

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.

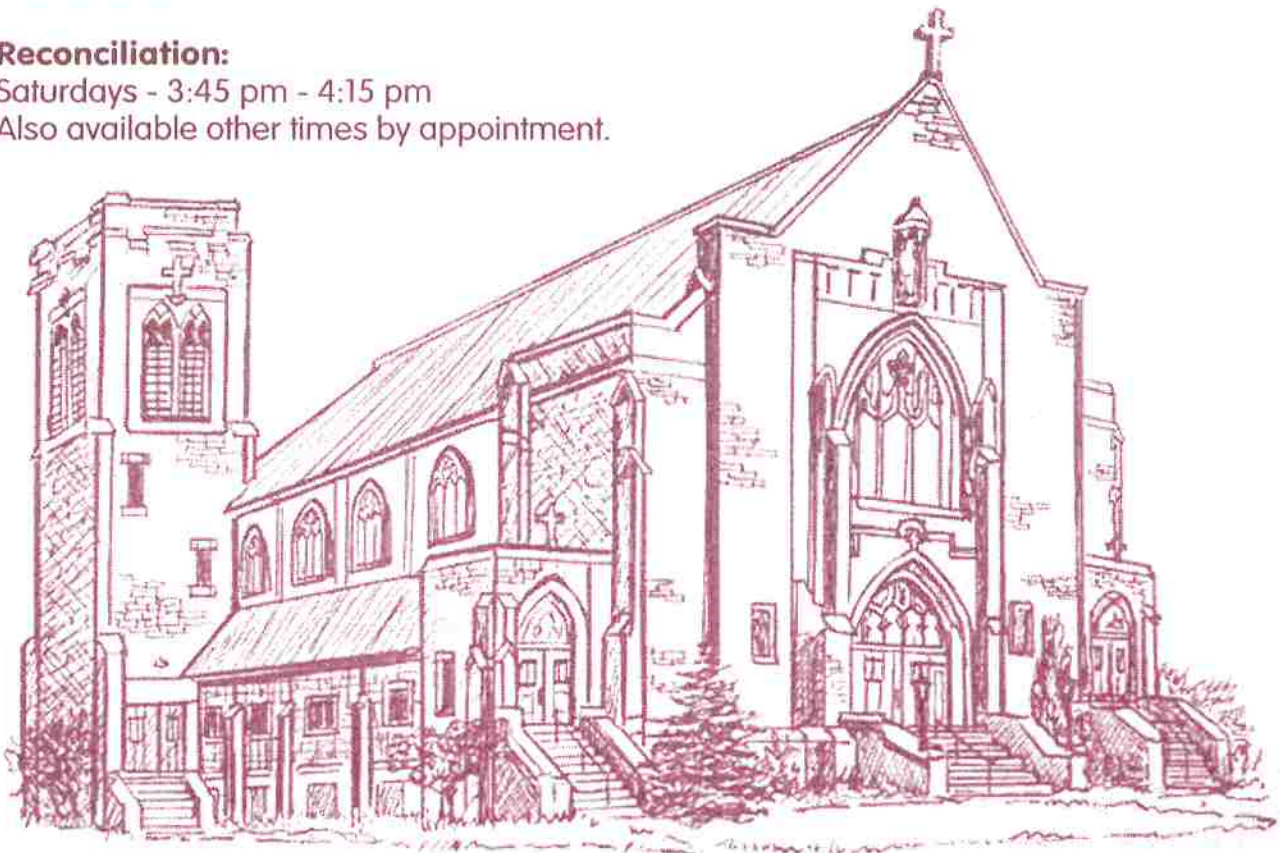
Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.

Reconciliation:

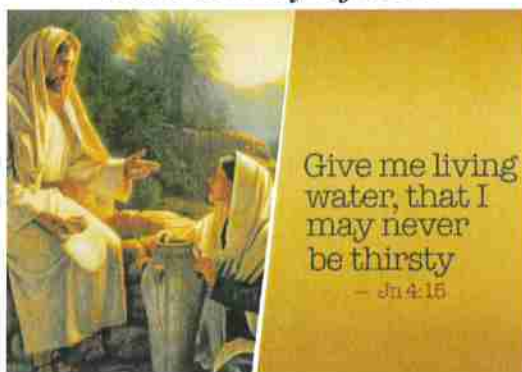
Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Third Sunday Of Lent



From the Pastor's Desk: LORD, HAVE MERCY! This heartfelt cry to the merciful Saviour concludes our penitential preparation for each holy Mass. It forms and expresses our proper stance before the Saviour: he is Lord of all things, and we are the humble, sinful creatures he has so mercifully redeemed and saved. We do not merit forgiveness in any way, having rejected him with any embrace of sin, but he loves us so much that he reaches out to us in mercy and longs for us to be saved. While "Lord, have mercy" sounds like a plea, it is at the same time an acclamation of how profoundly merciful and loving our Saviour Jesus Christ is. This is something that it seems difficult to capture in the English translation of "Kyrie eleison". The phrase was originally a cry of the people to the Roman emperor (in the vernacular Greek), therefore the early Christian use of "Kyrie" in reference to Jesus Christ would certainly have ruffled the feathers of the great and powerful in the early days of the Church. Roman emperors would persecute the Church quite unmercifully for several generations, until their worldly power would come to an end. Today, we sing it to acclaim the mercy of the one true Lord Jesus Christ, before whom we have just called to mind our sins and our unworthiness, and now bask in his divine mercy. Although the language of the liturgy shifted to Latin at a very early date, this little remnant of the very early use of Greek for liturgical prayer adds to our appreciation of the timelessness of the Mass, in which we are united through all ages and in whatever language we pray. When we sing, "Lord, have mercy" or "Kyrie eleison", let us be mindful of Jesus, the King of Kings before whom we stand together, and think of his magnificent gift of mercy for those he lovingly redeemed by his most precious blood, poured out in sacrifice to save you me. Thus standing humbly before the Lord of mercy, we are ready to hear his word with hearts made pure, and prepared to enter deeply into the rest of the Holy Mass that now follows.

