

# 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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Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

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

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

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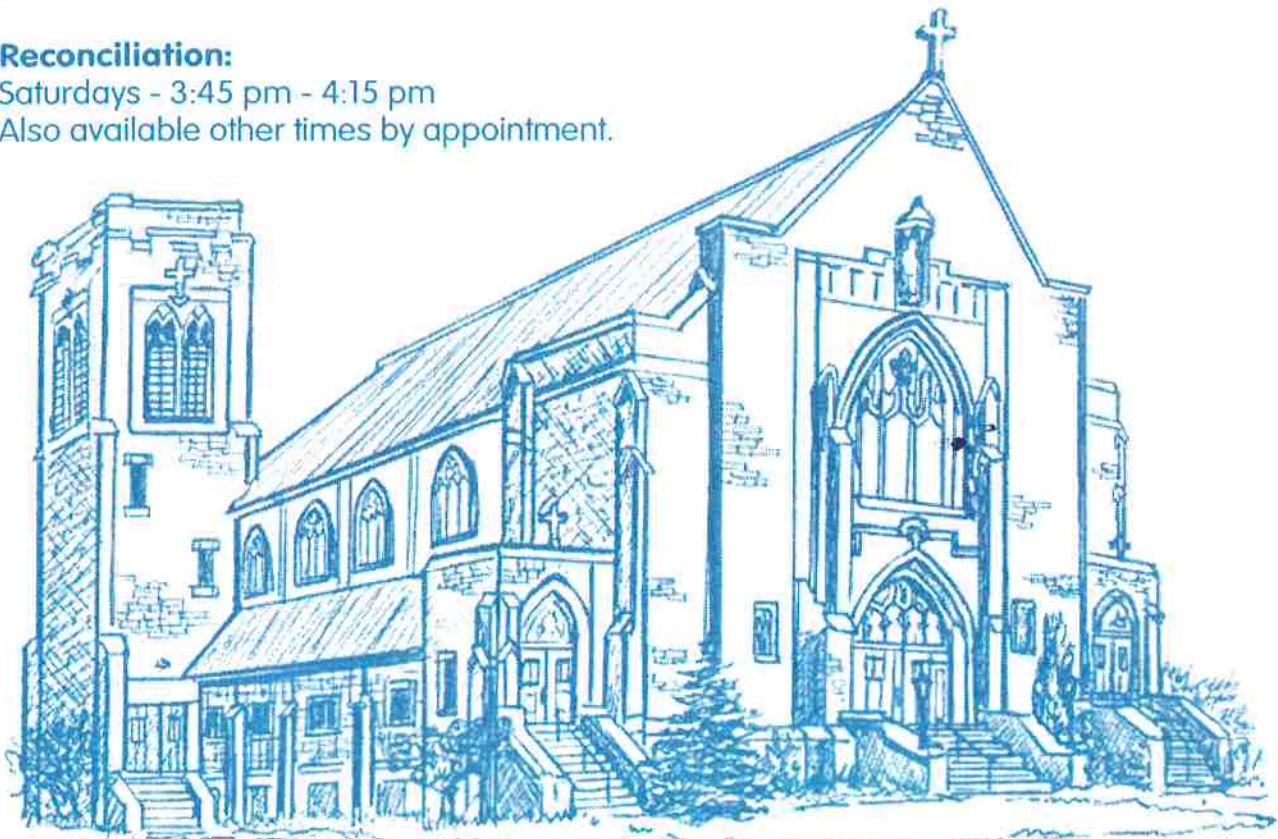
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so we can assist you.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

**Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**



**Reflection:** A relationship with Jesus allows us to have the courage to believe, in times of need and in times of fulfilment. Bartimaeus is a blind man seeking to be able to see again. He confides in Jesus to make that happen. He shows his faith by stepping up and calling for Jesus to heal him. He shows courage in being able to approach and ask for something so grand. He shows that he believes in a higher power and he trust that he will be taken care of. It is a perfect example of why I believe in my faith. I try to attend Mass and pray as much as I can but sometimes, life just happens and you don't always have the time. That's when believing strongly in your faith comes into play. I know that I may not always be as dedicated as I want to be, but at least I know that I believe in something bigger than all of us and that I have something and someone to follow.

.....Br. Joseph Jeyakanthan FSC.

**THE HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY:**  
 All Saints Day — a holiday focusing on observing all the saints of the church who have reached heaven — takes place on Nov. 1, the day after Halloween. Roman Catholics and Christians around the world observe this holiday. All Souls Day — a holiday focusing on commemorating faithful people who have passed — takes place on Nov. 2, directly following All Saints Day. Although these holidays may be lesser known, this does not take away from their important influence in both religion and history. All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows Day, originally took place on May 13, 609 AD, when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church for the Virgin Mary and all martyrs. Pope Gregory III later changed the date upon dedicating a church in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica to honor all saints, according to [Encyclopedia Britannica](#). Even though the U.S. currently does not recognize it as a public holiday, many countries around the world observe and participate in All Saints Day. On this day, families often prepare a special feast to honor different saints and by visiting tombstones of family members who have passed. All Souls Day, which follows All Saints Day, was established by Saint Odilo in order to honor all the Holy Souls who have died and currently rest in purgatory. In this state, the souls become cleansed of all sins in order to reach the presence of God in Heaven. During this holiday, many families pray for those who have passed. They also gather at cemeteries to visit their loved ones and place blessed candles and flowers. Instead of focusing on the sadness that may surround families on these days, people around the world decide to celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day by commemorating and praying for those who have passed.

