

# Parish of Saint John

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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.

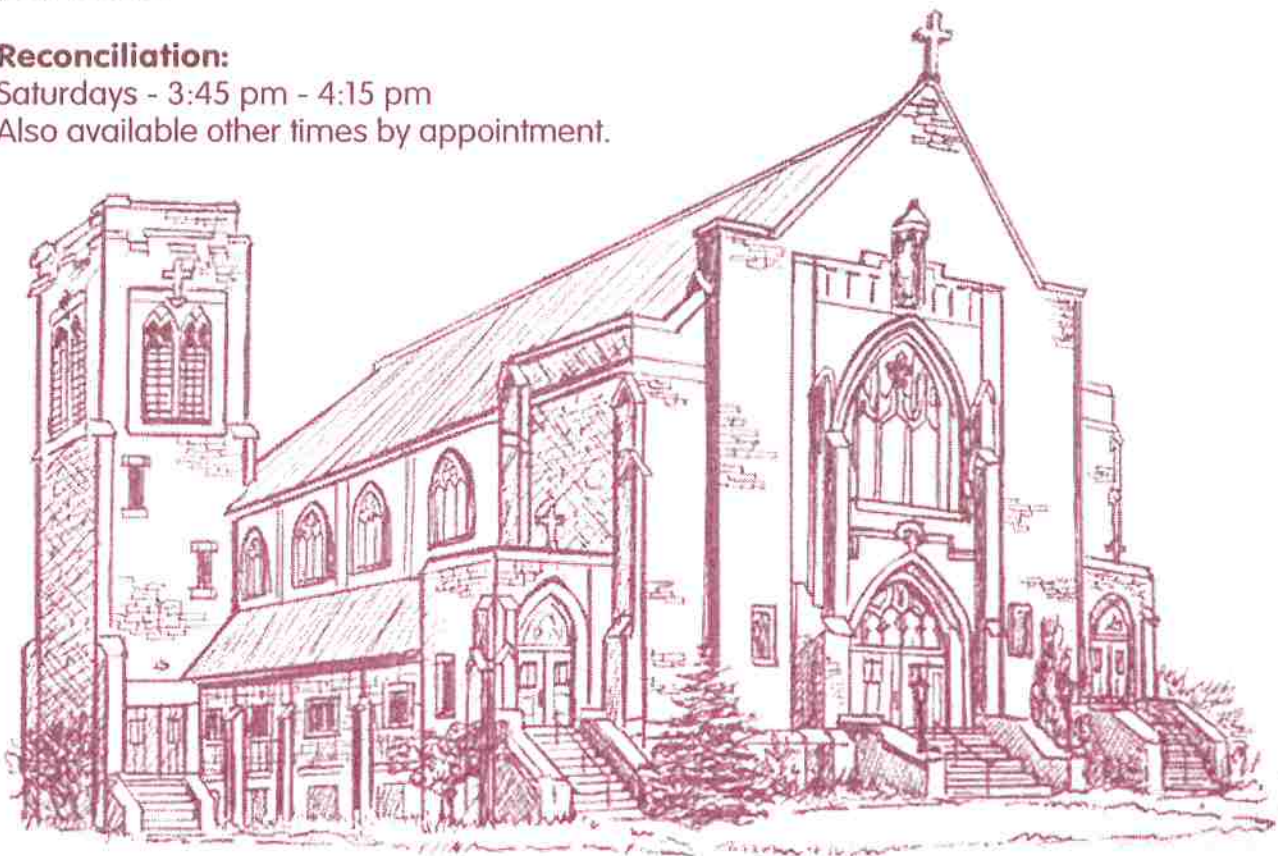
**Marriage:** Please email the parish office one year before.

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so we can assist you.

## Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



# PRAY THE ROSARY

### First Sunday Of Lent

**“Through the Desert  
God Leads us  
to Freedom”**

«I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out  
of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery»  
*(Ex 20:2)*

**From the Pastor's Desk: SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD THIS MONTH:** Archbishop Leo's pastoral letter offers this second monthly suggestion for abiding in the Kingdom of God:

**“Adopt an attitude of profound docility to the Holy Spirit to exercise daily conversion of heart so as to know and fulfill the will of God.”**

This is such excellent medicine for the soul! It roots us in humility, which is an essential part of the preaching of Jesus. We need to humble ourselves before God, daily. This is not an abstract item on a checklist, but an active, profound bowing to the will of God. Archbishop Leo directs us to the Holy Spirit for this movement of the heart. To be profoundly docile to the Holy Spirit: what does this mean? More importantly, what does it mean for you, on this day of your life, at this time of your life to go before God, and say in prayer: “God, only your Holy Spirit can guide me into all truth. How can I let go of those things in my heart that prevent me from giving my will totally over to yours?” The Holy Spirit will help you know the path of conversion, and if we can be truly “docile to the Holy Spirit”, we will want to go in the direction the Holy Spirit draws us. This will always be towards greater love of God and others. It will lead towards greater love of self, if you have trouble knowing that you are loved by God, for you are his precious creation, and he wants only for you to become love, as God is love. Finally, this openness to the Holy Spirit will daily help us “to know and fulfill the will of God.” What could be more important? As we “climb the holy mountain of Lent”, let us daily seek that docility to the Holy Spirit that brings us to conversion of heart, and gives a clearer vision of God's will for you and for me.

.....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

### Lent

During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. We do not restrict our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, leaving room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life. **DAYS OF PENANCE**

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. 2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary. (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor. (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (February 14) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (March 28) exclusive. On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed.

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, February 20th

For + EAMON MCLAUGHLIN  
Requested by Bebe McLaughlin

#### Wednesday, February 21st

For INTENTIONS OF DIRK & NAOMI BAILEY  
Requested by Veronica Bailey

#### Thursday, February 22nd

For INTENTIONS OF RENEE & KIRK BAILEY  
Requested by Veronica Bailey

#### Friday, February 23rd

For + PETE ROSE  
Requested by Mary Rose

#### Saturday, February 24th

For + PETE ROSE  
Requested by Fran, Ken & Jen Forbes

### Rest in Peace

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

Candace Shaw & Sylvia McClean



The Sanctuary Light burns this week  
for the intentions of

Rosemary Walcher

**In The News**

**TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER:** The "Saint John's Bible" is a handwritten, hand-illuminated manuscript, using the materials and techniques of medieval manuscripts in its illuminations to create a modern theological statement about diversity and inclusion. A copy of the "St. John's Bible" will be on display at St. John's Norway Anglican Church (Woodbine & Kingston Road). A special Evening Prayer will be sung in the style of the ecumenical Taizé community of France, using chants which are familiar to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All are welcome to attend. Sunday, Feb. 25, 5pm, 470 Woodbine Ave. stjohsnorway.com

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live).

**DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE:** Dynamic Women of Faith is holding its annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>. \$75 after. Light lunch. Free parking. Door prizes. For more information and to register go to [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com) or call 416.97.1042.

**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](http://www.ljhr.ca) EMAIL: [contact@ljhr.ca](mailto:contact@ljhr.ca)



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**Parish News**



**PANCAKE DINNER: WHAT A SUCCESS!:** A great Parish, family filled, pancake & sausage all you can eat, socializing, singing, evening, enjoyed by all. Our gratitude to all who made it possible – especially David Breech for orchestrating the wonderful parish event, Chef Corbin and Che Che our cooks! How wonderful it was to see so many of the St. John's School Grade 8 class, setting up, serving and cleaning up. Thank you, James and Carolyn for greeting and collecting, Deacon Paul and Noel for pitching in and helping where needed. Most importantly the parishioners and families who supported the event. If you missed it, hope to see you next year.



**JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday's of Lent at 4:30 pm. Stations of the Cross provides us the opportunity to experience Jesus's last day on Earth, by walking the Via Dolorosa with Him. We all join in the readings as we move from station to station. It's a moving and memorable experience. Please join us and bring a friend.



**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 honour Christ by giving. Drop off your non-perishable food donation in the special 40 Cans for Lent baskets in the vestibule.

Little Levity: A duck walks into a general store and asks the manager, "Got any fresh fruit?". "No.", "Got any fresh vegetables?", "No, We have only canned and dry goods.", The next day, the duck returns, "Got any fresh fruit?", "No.", "Got any fresh vegetables?", "No, I told you yesterday, we have only canned and dry goods, If you come back tomorrow and ask me the same question, I'll nail your flippers to the floor.", On the third day, the duck walks in and asks, "Got any nails?", "No.", "Got any fresh fruit?"

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



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