

# Parish of Saint John

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## Parish Schools:

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## Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

## Catholic Cemeteries:

416-733-8544

## Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

## Office Hours:

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

Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

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

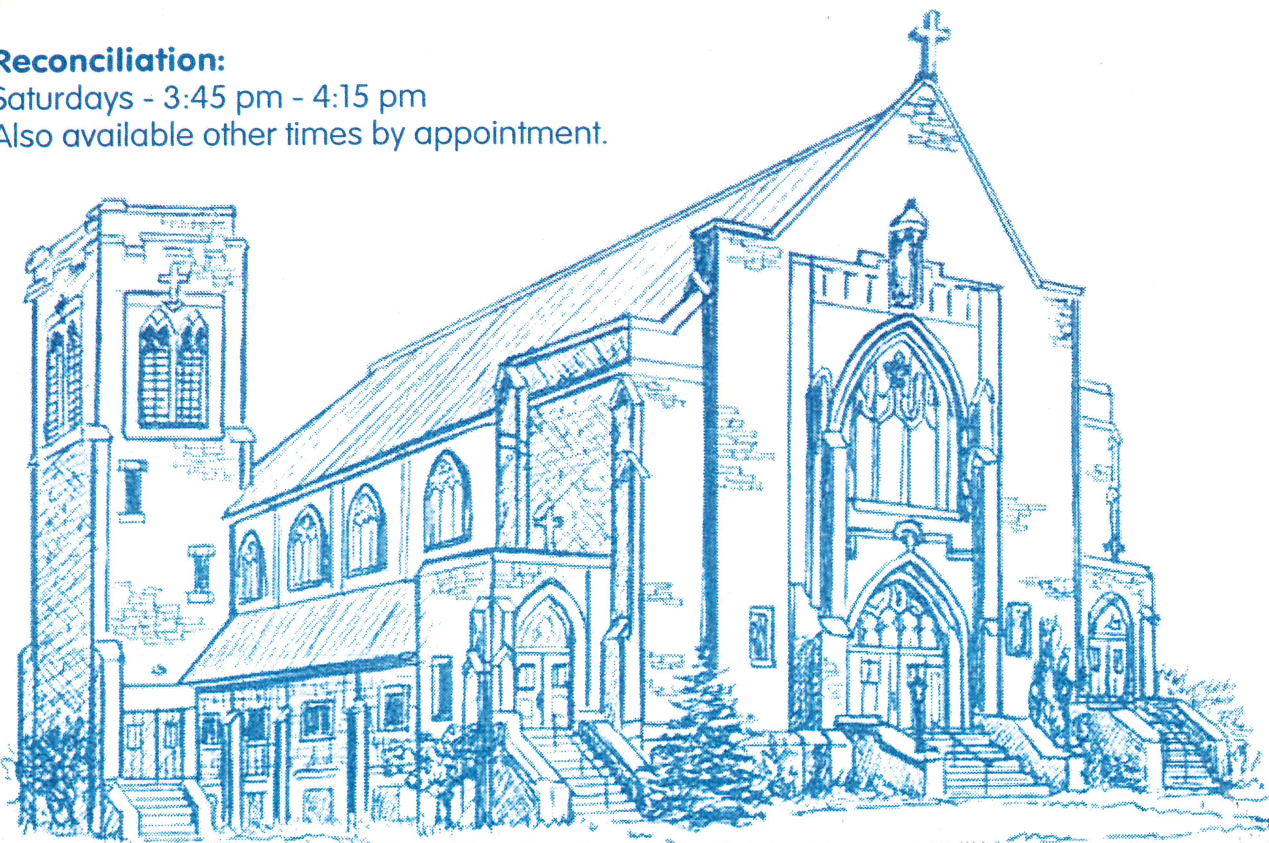
**Marriage:** Please email the parish office one year before.

