



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S LAW OR COMMANDMENTS?

The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

Our love for God is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us

What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will.

Faith and hope strengthen our love for God

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves.

Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Paul the Apostle says: hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5:5).

Do you know the love which conquers all?

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 5

+ The MacDonald and Mailloux Families
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Wednesday, November 6

+Theresa Cooper
Requested by Leona Richards

Thursday, November 7

+Deceased of Notre Dame Alumni
Requested by Notre Dame Alumni

Friday, November 8

+Lawrence Ryan
Requested by Riet Ryan

Saturday, November 9

+Jim Kearns
Requested by Anne Kearns & Family

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Louis McCourt & Louis Doiron

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of
+ Erminia & Michael Ercolino

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ellwood Donnelly, Philip Teixeira, John W., Paul Holliday,
Bree Tiffin, Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah Liam, Patrick
O'Neill, Jacob McLean



Please remember the St. Vincent De Paul poor box as you exit the church.



Help support your parish so that we are able to keep our doors open to support you when you need us. Contact the office if you wish to begin using envelopes or for more information on our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Alternatively, scan the QR code and link will take you to our "Donate" button on our website where you can donate through your credit card; select "St. John's Parish, Toronto" in the drop-down menu.

IN THE NEWS

Unpacking the Synod on Synodality

Join us on Sunday November 10th from 4 to 6 pm, at St. Michael's College School Centre for the Arts – 1515 Bathurst, for a panel discussion to help unpack the Synod on Synodality. The three-year process of listening and dialogue, undertaken between 2021 and 2024, has garnered participation from Catholics worldwide. Moderated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, panelists include: Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ, undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, Archbishop J. Michael Miller CSB of Vancouver, theologians Dr. Moira McQueen and Sr. Gill Goulding, C.J. Limited tickets available – they are free but must be reserved by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/synod.

Fall Retreat Programs

Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga is pleased to offer the following day retreats. Nov. 9 - Day of Prayer with the Saints and the Holy Souls. Nov. 25 - Day of Retreat Meditating on the Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell). Dec. 7 - Advent Retreat. Dec. 14 - Bereavement Day of Retreat. For info or to register please call 905 278 5229 or visit www.qoa.ca

Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, Nov. 15 (6:30 pm) until Sunday, Nov. 17 (2 pm). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

Vocations

If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Gift of Securities

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with a gift of securities. When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publically traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. ~Pope Francis

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

Staffing Update: Thank You Karen Baptiste.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to Karen Baptiste for her many contributions to St. John's Parish as the Office Administrator over the past 13+ years. We wish Karen well in her future endeavors.

2024 / 2025 Sunday Missals Are Available For Sale

The cost for the adult missals is \$8 and the Children's missals remain at \$11.

Book Of Names Of The Dead

November is the month the Church traditionally remembers the faithful departed. We invite you to record the names of deceased relatives and friends in the Remembrance Book which will be placed near the Statue of Our Lady this month. We will remember them at all November Masses.

Corpus Christi Craft Fair

Join us for our Craft Fair on Saturday, November 9 from 10 am to 7 pm and on Sunday, November 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. Local vendors with handmade items. Delicious treats and much more. Fun for kids and all ages.

Preparation For The Sacrament Of Confirmation:

Information will be provided as soon as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience.

Shepherd's' Trust

There will be a second collection for the Shepherds' Trust the weekend of November 16th/17th. The Shepherds' Trust ensures that elderly and disabled priest are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.

Friars Student Writing Contest

Friars Student Writing Contest, 2025 (Nov 11, 2024-Jan 13, 2025). Theme: Do you believe this? (John 11:26) High School students, aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese, are invited to participate in this annual event. Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions or for more information.

Save The Date

Saturday, November 23rd St. John's Parish Pasta Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus.