

# 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.

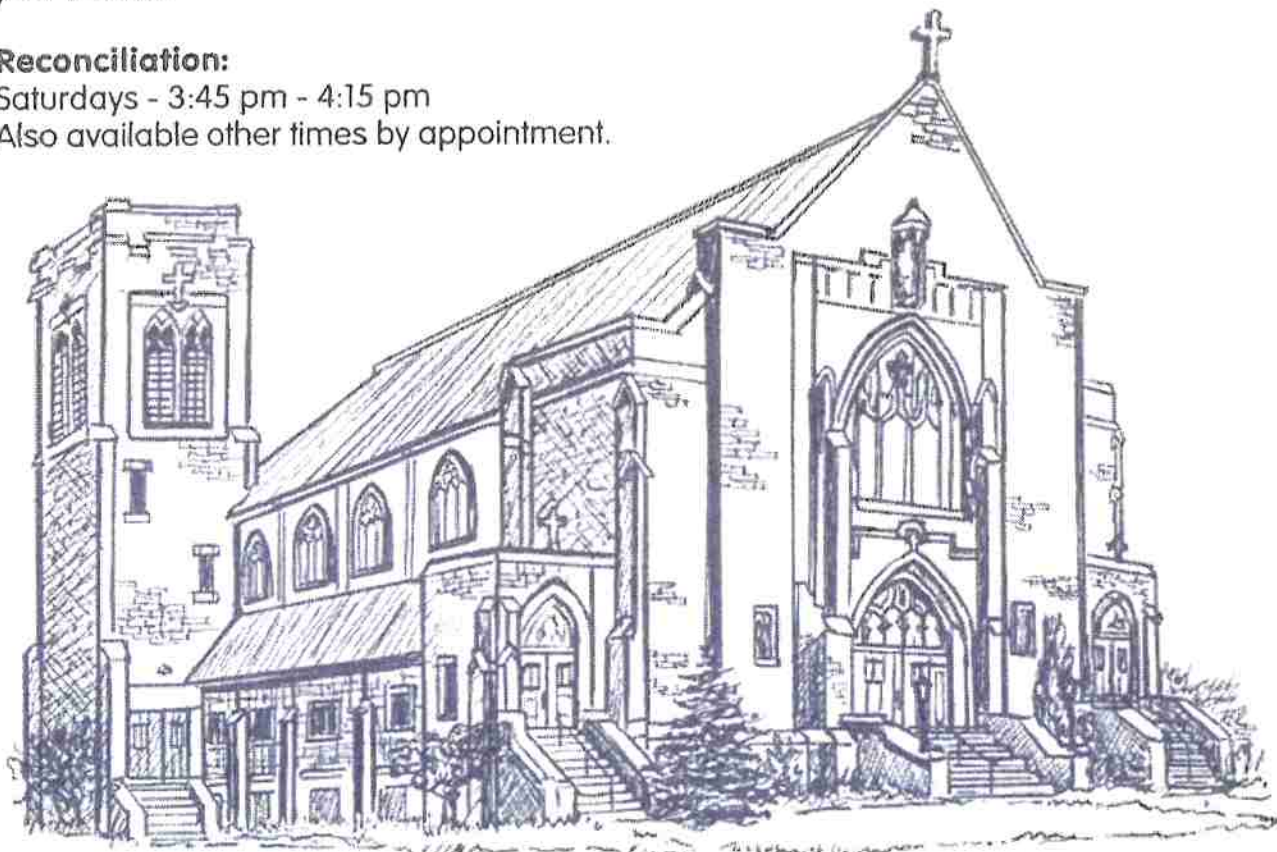
**Marriage:** Please email the parish office one year before.

**Please Register with the Parish**  
so we can assist you.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

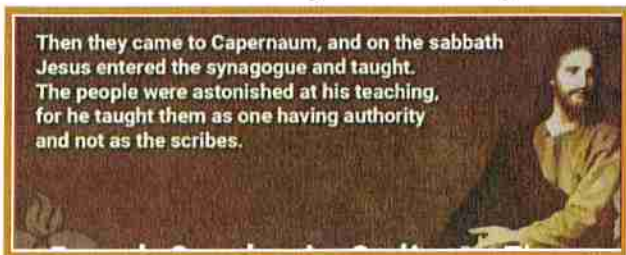
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**PRAY THE ROSARY**

## The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.



**From the Pastor's Desk:** **SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD:** I strongly encourage everyone to read the pastoral letter from Archbishop Leo to the people of Toronto: "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things." This extraordinary letter is a call to you and to me to a more vigorous way of living our faith, in the joy of the Holy Spirit, and afire with love for God and each other. This letter from our new shepherd invites us to a heightened sense of urgency to build God's kingdom in every thing we do. He writes in the introduction:

"I am offering these spiritual reflections on the Kingdom of Heaven and hopefully provide throughout this new year a number of insights for all the faithful to consider on how we can enter into the dynamics and the mystery of the Kingdom more fully, intentionally and responsibly, with all our heart to further our common mission of evangelization."

