

# Parish of Saint John

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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.

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

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.

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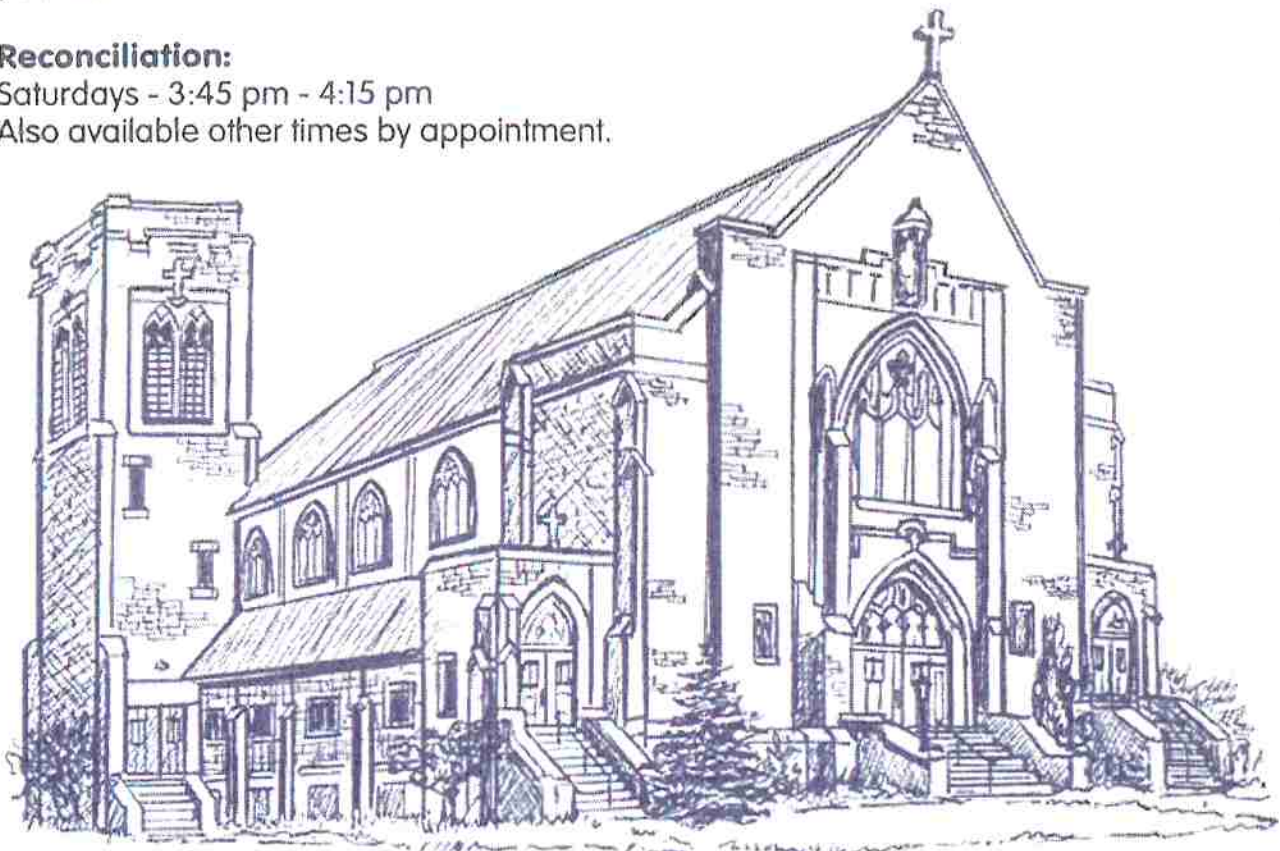
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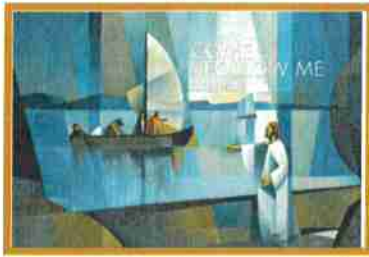
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**PRAY THE ROSARY**



