willing to share our bounty with others. Reflecting, recognizing and responding is a spiritual exercise that will help us to grow in love and service of God and others. More than a simple, pious and polite platitude calling people to say "Thank you", the Church sees prayers of thanksgiving as fundamental to the very life and being of the Church. The highest prayer of thanksgiving which the Church offers is indeed the holy Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek eucharistein or eulogein meaning "thanksgiving." When we celebrate the Eucharist, we recall God's works of creation, redemption and sanctification and we give thanks (CCC 1328). The Catechism succinctly teaches: "Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is" (CCC 2637). What does this mean? At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the sacrifice of the blessed Eucharist, offering praise and thanksgiving. His sacrifice on the Cross was the culmination and ultimate expression of his praise and thanksgiving to the Heavenly Father. This sacrifice of thanksgiving was done once and for all people, and when we celebrate the Eucharist, we unite ourselves to Jesus becoming sharers in His Body and Blood and forming a single Body - the Church. This is who we are and what we hope to become more fully."

Excerpt from Thanksgiving Message from  
 Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, October 15th  
 For + ELLEN HERIE

Requested by St. John Centering Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 16th  
 For + ROY COOPER

Requested by Leona Richards

Thursday, October 17th  
 For INTENTIONS OF MARY ROSE

Requested by Parish Family

Friday, October 18th  
 For + ANGUS DUNCAN MCPHERSON

Requested by Monish Sarker

Saturday, October 19th  
 For + JOE VAN TASSELL

Requested by The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish  
 & Beach Counsel



Rest in Peace

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

Sharon Vernon



The Sanctuary Light burns this week  
 in loving memory of

Raffaele Novia

Please Pray For The Sick

Paul Holliday, Bree Tiffin, Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah  
 Liam, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean



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 are able to keep our doors open to  
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Sunday Offertory	\$ 3260	\$3798
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Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation	\$3435	\$8405

Our Lady of the Rosary, Mother of the Missions, pray for us  
 especially in this month of the Rosary.

Come join us in praying the ROSARY before Mass,  
 Tuesday to Friday. Church doors will open at 7:45 am.

In The News

NEW BEGINNINGS PRESENTS: TWO ONLINE

PROGRAMS: Bereavement Introductory Program: October 16, @ 7 pm. AND Separated/Divorced Introductory Program. October 17 @ 7 pm. Both introductory programs offers 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 individuals in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint and time will be allocated for group discussion. Register at: https://nbb1024.eventbrite.ca for the Bereavement session. Or https://nbsd1024.eventbrite.ca. for the Separated/Divorced

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WEBINAR Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9 am. Learn: · How to avoid problems: in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection. · How to create your own legacy. · About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. 3 WAYS TO REGISTER: 1. scan this QR code: 2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebOct19 3. send an email: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line and your name(s) in the body of the message.



COME & SEE – DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT –

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, Nov. 15 (6:30 pm) until Sunday, Nov. 17 (2 pm). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee CONTACT: For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

CORPUS CHRISTI CRAFT FAIR: Join us for our Craft Fair on Saturday, November 9 from 10 am to 7 pm and on Sunday, November 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. Local vendors with handmade items. Delicious treats and much more. Fun for kids and all ages.

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY PARISH: is inviting all interested parties to participate in the first Vendors Market taking place on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 am to 7 pm. For more info, please check the Church website or contact Karina at 416.559.6623 or staugustineofcanterbury@archtoronto.org

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE: invites you to two upcoming retreats. A retreat for Cancer Patients and Caregivers will be offered on Thursday October 24 from 8:30 am. Marian Retreat on Saturday October 26 from 8:30 am. Both retreats will be held at Queen of Apostle Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. Cost to attend either one of the retreats is \$45. Contact Jean - 905.278.5229/office@qoa.ca.

VOCATIONS: If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Parish News



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION: Go And Invite Everyone To The Banquet: On the weekend of October 20th, there will be a second collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule.

ALTAR SERVERS AWARDS: Join us on Saturday October 26th as our ten altar servers will be awarded the "Bishop's Award for Service.". The ceremony will begin at 10 am at St. Paul's Basilica. Your presence would be appreciated.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Beginning next weekend and runs until this weekend, you can participate by bringing non-perishable food items and dropping them off at the altar until Thanksgiving. Urgently needed items: rice, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soup & stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals peanut butter. Or if you wish to make a monetary donation. Contact the office. Donations will be delivered to the Good Shepherd Refuge.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION: registration is now open for registered parishioners of St. John's Parish with either Catholic School or public school students in Grades 2 or above. To begin the process please visit our website at www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org. Registration closes soon.


Please remember the ST. VINCENT DE PAUL poor box as you exit the church. Your donations help St. Vincent de Paul Society respond to needy families and individuals within our parish boundaries who are struggling to make ends meet.



HAVE YOU MOVED? Are you a long time parishioner and moved recently or need to update your contact information, please put St. John's on your list to be notified. Email us at the office



Little Levity: Johnny's parrot constantly insults him. He tries everything to make Bradly the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, he puts Brad in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. Johnny thinks, "Uh oh, I might have killed him!" Opening the freezer Bradly the parrot is shivering and begins stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, Bradly asks, "I'm just wondering . . . w-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?" Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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