More fully ... intentionally ... responsibly. There is much to think about here. For each month, Archbishop Leo offers something to concentrate on. For January, he asks us to: "Acknowledge personally and communally Christ's eternal and lasting Kingship and invite him to reign in our hearts, families and communities as King and Sovereign Lord."

The letter is full of encouragement, looking at how much the faithful in Toronto in every walk of life are doing every day to build God's Kingdom, and realistically looks at the challenges we face, and offers many spiritual quotes to spur us on to deeper life in the Kingdom. The letter can be found on the home page of archtoronto.org. Please do a courtesy for someone you know without computer access and print a copy or two to give to those who will enjoy and benefit from reading the Archbishop's letter. ....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	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,247
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1,183	\$ 1,421

### Lent & Easter 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

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, January 30th

For + ROGERIO DEMELO

Requested by The Melo Family

#### Wednesday, January 31st

For + ALEXANDRO MACATANGAY

Requested by Ethel & Steve

#### Thursday, February 1st

For INTENTIONS OF ERIC WALKER

Requested by Parish Family

#### Friday, February 2nd

For + PAT OSMOND

Requested by Ann & Chris Osmond

#### Saturday, February 3rd

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG WAI FAN

Requested by Kathy

### Rest in Peace

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

Rita Dos Ramos, Joan Regan & Rev. Manfred Schmid



## In The News

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS:** Breathing Space Online Caregiver Program You don't have to be alone. Breathing Space is an open 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: Wednesdays, 2pm - 3pm. Online groups, on Zoom. For further information and to register, please contact Corina Sumaway Email: [csumaway@cfstoronto.com](mailto: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. Bring a blanket/mat to sit on. Popcorn, candy, raffles and more. \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Doors open at 6 pm. Adult accompaniment for children under 12. Funds raised support school programs. Sponsored by Fearless Meat and Parts Town Canada. For more info. contact [stjohnparentsto@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnparentsto@gmail.com).

**A DAY OF RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND 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, 2024 from 8:30 am. Cost: \$45. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga For more information, please contact: Jean at 905.278.5229 or [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca).

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL:** Auditions are Now Underway! If you or relatives, friends or neighbours know of boys entering grades 3-12 who might be interested to join the highly regarded Toronto Choir School, please encourage them to learn more through the school's website or by phone to arrange for an audition at: <https://smcs.on.ca/auditions> or 647.613.6367. *Bis Orat Qui Cantat* (He Who Sings Prays Twice).

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY:** Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed. Join us Saturday March 2nd from 9 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Convention Centre (North Building) 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](http://www.ljhr.ca) EMAIL: [contact@ljhr.ca](mailto:contact@ljhr.ca)

**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:** Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, 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

**FEAST DAY OF ST. BLAISE:** blessing will take place next weekend at all Masses. The blessing of the throat is carried out using two white taper candles that were blessed on the previous day, February 2, the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day). The white color of the candles symbolizes purity. A red ribbon draped over the base of the candles symbolizes the martyrdom of St. Blaise. The candles are grasped in an X-shape and held up to the throat of the person receiving the blessing: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**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.)




**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Join us on Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 8:15 am Mass for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. "Eucharistic adoration is the act of adoring the Eucharistic presence of Christ.

What do I do at Eucharistic adoration? Eucharistic adoration is a time to set apart for deep prayer and devotion to Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament." Come Adore, come sing, come and pray.

**CELEBRATING MARRIAGE SUNDAY:** On the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> at all Masses. Married couples are encouraged to join us for a special Marriage blessing at all Masses the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be part of this specially blessing, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or any anniversary, please email the office by Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.




 **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER:** Save the Date! Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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:** A bear walks into a restaurant and says, "I want a grilled..... cheese." The waiter says "Why the big pause?" The bear replies, "I don't know. I was born with them." Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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