*The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time*



*"Come and follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1.17*

**From the Pastor's Desk:** BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (Ps 46:10) As we have been seeing in this column, the words we say in the liturgy are rife with meaning. In reciting prayers together, and singing, and in responding to each other in dialogue, we are being formed by the Holy Spirit into the mystical Body of Christ in worship of the eternal Father. But there is a complementary element of the liturgy that forms us, too: silence. The intentional silent moments in the liturgy allow some activity of the Spirit to take place in each heart, and then these are drawn together into our collective prayer and our collective encounter with Christ. This is the very reason that the priest's prayer that sums up the opening rites of the liturgy is called the "Collect" (emphasis on the first syllable, oddly enough). It collects our thoughts and gives a unified voice before all the people in pleading to God for the particular grace of this moment. So we should note all the intentional silences of the liturgy closely, and work at involving our hearts in those moments. We will look at each of these in turn over the coming weeks. Before the liturgy, people will naturally greet one another, and will find some suitable way to prepare themselves individually before the Mass, usually in a few moments of silent prayer. But once our corporate prayer begins, the silence of all before God takes on a whole new meaning, because it is a corporate act. The liturgy begins with song and dialogue, but when we arrive at the Penitential Act, we are called to a moment of silent reflection, all together, in corporate silence. The meaning of that moment is something we will look at more closely in next week's column. ....Fr. John-Mark

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN**

**UNITY** [WPCU] is an annual global ecumenical celebration (traditionally held January 18-25. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized; to reflect together on Scripture; to participate in jointly-organized worship services; and to share in acts of outreach and fellowship. The theme for 2024 is drawn from Luke 10:27: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." We encourage all to pray the following prayer this week.

*"Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one,  
we pray to you for the unity of all Christians,  
according to your will, according to your means.*

*May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused  
by division,  
to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen."*

**WELCOME TO OUR CATECHUMENS!**

This weekend at our Sunday Masses, six adults will be accepted into the Order of Catechumens. This is the formal beginning to their baptismal preparation leading to baptism at the Easter Vigil. They have been learning the Catholic faith for several months, and will continue their formation through Lent. They are journeying with three others who are baptized into other denominations, or completing their Catholic rites of Initiation. This brings our parish the joy of welcoming nine people as fully-initiated members of the Church in the Easter season. Please keep them all in your prayers.



**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, January 23rd

For + REV. ANTERIO DEMELO  
Requested by The Melo Family

Wednesday, January 24th

For + IDALINO MELO  
Requested by The Melo Family

Thursday, January 25th

For INTENTIONS OF THOMAS MILWAY  
Requested by Parish Family

Friday, January 26th

For + MICHAEL MURPHY  
Parish Family

Saturday, January 27th

For + ULRIKE LICHT  
Requested by Christoph Licht & Family

**Please Pray For The Sick**

*Paul Proctor, Christina Jopling, John Rao, Nancy Smith,  
Rosanna 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*

Come join us in praying the **ROSARY** before Mass, Tuesday to Friday at 7:45 am. We are in need of more leaders so if you are interested in leading on one of the week days please contact the office.



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 Sunday offertory. Don't walk with cash, scan the code and it will take you to our DONATE page.



	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,880	\$ 3,085
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1,183	\$ 1,421



## In The News

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough will be holding in person marriage preparation classes January 25<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held in the evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. We are welcoming any engaged couples that are interested in taking an in-person marriage preparation class. If you have engaged couples looking for marriage preparation classes and your parish is not holding in person classes at this time, or if your parishioners are looking for another option due to schedule conflicts, please refer them to [www.stbarnabasto.ca](http://www.stbarnabasto.ca) to register. Registration is \$150 per couple and includes all books and materials.

