

Parish of Saint John

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Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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416-733-8544

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Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

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Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Baptisms: Please email the parish office.

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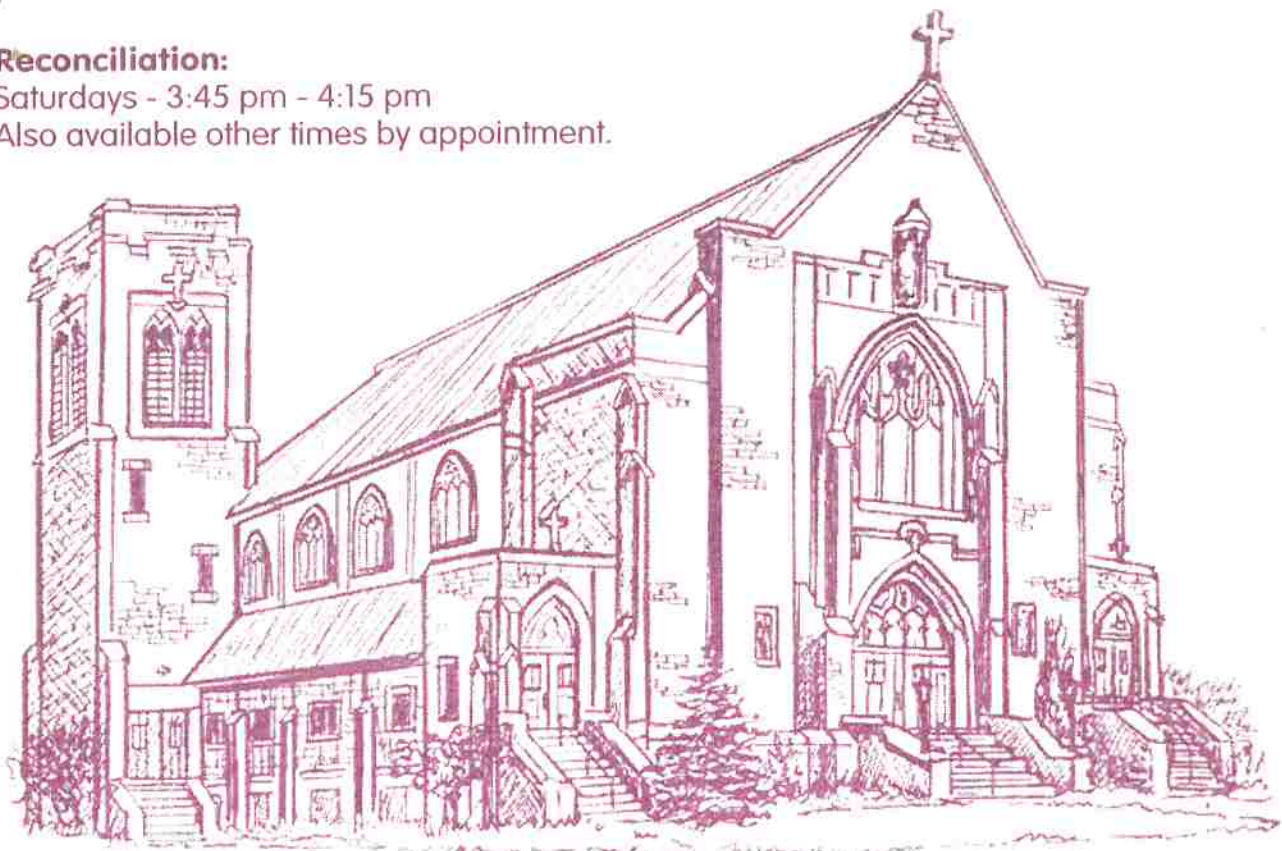
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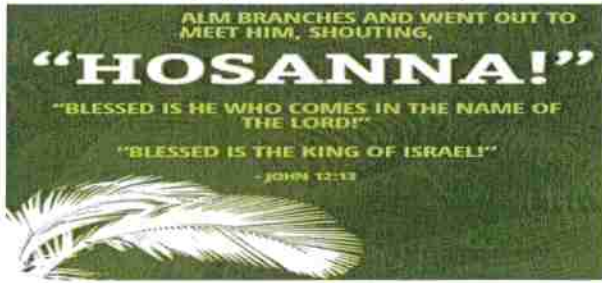
Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



From the Pastor's Desk: Holy Week: In the Church's instructions for the ceremonies of Holy Week, a few details may be noted:

1. In keeping with ancient tradition, crucifixes, statues and images are veiled on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It is a fast from images, and a fast from the Cross, which heightens our joy in this sign of our salvation when the Cross is unveiled on Good Friday.
2. On Holy Thursday, recalling Jesus' commission to his disciples to love and serve one another, we will observe the tradition of washing the feet of parishioners. After Mass the church will remain open for one hour to allow for silent prayer after the Solemn Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. (It is not permitted to use the monstrance for Exposition on this day.)
3. On Good Friday, individual Veneration of the Cross will take place after the liturgy has ended. Veneration can be made by genuflecting or bowing to the Cross (or both). Kissing the Cross is not recommended.
4. The Easter Vigil (which the Church officially calls "The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night") begins after darkness has fallen. "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday." There will be 6 readings out of the full complement of 9. It is a special joy for our parish to baptize 6 people this year, and Confirm one adult Catholic. In addition, in a few weeks, we will be welcoming 2 more adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for these nine people who are completing this journey of faith. Praise God for the wonderful work he is doing among us!