**Mass Intentions**



**Tuesday, October 29th**  
 For + ROSEANNE NIHTILA  
 Requested by Parish Family

**Wednesday, October 30th**  
 For + JANE HANEY  
 Requested by Maureen MacDonald

**Thursday, October 31st**  
 For + HELLMUTH WINTERSINGER  
 Requested by Irene, Robert & Monika

**Friday, November 1st**  
 8:15 am - For + ALL SAINTS  
 7:00 pm - For + ROSANNE NIHTILA  
 Requested by Peggy Roach & Family

**Saturday, November 2nd**  
 10 am Mass - For ALL FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

**Rest in Peace**

*In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of*  
 Rev. William Comerford



*The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of*  
 + Edmond Valin Sr.



**Please Pray For The Sick**

Ellwood Donnelly, Philip Teixeira, John W., Paul Holliday, Bree Tiffin, Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah Liam, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean



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*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.**

**Please remember the ST. VINCENT DE PAUL poor box as you exit the church.**



## In The News

**UNPACKING THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:** Join us on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 pm, at St. Michael's College School Centre for the Arts – 1515 Bathurst, for a panel discussion to help unpack the Synod on Synodality. The three-year process of listening and dialogue, undertaken between 2021 and 2024, has garnered participation from Catholics worldwide. Moderated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, panelists include: Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ, undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, Archbishop J. Michael Miller CSB of Vancouver, theologians Dr. Moira McQueen and Sr. Gill Goulding, C.J. Limited tickets available – they are free but must be reserved by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/synod](http://www.archtoronto.org/synod).

**FALL RETREAT PROGRAMS:** Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga is pleased to offer the following day retreats. Oct. 26 - Marian Retreat. Nov. 9 - Day of Prayer with the Saints and the Holy Souls. Nov. 25 - Day of Retreat Meditating on the Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell). Dec. 7 - Advent Retreat. Dec. 14 - Bereavement Day of Retreat. For info or to register please call 905 278 5229 or visit [www.qoa.ca](http://www.qoa.ca)

**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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee) CONTACT: For more information, please email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. Local vendors with handmade items. Delicious treats and much more. Fun for kids and all ages.

**VOCATIONS:** The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

*We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. ....Pope Francis*

## Parish News



**JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** On Friday November 2nd, after the 8:15 am and 7 pm Mass. Share some prayers, hymns and quiet time adoring the Lord. Deepen your relationship with him; make him a greater priority in your life. All are welcome.



**2024/2025 SUNDAY MISSALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE:** beginning next weekend, October 27nd. The cost for the adult missals are \$8 and the Children's missals remain at \$11. Get them before they run out.



**SAVE THE DATE!:** Saturday, November 23rd St. John's Parish Pasta Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

**NOVEMBER 1ST & 2ND: ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS:** There will be an 8:15 am and 7 pm evening Mass on All Saints Day, Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>, and a 10 am Mass on All Souls Day, Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, this year, since these are such important occasions in the life of the Church. For ALL SOULS' DAY, if one of your loved ones died in the last twelve months, we invite you to send a picture to the office, which we can include in a collage, to be placed at our Marian shrine, where you can light a candle before the Mass, and where the names will be read aloud. Please send a digital copy to the parish by Monday October 28th by 5 pm, indicating the full name and date of death.



November is the month the Church traditionally remembers the faithful departed. We invite you to record the names of deceased relatives and friends in our parish **BOOK OF LIFE** which will be placed in the sanctuary next weekend. We will remember them at our November Masses. If their names already appear in our book, no need to add again, they will be remembered at all the Masses.

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** information will be posted in the bulletin the weekend of November 10th.

*Little Levity:* Davie and Johnny left the bar after a long evening and started the car when they heard a tap on the window. Peering into the car was a ghostly face. Davie rolled down the window and the old man said, “got a cigarette?” Johnny passed him a cigarette and quickly rolled up the window. Quick said Davie, “let’s get out of here!” Johnny floored the gas. Once again they heard a tap at the window. Davie looked at Johnny and Johnny looked at Davie and both slowly turned to look out the window only to see the same ghostly face peering at them through the window. Davie slowing rolled down the window. The old man said “got a light?” Davie threw the lighter at him and quickly rolled up the window. Turning to Johnny, “give it 80 this time”. Once again they heard a tap on the window. Johnny and Davie looked at the speedometer then looked out the window to see the ghostly face again peering in. When Davie rolled down the window, the old man said “want help getting out of the mud?”  
*Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*



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