**IGNATIAN MOVIE NIGHT:** The Mission: Join us on Thursday, January 25, from 6 to 9 pm at Father Madden Hall, University of St. Michael's College. Young Adults (18-35) are welcome to attend a movie night hosted by Young Religious and St. Mike's Campus Ministry as part of the Ignatian Young Adults Prayer Group. We'll be watching the Mission and a pizza dinner will be provided. Event is free but registration is required:


<https://forms.gle/o1ptVZWfdqtfbSwa7>

### **WINDOWS ON THEOLOGY WINTER 2024 COURSE:**

Beyond Polarities: Ignatian and Jesuit Sources for a Wounded World. In this Windows on Theology course, Prof. Susan Wood, SCL will speak on how resources drawn from the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius, as well as from the Society of Jesus's reflection on its mission oriented to justice and reconciliation in service of the faith, offer both a path to personal conversion and tools for accompanying our fellow travelers and offering Christ's healing in this wounded world. This course is offered from 10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and via hybrid delivery (in-person at Regis College and online via Zoom). An email with more information (such as the Zoom link to the courses) will be sent out around two weeks prior to the commencement of the course. For more information, please visit

<https://regiscollege.ca/academics/windows-on-theology/>

**ALL ARE WELCOME:** to attend the St. Augustine's Seminary talk on "Patristic Conceptions of Martyrdom and Their Relevance Today" by Dr. Katherine E. Milco, Ph.D. taking place on January 30 at 6:30 pm in Charbonnel Lounge, University of St. Michael's College, Elmsley Hall, 81 St. Mary St., Toronto. For more information and to register, visit <https://staugustines.on.ca/events>.

 **VOCATIONS:** The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Parish News

**MASS FOR THE SICK:** Beginning Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 8:15 am Masses held every Friday will include prayers for all parishioners, family and friends who are sick and on our prayer list. These Masses will be celebrated to help find healing in the physical, emotional or spiritual. Join us.

**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** have been moved to the office. If you would like to begin using envelopes or have yet to pick yours up, please contact the office during office hours, Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm, closed between 12 & 1, or contact us to make other arrangements.

Please throw away old envelopes as some envelope numbers were reassigned. Thank you for supporting your parish!

**50/50 RAFFLE:** The Knights of Columbus once again will be participating in the Ontario Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle lottery in support of the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are just 10 tickets for \$10.00/ 40 tickets for \$20.00 / 125 tickets for \$50.00 or 300 tickets for \$100. Lot's of chances to WIN! Proceeds to St. John's Parish. Get your tickets before the early bird draw on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Grand Prize Draw April 28<sup>th</sup>. To support our council ticket sales, visit the following link:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/194>

**CWL:** It is with deep regret that St. John's CWL council gives notice that on December 3, 2023 the membership unanimously voted to disband the council after 61 years of faithful service to our parish and larger community. This difficult, emotional decision was made for various reasons. We extend our deep gratitude to parishioners for their ever-giving support of the CWL over these many years. We advise that on closing the council's bank account we donated the remaining funds of \$1644.00 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. John's.



### **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.

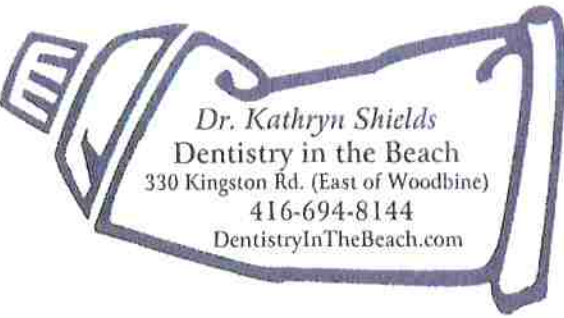
**Little Levity:** Edna had prepared herself for this new young Dr. Charles to tell her all the complaints she was having about her health was just because of her advanced age and not to worry. These young doctors always thought there was nothing wrong. After about 4 minutes into her exam, she jumped up and began screaming, ran out of the room and into the main reception. Dr. Pat, who had been her doctor for 50 years, went to find Dr. Charles and said, "What's wrong? Edna is 66 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant? Dr. Charles continued to write on his clipboard and said without looking up. "Yes, yes, But does she still have the hiccups?"

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





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