**Please Register with the Parish**  
so we can assist you.

## Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

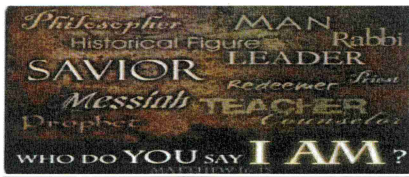
Also available other times by appointment.



## PRAY THE ROSARY



Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**Reflection:** Who do you say that I am? That question marks a turning point in the gospels. The disciples, like the people, have been thinking of Jesus as one of the prophets of old. Ezra was considered the last of the prophets so it had been over 400 years since they had had a prophet. Now John the Baptist had come and people through Jesus might be bringing back the time of the prophets. Jesus is bringing something else. You are the Christ. Peter's answer is the correct one, but Peter and the others still need to truly learn what it means. The main mission of Jesus' time on earth will become clearer and Jesus will turn more and more to Jerusalem and the cross. Jesus immediately makes the first prediction of the Passion. His Passion, death and Resurrection will be how Jesus accomplishes the mission of bringing eternal salvation to the universe. This is not what Peter or the other disciples were hoping to hear. The message becomes harder to hear when Jesus adds that to participate in what is coming they too need to carry their crosses and follow Him. As James says in his letter, faith without words is dead. Peter believes in Jesus, but is reluctant to believe everything Jesus teaches. Once the disciples believe all that Jesus taught after Easter, they still have to struggle to live it out. We need to have faith in Jesus as the Christ. We cannot truly have faith without knowledge, so we cannot remain ignorant of the deeper meaning of Jesus' mission and say we follow Jesus. We cannot say we have faith and knowledge if we do not act on them. People have sought to remove the cross from the call. We can't have Easter without Good Friday. We can hear how great they are and how they deserve to be comfortable even now. The life of following Christ is always a choice. A choice to pick up the cross or not. It is a choice to follow Christ or not. Jesus is quite clear as to what is needed. If you wish to follow Jesus take up your cross and follow.....Fr. Giovanoni



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	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3230	\$3160
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1421	\$1421
Building Fund	\$ 2420	\$4705*

\*Thank you to the donor who give the offering of \$3000 towards the building fund.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 17th

For INTENTIONS OF LINDA BETSWORTH  
Requested by The Parish Family

Wednesday, September 18th

For INTENTIONS OF KIM LOGAN  
Requested by The Parish Family

Thursday, September 19th

For INTENTIONS OF CAROL BRADY  
Requested by The Parish Family

Friday, September 20th

For + LILLIAN MADUNIC  
Requested by Maureen Carr

Saturday, September 21st

For + CATHERINE & MARY CAIRNS  
Requested by Patrick Cairns

**MASS INTENTIONS:** The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, for anniversaries, weddings and birthdays, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Masses can be scheduled Tuesday to Friday at 8:15 am or Saturday at the 4:30 pm Mass. If you wish to schedule a Mass, please contact the Parish Office. Having a Mass said is a great gift for someone who has everything.

Rest in Peace

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

Rev. Bernard Cryer, Teda Clarke, Emelda Logan, Des Gilling, & Margaret O'Regan



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of

Francis Mary Cairns



**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** The red lamp near the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honour to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, or to honor a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, please contact the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$12.00. It will burn for one week from Sunday to Saturday.

Please Pray For The Sick

Paul Holliday, Mitchell Clarke, Bree Tiffin, Gerry Genuino, Baby Isiah Liam, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean, & Christine Curran

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



**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



**In The News**

**SHARELIFE:** Answer the call to compassion 100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities for the first time in 2024. Through our parish's support, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. Your donation will make these grants possible. Thank you for your compassion. [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate)

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**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY PARISH:** The Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury is inviting all interested parties to participate in the first Vendors Market taking place on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 am to 7 pm at the parking lot of the Church. For more information, please check the Church website or contact Karina. Funds from the event will be used for the renovation/replacement of the church's hall and washrooms. We hope to see you there! CONTACT: Karina PHONE: 416-559-6623 EMAIL: [staugustineofcanterbury@archtoronto.org](mailto:staugustineofcanterbury@archtoronto.org)

