

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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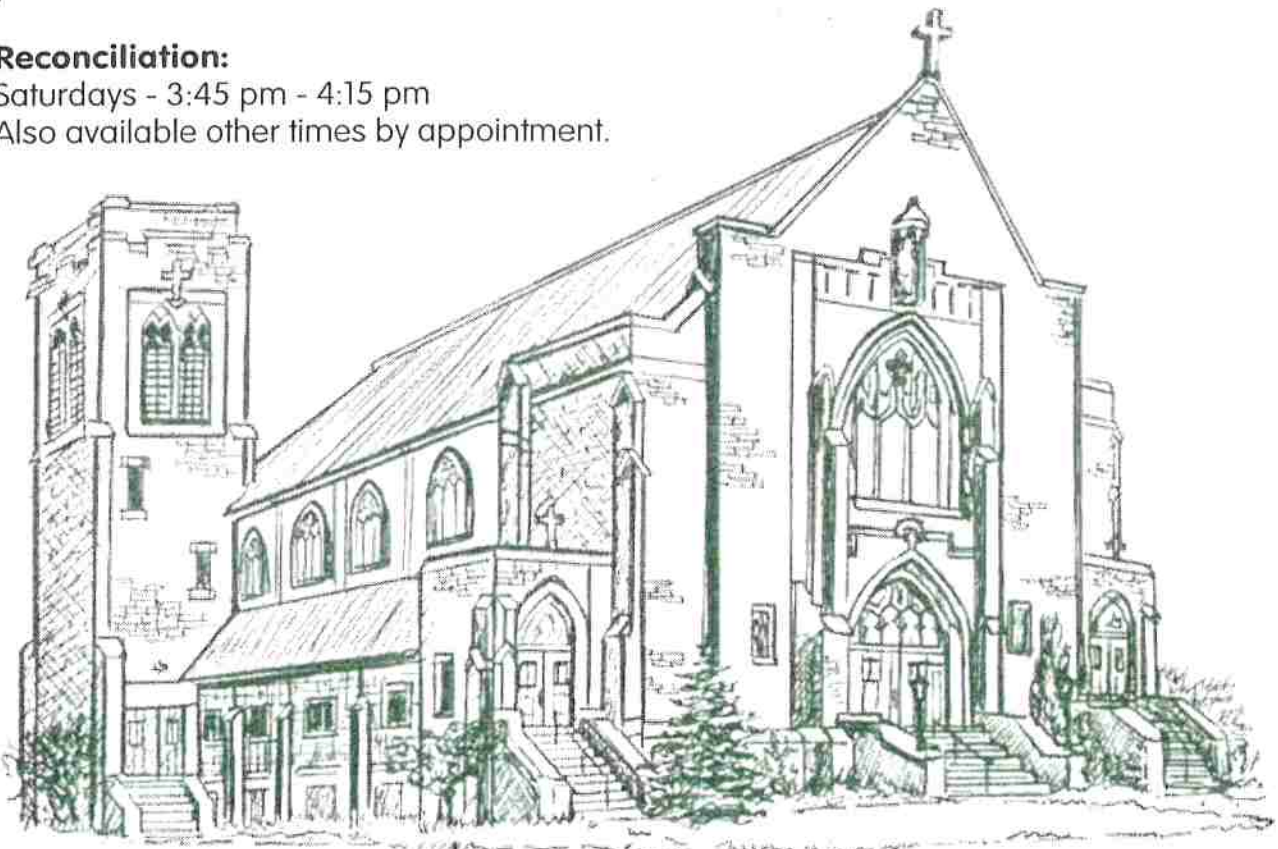
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Office Hours:

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

Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Reflection: This Gospel reading teaches us a very important lesson, that is, the true measure of greatness is not in power, status, or wealth, but in humility and service to others. In our society, it is easy to be tempted to measure ourselves by what we have or what we have achieved. We are often driven by the desire for power, fame, or success. However, Jesus shows us that the real greatness lies in serving others, especially the least among us.

When Jesus used a child as an example, He was saying that we should become like children in our humility, innocence, and dependence on God. Children are not concerned about status, wealth, or power. They are honest, open, and trusting. In the same way, we should strive to be humble, honest, and open-hearted, trusting in God's plan for our lives.

