

<u>From the desk of Fr. Dunstan:</u> Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

I praise and glorify God by saying with Blessed mother. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." As I am leaving this week from St. John's Parish.

Time flies fast. I cannot imagine that almost 7 months and two weeks have gone. In every priest's mission, there are several fields and as a shepherd many sheep from different places. However, every field and every sheep are unique and special in its own context. After 25 years of my priesthood, starting in the Archdiocese of Toronto to serve Jesus and His people, I am blessed to be at St. John's Parish.

You are my first love in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Having spent 6 weeks with Fr. John-Mark Missio and then 6 months as an administrator of the Parish was an incredible experience. I thank each and every one of you for making my mission successful with your prayerful participation, active collaboration, fraternal sharing of faith, sacramental involvement and profound spiritual accompaniment. I could always feel the warm atmosphere at the parish, and I will never forget this beautiful experience; I will always cherish them wherever I go, very especially as I move to the new parish at Sutton and Keswick. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for making me feel a part of St. John's Family during my short time here.

I assure you of my prayers and I ask you to keep me in your prayers. Let us all be united in Jesus Christ with all the great spiritual experiences we went through for the last couple of months.

May God bless us all, Blessed Mother Mary protect us, and Saint John, our patron, intercede for us!



We Congratulate Archbishop Francis Leo as he will receive his Pallium on June 29<sup>th</sup> from the Pope. The Pallium is a white woolen band that archbishops receive



directly from the Pope. We also wish the Archbishop a blessed and joyous birthday on 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, June 27th For + ADOLFO LIRA Requested by Margarita Pezoa

Wednesday, June 28th For INTENTIONS OF FR. JOHN-MARK MISSIO Requested by Parish Family

> <u>Thursday, June 29th</u> For + TORE JOSEPH REVELLS Requested by Georgina Revells

Friday, June 30th For + VICTOR WASKIEWICZ Requested by Ted Szeliga

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions of

Fr. James Dunstan

## Rest in Pleace

In your charity please pray for the repose of All Souls In Purgatory

**Please Pray For The Sick** 

Isabel Cairns, Theresa Cooper, Carrie Smith, Marianne Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard



Through Baptism last weekend, we welcomed the newest members of the parish:

Lennex & Levi Duco & Vera Hill

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



you need us. Contact the office if you wish to begin using envelopes or for more information on our Pre Authorized giving (PAG). Or visit our website and select the "Donate" button where you can donate through your credit card; don't forget to select "St. John's Parish, Toronto" in the drop down menu. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish

	2022	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 2690	\$3110
<b>Offertory PAG:</b>	\$ 1110	\$1421



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

## In The News



<u>MORE ABOUT SACRED HEART OF JESUS</u>: An exert from His Grace, Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. <u>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</u> and the Crucifix: THE Christian symbols of love, welcoming and compassion. "As we begin the month,

I wish to encourage parishes, homes and schools and all other social & health care institutions throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to welcome the opportunity to reflect on the profound and consoling meaning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our lives and walk of faith. Our Blessed Lord himself told us to learn from him for he is "meek and humble of heart." (Mt. 11:29) It is a visual image, a sign and symbol, that helps us dive more deeply into the personal love that Jesus has for each one of us. The heart is often considered the universal sign of love and there is no greater love than that which Jesus has given to each one of us. How can we imitate that love not only in the month of June but every day throughout the year?

The Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of our call to sacrificial, unconditional and generous love for others, for each member of the Body of Christ and the call for us to be the heart, the hands and the face of Christ to all those we encounter each day. Pope Benedict XVI spoke beautiful words during an Angelus audience on June 1, 2008: "Every person needs a 'centre' for his own life, a source of truth and goodness to draw from in the daily events, in the different situations and in the toil of daily life. Every one of us, when he or she pauses in silence, needs to feel not only his or her own heartbeat, but deeper still, the beating of a trustworthy presence, perceptible with faith's senses and yet much more real: the presence of Christ, the heart of the world." Images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus include a wounded heart, where we are reminded of the suffering experienced by Our Lord and his violent death. We see the crown of thorns, another sign of Jesus' painful sacrifice and the knowledge that authentic love often includes wounds along the journey. The Cross of Christ is a symbol of both suffering and hope through the resurrection. We see the cross in churches, homes, schools, hospitals and social care institutions - it is a sign of welcome, love, acceptance and Christian outreach to our neighbour and those in need. Finally, the flames surrounding the Sacred Heart of Jesus represent the Holy Spirit, bringing light through the darkness, igniting us to spread the Good News and share the love of Jesus, just as the first disciples experienced at Pentecost. ...."

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL: Still Registering for 2023/2024 (NEW FAMILY RATES!). Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12) located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition with a special devotion to Our Lady, we have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. We are still interviewing for September 2023: please visit our website at www.marymotherofgodschool.org or call us at 416.531.7897.

<u>VOCATIONS:</u> "Have no Fear." Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is calling you to. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

## **Parish News**

ST. JOHN CHILDREN'S LITURGY: program has wrapped up for the summer. We thank Marlo, and her small team of volunteers, Doris Cecchini, Carolyn Chesley-Jewell, James Jewell, Larry Lazazzera, Cathy Shoniker, Sheila Stuart, Charlie, Dean and Keelan Taylor, and Katie Woods, for all their hard work and dedication to this very important ministry. Thank you for the lovely treat last weekend and for all you do for the parish. Enjoy your summer break and we look forward to you resuming the program in September.



MISSION APPREAL: On the weekend of July 9th we will welcome Fr. Bernard Kanayog to share his mission appeal on the Junior Seminary. Last week we began by sharing the bad news of the flood. The story continues "That water has devastated our infrastructures causing great damage, more than 130 people were killed in the northern region, more than 5,570 houses were destroyed, food crops had been drowned, drinking water pipes busted. School and students' material had been submerged, the students' kitchen, dormitories and classrooms had been invaded, the storage room destroyed and all the food in it has been drowned. Our neighboring dispensary was invaded by flood causing loss of medication and made our only x-ray machine unusable. Other challenges: • Insufficient laboratory equipment.• Poor library facilities. • Insufficient teaching materials. • Lack of physics and biology laboratories. • Old toilets and showers. • Lack of rainwater tanks and gutters for rain water retention. • The kitchen drainage system is very defective. The donation will help Nyundo senior Seminary not only to address emergency needs caused by the flood but also to respond to above mentioned challenges. Please pray fully consider your donation to the mission in Rwanda on the weekend of July 9th."

**Little Levity:** Church Bulletin bloopers:

Thursday night: Potluck supper – Prayer and medication to follow.

The Rev. John spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.