

Parish of Saint John

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

Baptisms: Please email the parish office.

Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.

Parish Schools:

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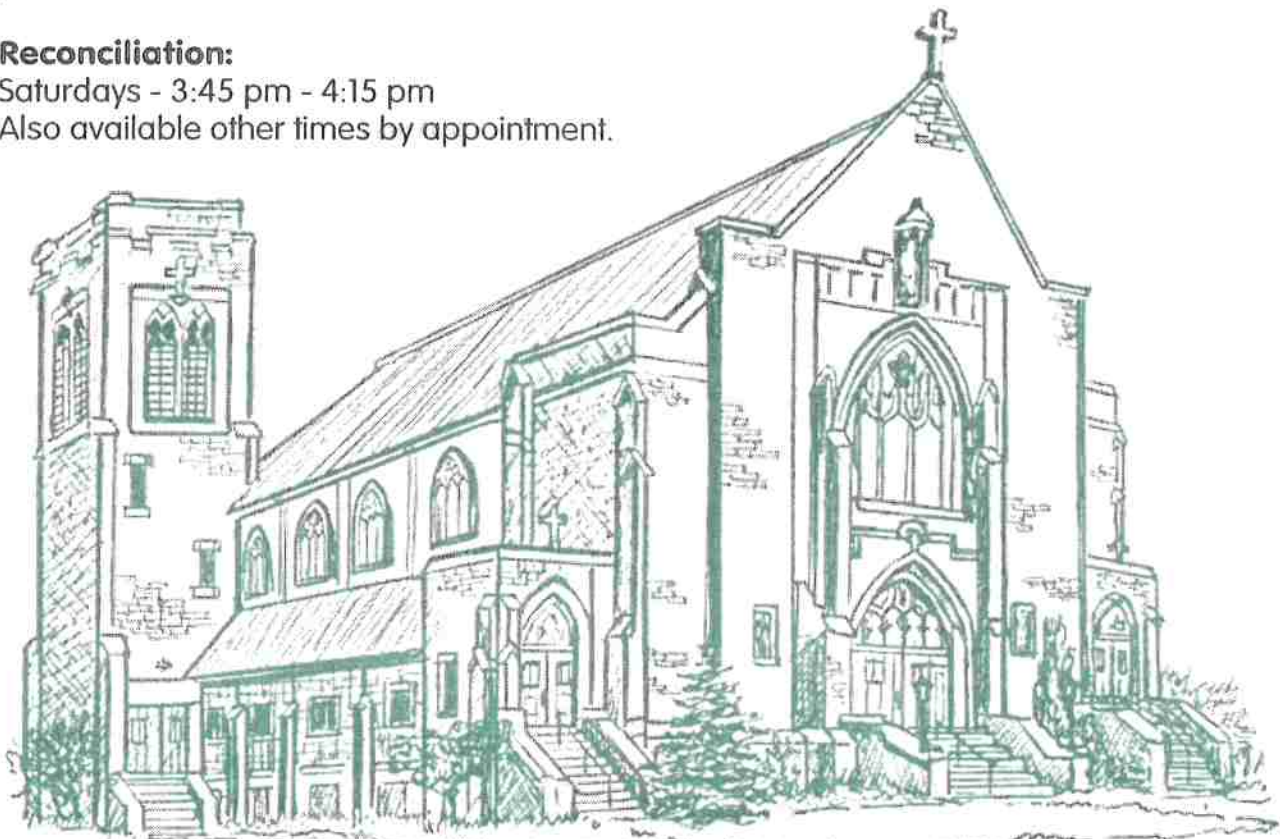
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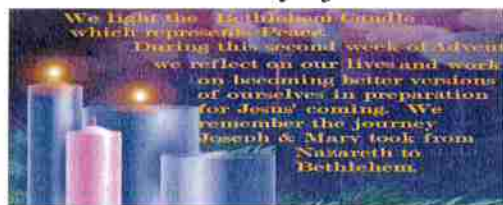
Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Second Sunday of Advent