.....Fr. John-Mark



NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND: collection on Good Friday is taken up worldwide in the Catholic Church and offered in support of the Holy Land. It was born out of the desire of the Popes to maintain a strong bond between the faithful across the world and the Holy Places. There are many Christian communities, who are suffering persecution in the Holy Land. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Please Pray For The Sick

Marianella Espinal, Helen Travers-Griffin, Catherine Chang, Paul Proctor, Christina Jopling, John Rao, Nancy Smith, Rosanne Nihtila, Margaret Ryan, Michael Higgins, Richard Bowman, Chiu Wong, Cathy Connor, Gillian Haughey, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jack Lees, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday – March 28th

(No 8:15 am Mass)

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration for One hour

Good Friday – March 29th

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, Mass – April 1st

9:00 am

SMILE AND WELCOME YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER IN CHRIST: As we enter Holy week, we are expecting many visitors who do not normally attend. Remember to smile at your fellow brother or sister in Christ and show them Christ's Love. Due to fire regulations, we ask all to be seated, no standing in the aisle or at the back of the church for the Mass, except the hospitality ministers.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 26th

For + JOHN IKENO

Requested by John Cairns

Wednesday, March 27th

For INTENTIONS OF ST. JOHN'S ROSARY GROUP

Requested by Catherine Chang

Holy Thursday, March 28th

For PRO POPULO

Good Friday – March 29th

No Intention as Liturgy of the Word

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30th

For PRO POPULO

Rest in Peace

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

Marilyn McGregor & Laurel Mary Brady



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of

Joseph Teminski



Please remember the Poor Box as you exit the church. Use a St. Vincent de Paul envelope and you get a tax receipt.



In The News



REMEMBER, REMOVE, RESTORE:
We encourage you to take a moment to review this reflection by Moonjun Alphonse Choi who spent part of his third year Seminary placement with us.

He takes time from his work at Merciful Redeemer Parish in Mississauga to talk to us about growing close to God using three key ideas. Visit the link <https://youtu.be/xA1HrOBLvr8>.


MASS OF CHRISM: will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26 at St. Michael's Cathedral at 11 am. The Renewal of Priestly Promises will take place after the homily. The Holy Oils blessed during this Mass – will be disturbed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments. The faithful are invited to attend. For more information visit www.stmichaelscathedral.com/

RETRouvaille TORONTO is hosting a weekend at Queen of Apostles in Mississauga April 5-7 to help you rekindle your love. Open to ALL married couples. Visit the website HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS - CATHOLIC CHARITIES: is now accepting applications for our full array of Scholarships and nominations for our Community Service Awards. With five newly created scholarships, including the Cardinal Thomas Collins Palliative Care & Gerontology Studies Scholarship and the establishment of the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. Visit link below for more details. Submission deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30. www.ccat.ca/scholarships-and-awards/

AID TO WOMEN. For over 35 years, Aid to Women has operated as a Christian, volunteer-based charity that offers pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. We provide counseling, material items, emotional, spiritual, and financial support for mothers in need. We are currently in need of people to pray, volunteer, help financially, or offer material donations (infant car seats, strollers, diapers, wipes, and clothes (newborn to 2 years). Donations can be made online at www.aidtowomen.ca For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 416.921.6016 or at info@aidtowomen.ca.


SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. A great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. Contact 416.934.3400 Ext. 519 or email to development@archtoronto.org.

 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. Don't walk with cash? Scan the QR code where you can use your credit card.



	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,240	\$ 3,150
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,426

Parish News

 Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today.

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.


Thus far we have raised \$6485 toward our goal of 79,500. This is below last years first collection which was \$8100. Please consider give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF OUR EASTER SEASON WITH A FLOWER

DONATION: Donations can be made on behalf of your family or in honor/remembrance of a loved one.



Donations may be made using the flower envelope found in the vestibule or contact the office via email. The requested donation is \$15.00 per name for a Lily or \$25 per name for the Hydrangea. Remember to include the name of your family or loved one to be included on the flower that will be displayed on our Easter Altar. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday March 27th.

 **IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?**
How does God Guide us? What does the Holy Spirit do? Beginning just after Easter, St John's will be joining the almost 300 Canadian Catholic parishes to offer an Alpha Program, and by doing so, will continue to expand upon the 1,000,000 Canadians that have already experienced an Alpha. What is Alpha? It is a 12 week program, where we meet weekly to break some bread, watch a video on the question of the week, like the ones above, and have some open discussion. Would you like to join us? If so call or text Deacon Paul – 416.606.7285 for details. Space is limited. God is love!!! dp

RETURN BLESSED PALMS: Reminder to bring your blessed palms from last year to Mass. There will be a basket in the vestibule for you to leave them in. The blessed Palms will be burnt in time for next year's Ash Wednesday.

50/50 RAFFLE: Get your tickets for The Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle lottery in support of the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario. Tickets are just 10 tickets for \$10.00/ 40 tickets for \$20.00 / 125 tickets for \$50.00 or 300 tickets for \$100. Draw April 28th. For tickets follow the link: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/194>

Little LeVity: Casey and Flannagan were sitting on a bench under a tree when Casey turns to Flannagan and says, "I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Flannagan says, "I feel just like a newborn baby." "Really!?" "Like a newborn baby!?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I its time to change my pants.

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




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