Parish of Saint John

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Pastor: Rev. John-Mark Missio Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul McCourt

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Sunday Masses:

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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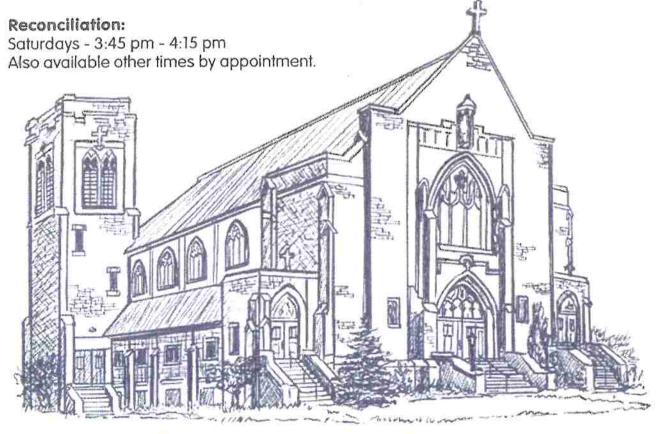
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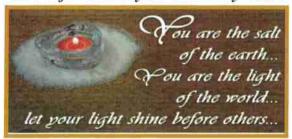
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Closed between 12:00 -1:00 pm

Please Register with the Parish so we can assist you.



PRAY THE ROSARY

The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



From the Pastor's Desk: IS FATHER ASLEEP? When we observe the moments of silence that the liturgy calls for, the first thing we usually feel is that something is not right, like "dead air" on the TV or radio. It helps to allow a little extra time for this adjustment, so that we can enter deeply into the moment of prayer. The first such pause for prayer occurs when the priest says, "Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." This invitation reminds us that God comes to us in mystery, and we are on the threshold of the great mystery of Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ. We are here to encounter together the God of all that is, the all-holy Trinity, and be fed by the flesh and blood of the incarnate Son of God. He has saved us from our sins, and we humbly come before him seeking forgiveness for even the least of whatever distance we have put between ourselves and the loving God who made us. We acknowledge that we are all sinners and cannot live without the forgiveness won for us on the Cross. There is no formula to follow, but we should examine our conscience for a moment and allow the Lord to open our eyes to our need for forgiveness. Before we say the Confiteor ("I confess to Almighty God"), it may help to think about its own list: my thoughts, my words, what I have done, and what I have failed to do. How have I sinned in thought; word; action; failure to act? A brief moment spent in this silent reflection, all together before the Lord of heaven and earth, prepares us for the sacred mystery of salvation through the Cross of Christ which we encounter in the Mass.Fr. John-Mark

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

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	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,248	\$ 3,100
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,426

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 6th
For + DOREEN CASIER
Requested by The Casier Family

Wednesday, February 7th For + REV. JON BROMLEY Requested by Linda Betsworth

Thursday, February 8th
For + JOAN REGAN
Requested by John, Martin, Craig & Cathy Duffy

Friday, February 9th
For + TIM BURKE
Requested by Maureen Carr



The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions of

All those living a Consecrated Life



Rest in Peace

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

Michael Hefferan & Rev. Noel Whelan

Lent & Caster Schedule

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

7:00 pm - Parish Mass - (Ashes)

Fridays of Lent

4:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Confessions

Saturdays

3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Wednesday, March 20th

8:45 am to 9:15 am, 11:45 am to 12:30 pm, 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 23rd

4:30 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 24th

9:00 am & 11:00 am

Holy Thursday - March 28th

8:15 am - No Mass

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday -March 29th

8:15 am - No Mass

12 noon & 3:00 pm – Liturgy of the Word – Communion Rite 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - March 30th - 8:30 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses - March 31st - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Easter Monday - April 1st - 9am

In The News

SHARELIFE: Your support for ShareLife brought the hands of Christ to those in need. Because of you, ShareLife agencies annually help more than 150,000 people.

- . You eased the struggles of more than 13,000 people by providing over 45,000 mental health services;
- You offered quality care and companionship to over 2,800 vulnerable seniors;
- You invested in our Church's future by supporting 62 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the 2023-2024 academic year;
- · You helped sponsor 708 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada;
- You extended a helping hand to over 1,600 young parents and their children; and
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,300 people with special needs and their families.

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

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

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS: Breathing Space Online Caregiver Program You don't have to be alone. A 6-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide you support and resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment. Time: Wed, 2pm - 3pm. Online groups, on Zoom. For info. & to register, contact Corina Sumaway Email: csumaway@cfstoronto.com / Phone: 416.921.1163 ext. 2230

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, February 9th at the St. John Catholic School gym. St John Parent Council is happy to present Sing 2. \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Doors open at 6 pm. For more information contact stjohnparentsto@gmail.com.

A DAY OF RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Invites Cancer Patient and Caregivers to a Day of Retreat To Experience God's Healing Love. Join us on Saturday, February 17, from 8:30 am. Cost: \$45. Contact: Jean at 905.278.5229 or office@qoa.ca.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: Saturday March 2nd from 9 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Convention Centre for Lift Jesus Higher Rally. 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

Parish News

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.

REGISTRATION IS CLOSED FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES!

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE SUNDAY: Married couples are encouraged to join us for a special Marriage blessing at all Masses the weekend of February 11th. If you would like to be part of this specially blessing, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or any anniversary, please email the office.

Shrove Tuesday

the door.

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

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. (Note that there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the conclusion of Mass on First Fridays as well.)

HAVE YOU MOVED OR NEW TO THE PARISH?: Please put St. John's on your list to be notified about any change of contact information. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH, please register. Registration is necessary when seeking reference letters, Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriages and other documents. Join our family of Faith. Email the office.

Little Levity: 105 year old Theresa's advice to us all. "For better digestion I drink beer. In case of appetite loss I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure I drink red wine. In case of high blood pressure, I drink scotch. When I have a cold I drink Schnapps." "When do you drink water?" said Paul, "I've never been that sick!" Said Theresa.

Peace begins with a smile......Mother Teresa



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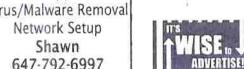
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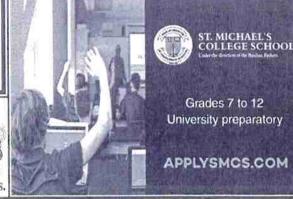


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