.....Fr. John-Mark



God our Father, you generously grant us all the gifts we have. Help us to understand that it is in the giving that



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	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,340	\$ 3,637
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,426

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 5th

For + JAMES MAILLOUX

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Wednesday, March 6th

For + SEAN MCKENNA

Requested by KATHY, KATIE & MICHAEL

Thursday, March 7th

For + ALEXIE NAVALNY

Requested by Robert & Irene Wintersinger Schmidt

Friday, March 8th

For + IDALINA MELO

Requested by The Melo Family

Saturday, March 9th

For + PATRICIA GESNER

Requested by The Gesner Family

Rest in Peace

*In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of
Alexey Navalny & Carl de Souza*

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, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jack Lees, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard

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

Lent & Easter Schedule

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

In The News

FORMED: Lent has already started, but you still have time to register for free Lenten reflections! Also great videos for kids and families. To sign up go to www.formed.org. Click on SIGN UP. (Don't click on WATCH NOW, INDIVIDUALS, PARISHES, or SIGN IN.). Search for St. John's Parish (or enter our postal code M4E 1R7), and you will see our name and address (794 Kingston Road) - click on it, then "Next". Enter your name and e-mail address, click on SIGN UP!

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT VIDEOS: Every week during Lent the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will release a video reflection from their series entitled "Journey through Lent 2024". To view the video visit: ccb.ca/len

DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST: Enter between February 5 to April 15. The theme: "This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever." High school students (ages 13-19 years) in Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4 every year. Students are encouraged to make a 3-minute video encapsulating the theme. For rules & regulations and forms visit: <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>. For more info: interreligious@archtoronto.org, 416.934.3400 ext. 527

ANNUAL MANRESA WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN: Come away to Manresa, Friday March 15 to Sunday March 17th, to experience silence and restfulness, to renew your spirit and to deepen your relationship with the Lord. Theme: To be like Mary - Immersed in God's Divine Life "To live as a Christian in the world, while at the same time living with God's vision for oneself and his Creation." Facilitator: Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4 (at top of Liverpool Rd., N. of Finch). For more info: 905.839.2864 To register: <https://manresa-canada.ca/events/>

QUEEN OF APOSTLES LENTEN RETREAT: Facilitated by the centre team on Saturday March 9, 2024. COST \$45.00 Includes Lunch. Registration at 8:30 am. Please call Jean at 905.278.5524 OR EMAIL: office@qoa.ca

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 WEB: <https://unityhealth.to/areas-of-care/programs-and-clinics/seniors-care/#providence-healthcare-family-and-caregiver-support-2>.

Little Levity: Karen walked into the house and called out to Tommy. "Tommy, there's trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor." Tommy said "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous!" Why is that ridiculous, I'm telling you there is water in the carburetor" "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?" said Tommy. "In the pool." replied Karen. Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

Parish News



You bring love and hope to young mothers through ShareLife.

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future. "I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too." St. John's has been given a suggested goal of \$79,500. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

ShareLife collections will be held at the parish on March 17, April 28 & June 2nd

SPECIAL SHARELIFE SPEAKER NEXT WEEKEND: Join us on the weekend of March 9th & 10th as our very own Seminarian Nathan Hoffmann, in his Spiritual Year, will present his talk on how our donations to ShareLife aids new seminarians.



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

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. Lot's of chances to WIN! 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>

RETURN BLESSED PALMS: Reminder to bring your blessed palms from last year to Mass on the 9th and 10th 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.

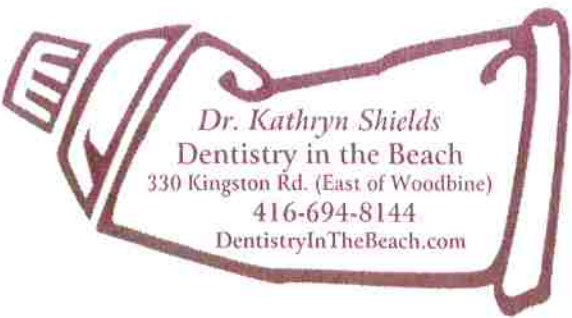
40 CANS FOR LENT - I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN: The Knights of Columbus are once again encouraging you to donate one can per day for 40 days during the Lenten season. Or substitute \$1 for each can. All donations will be given to the Good Shepherd Mission. Drop off your non-perishable food donation in the special 40 Cans for Lent baskets in the vestibule. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope, marked "40 Cans For Lent", and dropped in the collection basket.

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