

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.

Please Register with the Parish

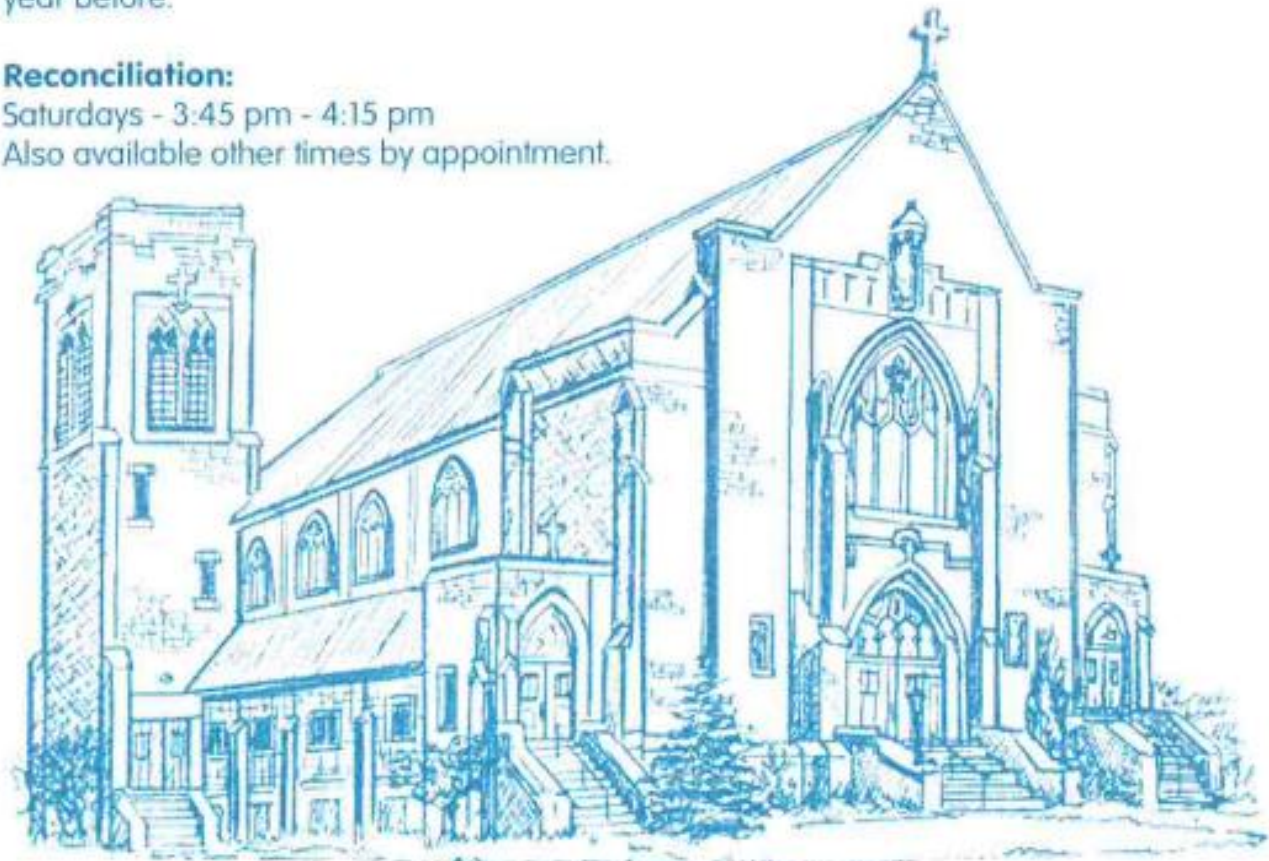
so we can assist you.

Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

Reconciliation:

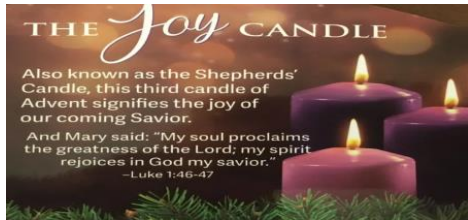
Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Third Sunday of Advent



From the Pastor's Desk: A DIALOGUE OF GRACE: Our singing of the entrance hymn has joined our voices into one, expressing and forming the harmony of souls that sets the stage for the our encounter as the Body of Christ. "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name" becomes real; having gathered, we make explicit in whose name we have gathered: in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, made together in gesture on our bodies, and in dialogue between the priest and people, the first dialogue of the assembled Body of Christ. The people all together respond "Amen", the ancient Hebrew word for "so be it", to the first words of the priest, who names the Holy Trinity as the heart of the reason why we have gathered. The priest greets the members of the body with holy words, words chosen from the scriptures, wishing grace, love, and communion to God's people. One special greeting is reserved for the bishop when he presides for us: "Peace be with you." These are the words of the Risen Christ, and respecting the bishop's role as one having the fullness of Holy Orders, and as a successor of the apostles, we reserve these words for him. In replying, "and with your spirit," we recognize the spirit granted to those ordained to stand at the head of the Mystical Body in worship. He is ordained to serve the people of God; he is to be a servant/leader, configured to Christ as priest, prophet, and king. The people of God share in a priesthood of all the faithful, and the ordained minister serves the people by fostering their baptismal priesthood which offers the world to God through their universal call to holiness. As we celebrate the Mass, we allow these signs and symbols to make the Church visible at worship, a Mystical Body of head and members, all with important roles to play as the sacred mysteries transform us in heart, body, and soul.

