

Parish of Saint John

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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

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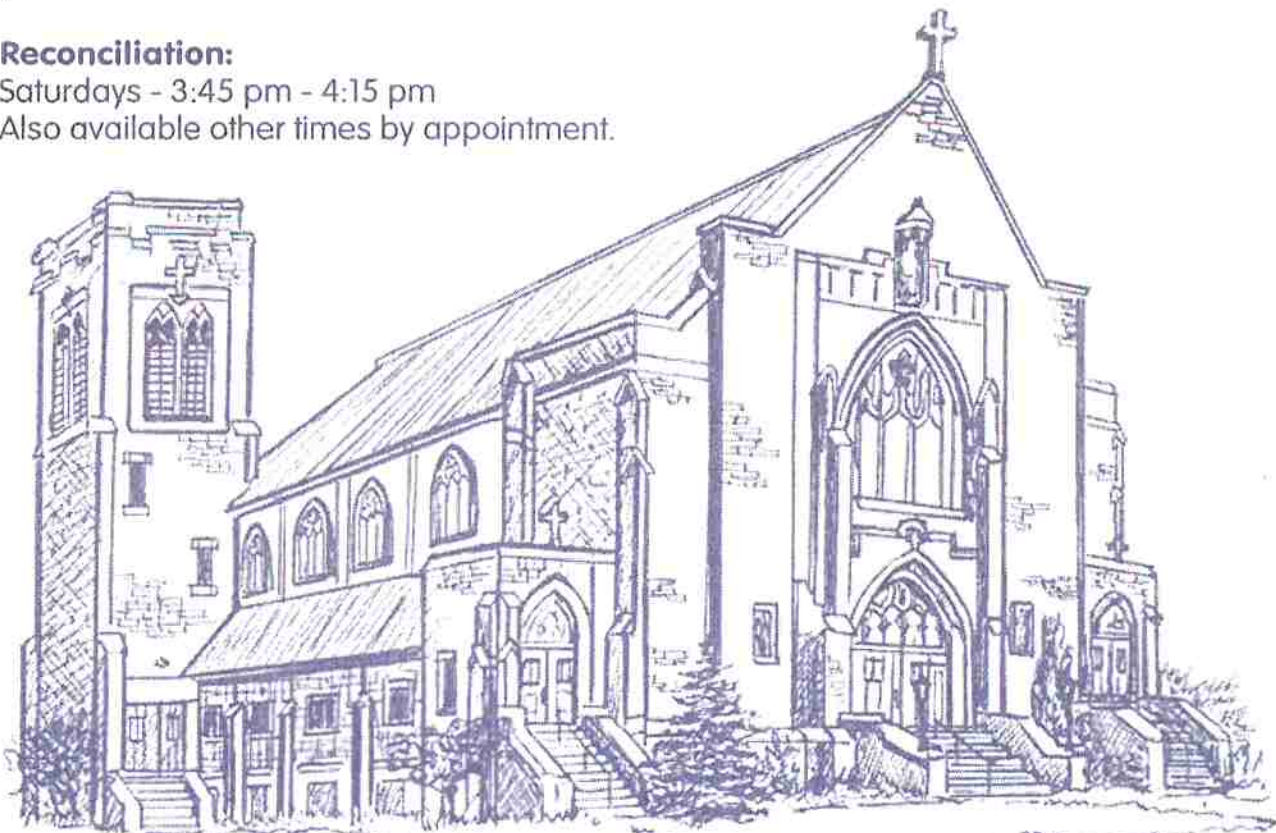
Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.

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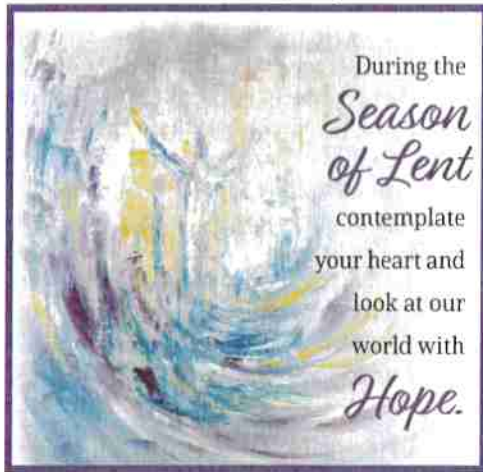
Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Second Sunday Of Lent



From the Pastor's Desk: HOW IMPORTANT IS THE LITURGY? All these details of the Mass we have been looking at – signs, words, gestures, silences – are they really that important? Opinions are fine, but what does the Church solemnly teach about the importance of the sacred liturgy? The best official source is the “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy”, the first major document of the Second Vatican Council. The council documents are the most important source of Church teaching for modern times. There is much food for thought in this teaching:

“In the liturgy the sanctification of the man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses, and is effected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs; in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members. From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others; no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree.”

What we are here to do on Sunday is, according to the teaching of the Church, “a sacred action surpassing all others”. God is doing something astonishing for us as we worship, and what God is doing is “signified by signs perceptible to the senses.” In our worship, God is reaching us on all levels of our being: body, mind, and soul. Therefore we attend with wonder to all details great and small of our sacred encounter with God in the liturgy, for “no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy.” As a child wonders at the beauty of marvellous things, let us open our eyes in wonder to the beauty of our encounter with God together at every holy Mass.

.....Fr. John-Mark



God our Father, you generously grant us all the gifts we have. Help us to understand that it is in the giving that



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	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,195	\$ 3,180
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,426

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, February 27th
For INTENTIONS OF AVIS FAVARO
Requested by Parish Family

Wednesday, February 28th
For + RAYMOND MARTIN
Requested by Gerry Quinn

Thursday, February 29th
For + JOAN REGAN
Requested by John Cairns

Friday, March 1st
For + DIANE GRIBBEN
Requested by The Gribben Family

Saturday, March 2nd
For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHAN WAI FAN
Requested by Kathy



Rest in Peace

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

Raymond Martin & Cristina Clementi

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, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jack Lees, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard



The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions of

Rosemary Walcher



FIRST FRIDAYS OF EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION: at St John's after the 8:15 am Mass - a time where we watch and wait, where we remain silent in His Presence, and where we open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. All are welcome!



We welcome the newest members of our parish family:

Owen Liam Crasta
James Daniel Kenny
Luca Moraes Mansingh

Please remember the poor box as you exit the church.



In The News

ANNUAL MANRESA WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN: Come away to Manresa, Friday March 15 to Sunday March 17th, to experience silence and restfulness, to renew your spirit and to deepen your relationship with the Lord. Theme: To be like Mary - Immersed in God's Divine Life "To live as a Christian in the world, while at the same time living with God's vision for oneself and his Creation." In this retreat, we try to listen to God speaking to us through the Scriptures, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the lives of the saints. Facilitator: Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4 (at top of Liverpool Rd., N. of Finch). For more information contact Manresa: 905-839-2864 To register: <https://manresa-canada.ca/events/>

QUEEN OF APOSTLES LENTEN RETREAT: Facilitated by the centre team on Saturday March 9, 2024. COST \$45.00 Includes Lunch. Registration at 8:30 am. Please call Jean at 905.278.5524 OR EMAIL: office@qoa.ca

SAY "YES!" TO CAREGIVING: A Free Lenten Retreat for Family Caregivers: Are you a family caregiver? Are you supporting a friend or relative with a significant illness? Have you struggled with the questions of 'why' or 'how' to keep going? Join us for a FREE spiritually reflective & nourishing event to unpack saying 'YES' to caregiving! *light dinner included. CONTACT: Scotiabank Learning Centre – Providence Healthcare at 416.285.3666 x4177 or ScotiabankLearningCentre.PHC@unityhealth.to WEB: <https://unityhealth.to/areas-of-care/programs-and-clinics/seniors-care/#providence-healthcare-family-and-caregiver-support-2>.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be the presider and homilist. All are

welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

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.

Little Levity: Paul was working outside and got bit by some ants. He screamed, "Ow! Why did God even create ants?!" His little son Michael was out in the yard with him too and said, "Dad, that's a really mean thing to say. Of course God had to create ants!" Paul asked his little boy "why?" Michael replied, calmly, "Because without ants, the uncles would have no wives." Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

Parish News

ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?: Why not opt in for daily Lenten videos! You will receive an email each day with a Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture video. Throughout Lent and Easter, you also receive 10 new episodes of Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids. Lent has already started, but you still have time to register for free Lenten reflections! To sign up go to www.formed.org. Click on SIGN UP. (Don't click on WATCH NOW, INDIVIDUALS, PARISHES, or SIGN IN.). Search for St. John's Parish (or enter our postal code M4E 1R7), and you will see our name and address (794 Kingston Road) - click on it, then "Next". 4. Enter your name and e-mail address, click on SIGN UP, and you're done!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST ALTAR SERVERS!: Two St. John's school students were installed as Altar Servers at St. John's Parish. Their hard work and dedication over the past 8 months, culminated this past weekend, when they took their Pledge of Service and received their Altar Server Cross. We welcome Claudia Keenan and Violet Milway! Thank you for answering God's call to serve at His Holy Altar.



LOVE BEYOND WORDS: Over a hundred couples from our parish joined us on the weekend of Marriage Sunday, February 11th making up over 1000 years of married life. We were honoured to look on the sacrifice and joy of married Life. We thank the Lord for each and every marriage which bears witness to God's faithful, fruitful and lasting love for his people. For the blessing of each new day and new love. World Marriage Day celebrations began in 1982. It celebrates husband and wife as the foundation of the family and the basic unit of society. The theme for World Marriage Day 2024 was Love Beyond Words emphasizing the permanent, faithful, and fruitful love in a sacramental marriage is truly beyond words. Take a moment to view our video on Marriage Sunday on our youtube channel or on our website under Sunday Masses.

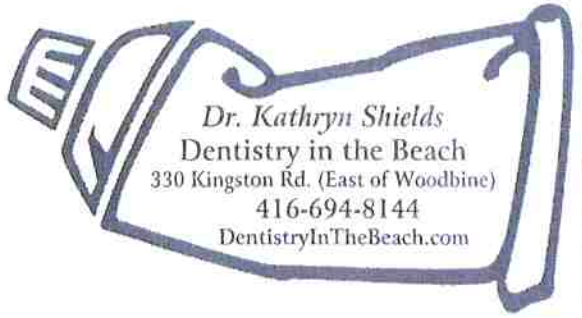
JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent at 4:30 pm. We all join in the readings as we move from station to station. It's a moving and memorable experience. Bring a friend.



40 CANS FOR LENT - I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN: 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. Drop off your non-perishable food donation in the special 40 Cans for Lent baskets in the vestibule.



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