From the Pastor's Desk: **HOLY GESTURES:** Continuing our reflections on the meaning of the Mass, we now look further at the entrance procession as it approaches the sanctuary. Note what the servers, the priest and the deacon do when the entrance procession arrives at the first step of the sanctuary. At the central high point of the sanctuary, the Tabernacle holds the Blessed Sacrament reserved from a previous celebration of the Mass. Jesus Christ is really and truly present in the Tabernacle, and we express our reverence for the Lord by genuflecting to him in the tabernacle at the beginning of Mass, and when we leave the sanctuary at the end of the Mass. (The servers carrying the Cross and candles reverence the tabernacle by bowing their heads, as it is difficult to genuflect with these in hand.) From this point forward, our prayer is centred on the altar and the unfolding of the sacrament offered at this Mass, therefore the priest and servers bow to the altar when passing before it while the Mass is in progress. As the priest goes to the altar for the first time at the start of the Mass, he venerates the altar with a kiss. In doing so, the priest embraces Christ with his heart, so that he can greet the people as lovingly as he greets Christ in his veneration of the altar. Together, we all trace the Cross of Christ on our bodies, acknowledging with our very bodies that we belong to Christ, and we worship the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us cherish this beautiful gesture of tracing the Cross of Christ on our bodies, and remember to whom we belong, and what a great mystery we participate in; for worship at the Mass is nothing less than participation in the inner life of the Holy Trinity, as the Son eternally worships the Father in the Holy Spirit, and we have the privilege of entering into that divine procession of Love through our participation in the great prayer of the Church which we call the Holy Mass.

.....Fr. John-Mark



This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the feast of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming. Recite 15 tx per day. "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."



Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2022	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3652	\$6071
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1183	\$1421

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Advent Day of Confession

Wednesday, December 13th
 8:45 am to 9:15 am
 11:45 am to 12:30 pm
 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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

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 12th

For + REV. ANTERIO DEMELLO
 Requested by The Melo Family

Wednesday, December 13th

For INTENTIONS OF ROSALINDA FEBRIA
 Requested by Parish Family

Thursday, December 14th

For + IDALINO MELO
 Requested by The Melo Family

Friday, December 15th

For + THERESA COOPER
 Requested by Claudia & Paul DeCourcy

Saturday, December 16th

For + LARRY TALBOT
 Requested by Margaret Talbot



The Sanctuary Light burns this week
 in loving memory of
 Josephine Bortolotto

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

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT: by Villa Charities and Coro San Marco: Join us on Monday, December 11th at 7:30 pm at Columbus Centre and celebrate the Christmas season with a live performance of holiday music by Coro San Marco. Under the baton of Daniele Colla, pianist Adolfo De Santis, violinist Carina Charmaine Sandejas and talented vocalists performances will include selection of traditional Christmas music sure to get you in the holiday spirit. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.villacharities.com/culture.



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.

CAROLLING IN THE PARK: Join us on Tuesday, December 12th at Glen Stewart Park, Glen Manor Drive & Queen St. E. (south of the bridge, north of Queen), at 7:30 pm. Sing with choirs and the Salvation Army Band. Special visitor, collection for the Army, and refreshments. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. For more info. Contact David Breech 416.759.9997

"POUR OUT" ADORATION NIGHT: Join us on Dec. 15th from 7 to 9 pm at Merciful Redeemer Parish - 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga for this Advent special for all ages! Reflect on how God pours Himself out for us by giving us His only Son. An evening of praise and worship, adoration, prayer ministry, talk and confession. Featuring Fr. Michael Corpus - No registration required.



VOCATIONS: John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Little Levity: Mike went to rent a suit for the dance. The rental has a long line, so he waits and waits. He decides to buy flowers for his date so he goes to the flower shop and the flower shop has a long line, so he waits and waits until he finally is able to buy the flowers. Mike offers to buy a drink for his date. She asks for punch, so he goes to the drink table, and there is no punch line.

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

Parish News



Day of Confessions



"Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again. He always waits for us." - Pope Francis. From December 10 to 23, 2023, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions.

Confessions at our parish will be available on December 13th

8:45 to 9:15 am, 11:45 an to 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm



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, Scan the QR code, or on the parish website with the DONATE NOW button and watch your points add up. To those who continually give, THANK YOU!



2024 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: will be available next weekend.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION: registration is now open and will run only until December 14, for registered parishioners of St. John's parish, attending Sunday Eucharist, with either Catholic School or public school students. Visit our website for full details.

KOC PARISH PASTA DINNER: Thank you to all who come out and enjoyed a great night of fun and food. Larry's lasagna lived up to its name, George's silent auction was a hit with great prizes such as the large digital TV and we were able to raise enough money to purchase as many as 100 Coats for Kids this Christmas. View some of the fun photos on our website.

KNIGHTS ADVENT SOCK & MITTS DRIVE: Have you ever walked around with cold and wet hands and feet, well many of our poor and homeless do. Each year, during Advent, the Knights ask your help to donate new unwrapped socks and mitts for the poor and homeless. Please place your donations in the baskets available in the vestibule.



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



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