.....Fr. John-Mark



Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2022	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 4329	\$3485
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1183	\$1421



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.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Confession

During Advent, available from 3:30 pm until 4:15 pm Saturdays

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24th

- Children's Christmas Pageant – 4:15 pm
- Christmas Eve Family Mass – 4:30 pm
- Carolling – 7:45 pm
- Mid Eve Mass – 8:00 pm
- Carolling – 9:45 pm
- Late Eve Mass – 10:00 pm

Monday, December 25th - 11:00 am

Tuesday, December 26th – 8:15 am Mass
Office will be closed

Wednesday, December 27th – 8:15 am Mass
Office will be closed

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Sunday, December 31st - New Year's Eve - 4:30 pm

Monday, January 1st - New Year's Day Mass – 11:00 am

Regular Sunday Masses continue Saturday, December 23rd at 4:30 pm, Sunday December 24th at 9 & 11 am, & Saturday December 30th at 4:30 pm & Sunday, December 31st at 9 & 11 am



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 19th

For + ULRIKE LICHT

Requested by Christoph Licht & Family

Wednesday, December 20th

For + THERESA COOPER

Requested by Gifford D'Souza

Thursday, December 21st

For INTENTIONS OF NOEL BASZAK

Requested by Parish Family

Friday, December 22nd

For + GEORGE MACDONALD

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Saturday, December 23rd

For + JOHN & DOROTHY MARKLE

Requested by Georgina Revells



The Sanctuary Light burns this week
intentions of loving memory of

Richard Bowman

Please Pray For The Sick

Richard Bowman, Chiu Wong, Cathy Connor, Gillian Haughey, Christine Clementi, Anne Abate, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Diane Meldrum, Carmel Richard

In The News

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY IN DEUM NEWSLETTER: We are pleased to share the Fall/Winter issue of our In Deum, and we invite you to download the digital version from our website at



<https://staugustines.on.ca/publications>. Please visit our website for details about our upcoming events. **WEBSITE LINKS:** <https://staugustines.on.ca/events> and <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/ordinandidinner>.

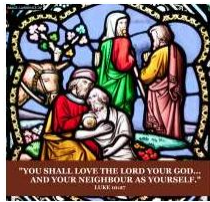


SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

REMAINS OPEN: From now until December 31st, every dollar you give will be matched by an anonymous donor, up to \$500,000. Take this opportunity to make your donations before the end of the year.

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024:

"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27). High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18- 25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> . Focus question found on the poster @ <https://bit.ly/3G0I4zT> and submit their entries at, <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward> Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416.934.3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.



VOCATIONS: There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Little Levery: Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Six." Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven!" Teacher: "Johnny, where do you get seven from?!" Johnny: "Because I've already have a cat!"
Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

Parish News

KNIGHTS ADVENT SOCK & MITTS DRIVE: continues until the end of Advent. We have also been asking for donations of small deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, combs, reusable shopping bags as well. These items help the Good Shepherd provide for those men who, after assigning the 30 or so beds they only have available, a sense of formality in bearing and appearance they otherwise would not have. Donations can be left in the baskets available in the vestibule.



OFFERING

COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE:

"Where Your Treasure Is, There Also Will Your Heart Be." Matthew 6:21. Advent is a

meaningful time to reflect on your generosity. One special way to address it is by looking at your charitable giving. Review your commitment to St. John's Parish and ensure you are up to date with your Offertory Commitment for 2023. Faithful parishioners who make regular donations or use their weekly envelopes consistently are the bedrock of our stable financial support. The parish offers several choices for your method of giving, including direct deposit (PAG), Donate Now button on our website, scanning the QR Code and weekly envelopes. If you would like to begin using envelopes or wish to sign up for PAG, email the office. If you have a credit card that gives points, use that with your PAG donations, and watch your points add up. To those who continually give, **THANK YOU!** **DONATIONS FOR 2023:** Must be post marked December 31, 2023 and be into the office no later than January 1, 2024, to be eligible for 2023 tax receipts.



2024 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The 2024 Parish Offertory envelopes are ready and waiting for you to pick up in the vestibule. Please note: some of the previously assigned envelope numbers have changed especially those who had envelopes 401 and up. Be sure to double check that it's your name on the box. Please don't take a box that doesn't belong to you. If you can't find a box with your name on it, contact the office. Don't forget to put your name and address on the first few envelopes.

THE CRECHE IS UP! Thank you to Grand Knight, Noel



Baszak and Brother Christopher for taking time out of their busy schedule to carry on the tradition of erecting St. John's Parish crèche. This most important beacon on Kingston Road is now being enjoyed by many. **A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** on December 20, to Noel Baszak. May God bless you with His boundless love, calming peace and heavenly joy, throughout the coming year!

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