

# 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



**Epiphany of the Lord**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~Matthew 2:10-11*

**From the Pastor's Desk: CHRISTMAS, CONTINUED.** The Octave of Christmas allowed us to savour the beauty of the Divine Child in the manger in Bethlehem, and the joy of salvation appearing before the eyes of all humanity. The salvation of every human person, from Adam and Eve until you and me, and for generations still to come, was beheld in awe by those privileged to see ... what? Not a cataclysmic reordering of heaven and earth in destruction and fire, but a baby sleeping in an animal stall. God in his amazing wisdom re-ordered heaven and earth not through wrath, but through human weakness taken on by the Divine. Mary and Joseph are the first to look upon Jesus, while the animals also adore, representatives of all of nature beholding the One who created them and redeemed even nature itself. The silent witness of the animals and the miraculous star in the sky reminds us of nature's own joy at God's saving act, filling all of creation with heavenly light. Soon the shepherds come, and soon the Magi from the far corners of the earth, as the revelation of mankind's salvation reaches further and further from an obscure stable to all the ends of the earth. This message must continue to reach further and further in time, and you and I are the visitors to the stable, who must go and make the message heard in your corner and my corner, and ensure that the message goes forth forever: Jesus Christ is Lord, the Saviour of us all, who has come, and will come again. From last Sunday, through Epiphany, and until the Baptism of the Lord, the readings at daily Mass tell all the stories of Jesus being made known to the people of Israel. You and I must continue that telling to those around us, for the sake of all generations to come.  
.....Fr. John-Mark

**Focus:** *With Christ's help we can be his light for others.*

Come join us in praying the **ROSARY** before Mass, Tuesday to Friday at 7:45 am.



**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, January 9th**

For + ROMONA HORBAY

Requested by Claudia DeCourcy & Family

**Wednesday, January 10th**

For INTENTIONS OF JACOB MCLEAN

Requested by Parish Family

**Thursday, January 11th**

For INTENTIONS OF BILL KOMAR

Requested by Parish Family

**Friday, January 12th**

For + MARY MAILLOUX

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

**Saturday, January 13th**

For + THERESA COOPER

Requested by Anne Kearns & Family



**Rest in Peace**

*In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of*

*Alexandro Macatangay*



*The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions of*

*Coyle Family Friend*

**Please Pray For The Sick**

*Margaret Ryan, Rosanna Nihtila, Michael Higgins, Richard Bowman, Chiu Wong, Cathy Connor, Gillian Haughey, Christine Clementi, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard*

*We are constantly updating our prayer list, and try to reserve this list for those who are very ill. If we do not hear from you by the end of the month as to the status of a person, we will update the list. If you wish to add a name, please call or email us. Thank you*



**OFFERING**

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.



	2023	2024
<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$ 4,275	\$ 3,685
<i>Offertory PAG:</i>	\$ 1,183	\$ 1,421
<i>Christmas</i>	\$10,910	\$12,412
<i>New Year's Day</i>	NA	\$ 1,650

**Little Levity:** On New Years Eve, Maggie the bartender stood up in the local pub and said "it's time to get ready, it's almost midnight." At the stroke of midnight, Maggie stood up and said "I want every husband to go and stand next to the one person who made your life worth living." All of a sudden, there was an avalanche of husbands running towards to bar. Maggie will be alright, just a couple of bruises and cuts but the bar counter, well that will have to be replaced. Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

## In The News

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS:** As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2024. All couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. The Mass will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, February 11 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Can't attend, join the livestream at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. To register and access resources visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or formation @archtoronto.org.

**RETRouvaille:** A lifeline for troubled marriages. If you are thinking of separation or divorce, or you are already separated but want to try again, consider Retrouvaille. If you and your spouse want your marriage to work and are willing to put in a full weekend of hard work and your best effort, then you are invited, even urged, to attend a Retrouvaille Weekend. For confidential information on upcoming Retrouvaille weekends in the Archdiocese of Toronto, please call 416.281.6007 or visit the Retrouvaille website.

**ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. The prayer service will be held on January 21, at 4 pm at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2) Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S ELEMENTARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:**

They will be hosting the 2024 Toronto Catholic District School Swim Invitational (TCDSSI) to be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is a great privilege. Now they need you! The school is looking for volunteers; about 100! Mark your calendars and contact the school if you are willing to volunteer your time, ½ day, full day, two days, whatever time you can offer; they need you!



**VOCATIONS:** The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that 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

**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 28th. To support our council ticket sales, visit the following link: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/194> or scan the code.



**PRAISE A SECOND TIME:** St. John's 4:30 Music group is an informal group that sings at the 4:30 Saturday Masses. We are always on the lookout for additional musicians, who play guitar, keyboard or any other instrument, and sing. If interested in joining please contact Paul Holliday at [illod@hotmail.com](mailto:illod@hotmail.com) or the office.

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### **2024 SUNDAY ENVELOPES ARE**

**AVAILABLE:** Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible in the church vestibule. They will be moved back to the office after this weekend. Please discard all remaining envelopes from 2023 and prior year. Please contact the parish office, if your boxed set is not available and if you wish to receive one or if you have never been registered and wish to do so. Finally, your co-operation in writing your donation amount clearly on the envelope each week is greatly appreciated by the volunteers who record donations.




### **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.



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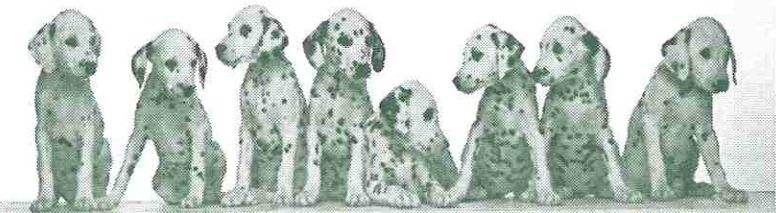
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