**IN THEATRES NOW: THE FORGE:** The Archdiocese has been contacted by Sony Films who have released a new Hollywood film called "The Forge" which is in theatres now. The film is about a 19-year-old seeking direction in life and realizes that he needs to discover how God might have a greater purpose for his life. The movie was written and produced by popular American Christian filmmakers the Kendrick Brothers. We have had the opportunity to screen the movie and can assure you that it has strong positive messages of faith, prayer, discipleship and responsibility. A good movie for all, but especially relatable to families with teens and/or young adults. The film's trailer can be found here: <https://api.community.getplaced.com/c/4ce5b5550e>

**VOCATIONS:** "Who do people say that I am?" Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon? If you think you are being called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Parish News**

**SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>:** at the 11 am Mass, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will publicly and officially install Fr. Joshua Roldan, our new pastor here at St. John's Parish. What does it mean to be installed. More information in the coming bulletins.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The Children's Liturgy has resumed! At 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. If you have any questions regarding the program or are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Marlo Taylor at 647.233.7636.



**RCLA** stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It may also be referred to as "the Catechumenate." It is a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. The initiation of new members is a gradual process allowing enquirers time to grow in faith and become full participants of the Catholic community. There are several stages and ritual steps, leading up to the reception of all three sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Interested or know someone who is interested? Classes begin this fall. Email the parish office to inquire.

**OUR 11 AM CHOIR:** Please join us in welcoming back the St. John's Choir, after summer hiatus, at the 11 am Mass. St. John's Choir Director, Eric Walker has extended a special invitation to those parishioners who have an interest in singing with the Choir. Practices take place Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. If interested, the easiest thing to do is just show up on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm.




**OUR 4:30 FOLK GROUP:** is also back but only in part. Their fearless co leader, Paul Holliday will be away for a few more months. Bernie, Torres and Linda will carry the torch as much as their schedule will allow. If you are interested in joining the Folk Group, who sing and play at the Saturday Vigil Mass, please email the office.

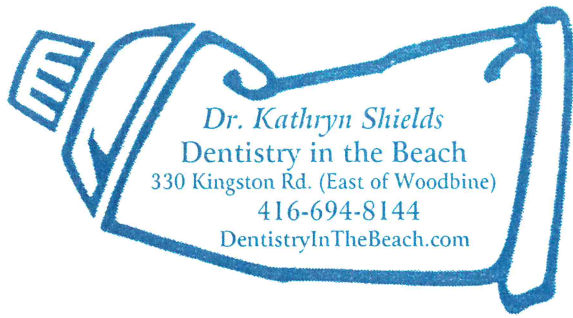
**COUNT YOURSELF IN:** We welcome all who have moved into our parish. To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Registration with a parish is much like a commitment to a family, sports team, school or organization. To be eligible for admission to Sacramental Preparation or to receive testimonial letters, you must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attend the sacraments, and support the parish. Register and belong to our family of faith!

**Little Levity:** Sr. Maureen ran out of gas on one of her homebound visits to see Joanie. When she got to the gas station the attendant had no more gas cans left. Thinking quickly she ran back to the car and grabbed one of the bed pans she was to deliver to one of the homebound. After filling up the bedpan she walked back to her car, & began to fill the gas tank. Two Baptists came out of their house and watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said 'If that starts, I'm turning Catholic!' *Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*





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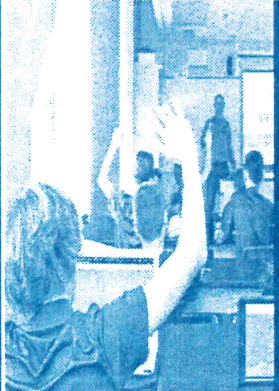
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