

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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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.

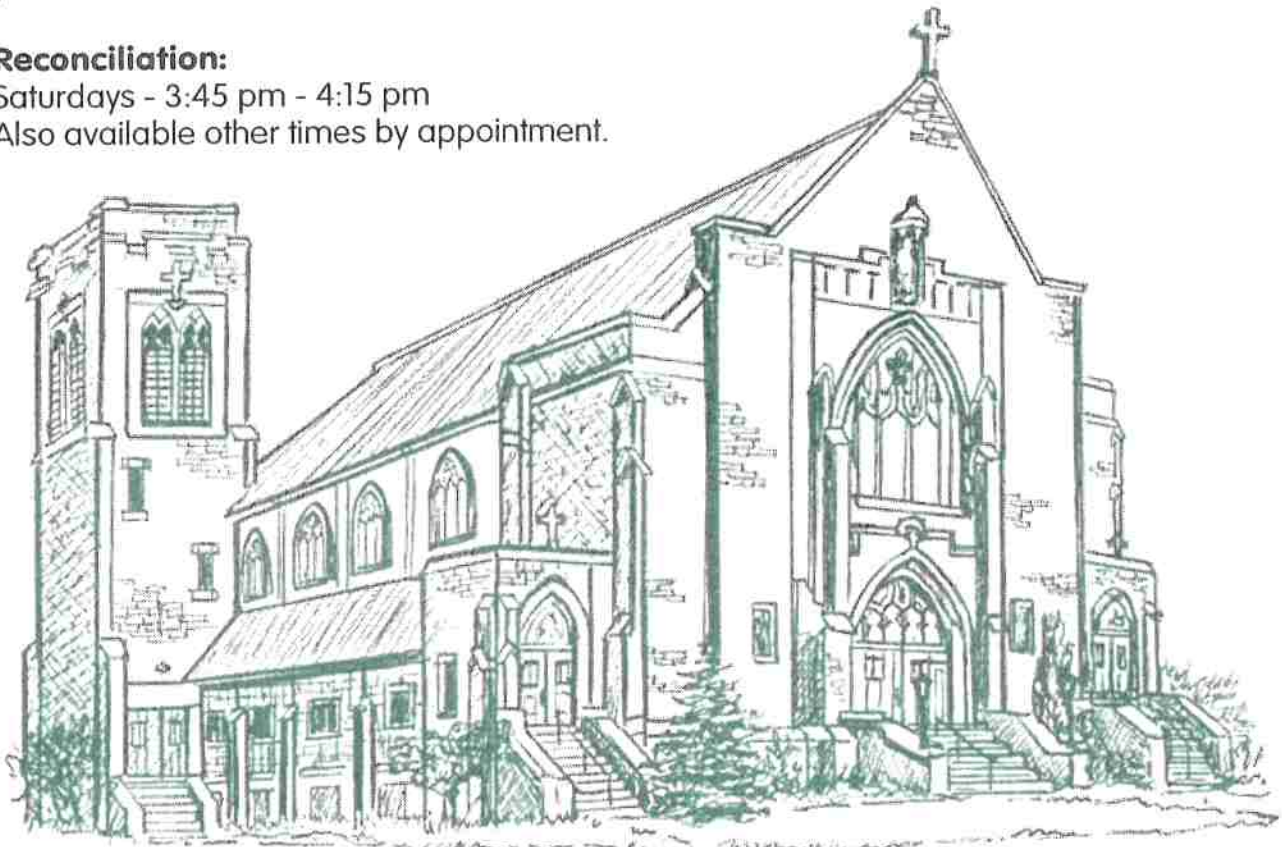
Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.

Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



From the Pastor's Desk: The sacraments are *treasures of irreplaceable value* in our life-long walk with God. Today we give God tremendous and joyful thanks for blessing the Church with the Sacrament of Marriage. Married couples depend on God's grace to sustain their love and commitment, and all of us are blessed to have these graced couples witnessing to us of covenant love. Their witness is one of the greatest things we can enjoy in this life, because it speaks profoundly to us of God's relationship with all of us.