Jesus calls us to be servants of all, just as He was the servant of all. He showed us how to serve by washing His disciples' feet, healing the sick, and feeding the hungry. He even sacrificed His own life for us. He taught us that true greatness comes from serving others and putting their needs before our own.

As we reflect on this Gospel reading, let us ask ourselves, "How can I serve others today?" It doesn't have to be a grand gesture; it can be as simple as helping a neighbor, listening to a friend in need, or volunteering at a local charity. When we serve others, we are following in Jesus' footsteps and showing His love to the world.

Let us pray that God will give us the grace to be humble, to serve others with love, and to become more like children in our trust and dependence on Him. May we always remember that true greatness lies in serving others, and may we strive to live our lives in a way that honors this truth.....LPi



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	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3115	\$3650
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1421	\$1421



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: an annual occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto, celebrates our parishes which contain stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another. As Stewards, God has given us many diverse gifts for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Joy in life comes from using our God-given gifts creatively and fruitfully, for the glory of God and in the service of our neighbor. Consider sharing your God given gifts with your parish community by joining a parish ministry that speaks to your heart. Please watch this homily by Archbishop Francis Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others in your parish community...and beyond! See:

<https://shorturl.at/YRMgN>. Don't have access to the video, contact the parish office and a paper version will be made available to you.

To all our Parish stewards, we thank you, we appreciate your time and talent and may God continue to bless you.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 24th

For INTENTIONS OF RODNEY TRAVERS-GRIFFIN
Requested by Paul & Claudia DeCourcy

Wednesday, September 25th

For + JOHN ALEXANDER MACPHERSON
Requested by Monish Sarker

Thursday, September 26th

For INTENTIONS OF BABY ISAIAH
Requested by The Parish Family

Friday, September 27th

For + ROSEANNE NIHTILA
Requested by Don & Theresa Morrison

Saturday, September 28th

For + FRANK NACEK
Requested by Albina Murphy

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.

Please Pray For The Sick

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



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

RENEW IS BACK: Registration is Now Open! Early Bird pricing available until September 30th. Renew Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday, November 24th at St. Michaels Cathedral Basilica. The day includes various workshop speakers, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. RENEW Toronto is not just another conference—it's a unique gathering designed specifically for young adults seeking spiritual growth, meaningful connections, and a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith. This event aims to empower and inspire the next generation of the Church, providing a platform for personal transformation and collective renewal. We can't wait to see you there! For more info and to register visit: www.renewtoronto.org.



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LIFE CHAIN: is a prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. This peaceful and silent demonstration brings awareness to the ongoing injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts. Participants hold non-graphic signs at hundreds of locations across North American for one hour. Please join us this year at Victoria Park & Danforth, near St. Dunstan's Church, Sunday, October 6th, from 2 to 3 pm.

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 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

IN THEATRES NOW: THE FORGE: 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 has a 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.getplaiced.com/c/4ce5b5550e>

VOCATIONS: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Parish News

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.



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CHURCH IN CANADA: Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country. The Collection

for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend, Sept. 28 and 29. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

HAVE YOU SAVED THE DATE! SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH:

at the 11 am Mass, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will publicly and officially install Fr. Joshua Roldan, as Pastor of St. John's Parish. What does it mean to be installed? It is simply a public ceremony that affirms that this man has been set apart by God, who works through His church, to serve in the role of pastor. Next week, we'll detail the steps that will occur that day.



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 & OUR 4:30 FOLK GROUP:


Are looking for parishioners interested in singing with them. The Choir practices on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. The Folk Group, Saturdays at 3:45 pm. If interested, the easiest thing to do is just show up on.




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: Mary Kate Danaher, a spry 85-year-old widow, went on a blind date with Sean Thornton, a 90-year-old man. When she returned to her daughter's house later that night, her daughter thought that her mother seemed rather upset. "What happened?" the daughter asked. "You look as if you are upset after your date." "I had to slap his face three times!" Mary Kate replied. "You mean he got fresh with you?" the daughter asked. "No, not at all, I thought the old codger was dead!" *Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*



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