Jesus, quoting the Father's commandments given to the chosen people, says in Matthew's Gospel: "Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female', and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Jesus chooses to single out this unique human experience – man and woman giving themselves so completely to one another, on all possible levels – to continue as a timeless covenant that will point to his own covenant with all humanity. Jesus uses the unique self-giving of man and woman – emotionally, physically, spiritually, with a complementarity unique in human existence – to let us grasp how profound Jesus' relationship with every one of us will become in his new covenant, established through the self-sacrificing love which took him to the Cross and then to the triumph of the Resurrection. St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, teaches the Church to understand that she is the Bride of Christ, and Christ is the Bridegroom. Christ and the Church are bound in an eternal covenant of divine love, and the only thing in human experience that comes close to echoing that bond is the marriage of man and woman that is mutually giving, exclusive, permanent, and open to life. Today we honour all those living as the signs among us of God's covenant-love. We thank our married couples for the sacrifices they make daily for one another and for their families, and we assure you of our prayers that your marriage will always be a deep source of grace and blessing for you, and for us.

.....Fr. John-Mark

LENT is one of the five seasons of the Catholic liturgical calendar, along with Advent, Christmas, Easter, and Ordinary Time. It precedes Easter and is a solemn period centered on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. While Lent is often associated with the Catholic faith, many Christians—including Protestant and Orthodox—observe it. There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Ash Wednesday – February 14th

- 8:15 am – Parish Mass – (Ashes)
- 9:15 am – St. John School – Church - (Ashes - All welcome)
- 11:00 am – Notre Dame School – Church (Ashes)
- 7:00 pm - Parish Mass – (Ashes)

Fridays of Lent Stations of the Cross – 4:30 pm

Celebrating Marriage Sunday & A Blessing For all Married Couples

St. John's Parish joins in celebrating the vocation of Marriage with all couples this Marriage Sunday especially these lovely couples pictured below.



Richard & Kay Ainey celebrating 50 years on June 1 2024. Deacon Paul & Lisa McCourt celebrating 35 yrs. July 8, 2024, and Bernie & Rosalinda Febria, having celebrated 47 years on, January 15, 2024.



Not pictured are Ken & Fran Forbes celebrating 52 years, James & Sheila Molloy celebrating 65 years, Rodney & Helen Travers-Griffin, celebrating 61

years, and John & Rosemary Walcher, celebrating 35 years, May 20, 2024. We celebrate you!

Almighty and eternal God, you have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage that it has become the sacramental sign of your Son's union with the Church as His spouse. Look with favour on these married couples, whom you have united in marriage, as they ask for your help and the protection of the Virgin Mary. They pray that in good times and in bad they will grow in love for each other; that they will resolve to be one of heart in the bond of peace. Lord, in their struggles, let them rejoice that you are near to help them; in their needs, let them know that you are there to rescue them; in their joys let them see that you are the source and completion of every happiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 13th

For INTENTIONS OF ROBERT SCHMIDT
Requested by Parish Friends

Thursday, February 15th

For + ROBBIE SMITH
Requested by Maureen & Gerry Charette

Friday, February 16th

For INTENTION OF JANE MADIGAN
Requested by Parish Friends



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of

Marguerite Chan Wong

Please Pray For The Sick

Paul Proctor, Christina Jopling, John Rao, Nancy Smith, Rosanne Nihtila, Margaret Ryan, Michael Higgins, Richard Bowman, Chiu Wong, Cathy Connor, Gillian Haughey, Christine Clementi, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jack Lees, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard

In The News

SPIRITUS MINISTRY'S YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP - "Refined" is launching on Saturday, February 17th, 2024. We will be hosting a Meet & Greet session for you to get the opportunity to meet the small group leaders and other young adult women in our community. We will be having a time of prayer, fellowship, and reflection. We will also be sharing our goals and plans for this women's group. Consider joining us. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBasgOAcqQ22sK9GsLx5a7ryPi4KoYTeHEK5B2m8AcN-RiOA/viewform>

ARCHDIOCESE RESOURCES FOR MARRIED COUPLES:


"Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us." From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia. Looking for resources for your marriage and family life, visit www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/marriage/marriage/

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE: Dynamic Women of Faith is holding its annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday, March 23rd at The Old Mill. Registration at 8 am, Conference 9 am to 4 pm. Opening Mass at 9 am celebrated by Cardinal Collins. Keynote speaker Kathleen Beckman on "A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare". Other speakers include Tammy Peterson, and our very own parishioner, Dr. Anna Boyagoda. Early Bird Registration is \$65. Before February 14th. \$75 after. Light lunch. Free parking. Door prizes. For more information and to register go to www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 416.97.1042.

DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST 2024: (February 5, 2024 to April 15, 2024)

Theme: "This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever." High school students (ages 13-19 years) are invited to participate. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. They are encouraged to follow the guiding rules and submit their entries by filling the details on the submission form at <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>. CONTACT: interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416.934.3400 ext. 527

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: Saturday March 2nd from 9 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Convention Centre. A grace-filled day celebrating God's love with uplifting music, Eucharistic Healing Procession, Confession and Holy Mass. Speakers, • Archbishop Francis Leo • Fr. Mathias Thelen • Peter Herbeck • Debbie Herbeck • Fr. Alex Colautti, CC. • Pete Burak. FOR TICKETS/INFO: www.ljhr.ca EMAIL: contact@ljhr.ca

 God our Father, you generously grant us all the gifts we have. Help us to understand that it is in the giving that we receive. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish. Don't walk with cash? Scan the QR code and it will take you to our DONATE page where you can use your credit card.




	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,220	\$ 3,579
Building Fund	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,645
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,426


Parish News



ON SALE NOW: Not By Bread Alone - Daily Lenten Reflections: Prayerfully journey through Lent with fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. In just a few minutes each day, the insightful meditations of Not by Bread Alone can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Lent and Easter. Available in the vestibule or from the Office for \$5.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please note, there will be no Children's Liturgy program on Sunday February 18 (Family Day weekend), or March 10 and 17 (March Break). The St John Children's Liturgy program runs most Sundays during the 9 am Mass.

 **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER:** Save the Date! Tuesday, February 13th. Back again for another year, St. John's Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, in St. John's Parish Hall, from 5:15 pm to 6:45 pm. Come out and enjoy Pancakes, Sausages, Coffee, Tea, Juice and a great family, friend's event. Families - \$20, Adults - \$10 and Seniors/Students - \$5.00. Tickets available at the door.

 **40 CANS FOR LENT - I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN:** 40 CANS is an opportunity to turn a small sacrifice into a big difference in someone's life. The Knights of Columbus are once again encouraging you to donate one can per day for 40 days during the Lenten season. Or substitute \$1 for each can. All donations will be given to the Good Shepherd Mission. This is your opportunity to honor Christ by giving. Drop off your non-perishable food donation in the special 40 Cans for Lent baskets in the vestibule.

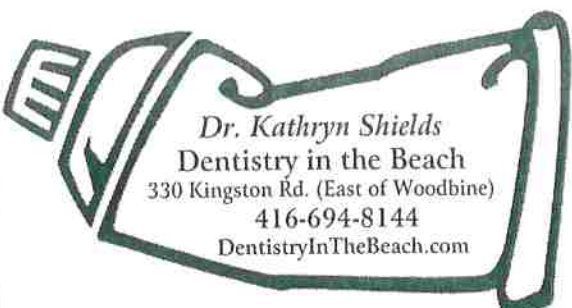
INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: for donations made in 2023 will be making its way to your home by mail on or before February 12th. Donations made to St. Vincent de Paul will be received separately. Please remember St. John's Parish in your last will and testament. Your offertory contributions are our only source of income in support of normal parish operations. Please consider increasing your donations.

FRIDAY MASS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: So many are in need of our prayers; those who are sick, and those who care for them, and families affected by a loved one's illness. Beginning February 9th (in anticipation of the World Day of the Sick on Feb. 11), our parish will have special prayers for the sick at every Friday Mass as we read out the names of those on our prayer list. Please consider making an effort to join us for the 8:15 am Mass on Fridays.

Little Levity: Irene and Robert arrived in Bermuda on their vacation to celebrate their 75 wedding anniversary. Suddenly Irene says, "Oh dear! I believe I forgot to turn off the oven before we left! I'm worried it might start a fire!" "Don't worry," said Robert, "it won't start a fire." "How could you possibly know that!" exclaimed Irene. "Well" said Robert, because, now that I think about it, I forgot to turn off the water in the kitchen sink." Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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