

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.

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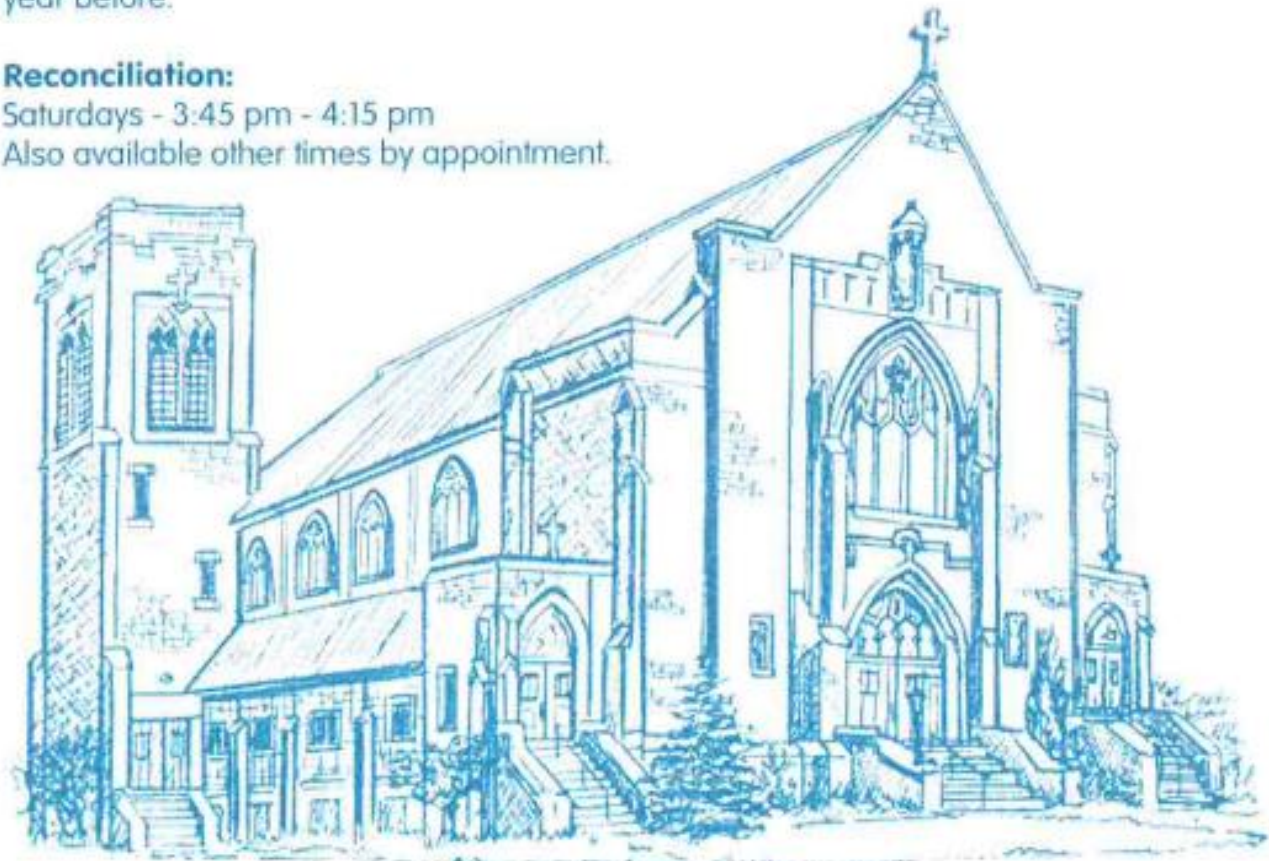
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Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Third Sunday Of Advent



Today is called the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday and we light the Rose or pink candle, the candle of Joy. It is the Shepherds' candle, reminding that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ.

Note from the Pastor's Desk: Advent is a season to think about time and who gave it to you: who gave you this day? Where did this day come from? Each day is a gift from God, each day of your life is a gift from the one who created time. And there is never enough time. Never enough time to do your work, never enough time with friends, and family, never enough time to practice and perfect your sport or your art, never enough time to fix the problems of the world. One person never has enough time. Together, we might have enough time to fix society's problems. But realistically, even if we all worked together every waking moment for all generations, it will never be enough time to fix what is wrong in the human heart: that we choose to sin, to hurt, to damage ... forgetting that it takes time to heal hurts, to heal wounds. When you have hurt someone, they don't just heal instantly when you say you are sorry. Wounds take time to heal. And only God can give us time. You can't make a tree grow faster. You can't make a child grow up, or grow to term in its mother's womb. And so Mary waited. Mary, having become pregnant with the divine Child Jesus in her womb, could only wait, as the child grew in her womb in his time, in God's time. And Mary's joyful waiting is what we need to feel in Advent. We cannot by ourselves make Christ return, we cannot make God work in our time. We must work in his time. And so in Advent, we feel the waiting of the ages for God to come, for a Saviour to be born, for ages and ages the chosen people listened to the prophets, like Zechariah, telling them to wait for the Lord, because he will come. So today, think about the time ahead, the time you have to fix all the things you need to fix, to heal the wounds you need to heal, to grow the gifts you need to grow. And pray to God who made the time to pass as it does, that he will assist you every day, every day that he has made, and let this season of Advent be a time to praise God who gave us the time we have with one another, and all time, and all that there is under it.Fr. John-Mark Missio

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Advent Day of Confession

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

During Advent, before & after All Masses Saturday & Sunday

Christmas Masses

Saturday, 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
(No Midnight Mass)

Sunday, December 25th

9:00 am & 11 am

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Saturday, December 31st

New Year's Eve - 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 1st - 9:00 am & 11:00 am



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 13th

For + GREGORY SAMARAWEERA
Requested by Veronica Samaraweera

Wednesday, December 14th

For INTENTIONS OF ROSEMARY WALCHER
Requested by The Walcher Family

Thursday, December 15th

For + ADOLPH LECLAIR
Requested by Lisa, Ed, Maddie & Eve

Friday, December 16th

For + JAMES RYAN
Requested by Rob Hogg & Diane Ryan

Saturday, December 17th

For + JADE SAMARAWEERA
Requested by Veronica Samaraweera



*The Sanctuary Light burns this week
in loving memory of*

John & Dorothy Markle

Please Pray For The Sick

Abina Guinan, Paul Decourcy, Lena Gilmour, Jack
Lees, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard

PRAYING THE ROSARY: Come join us in praying
the ROSARY before Mass, Tuesday to Friday.
Church doors will open at 7:45 am.



In The News

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST: The Catholic Register invites Young Adults (13-19 years and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program) to write a short essay on the theme: "Do good; seek justice", (Isaiah 1:17). Contestants should consult resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and submit a 450-500 word essay that answers the given question. Deadline on or before January 16, 2023 by 2 pm. Winners will receive 1st Place: Samsung Galaxy Cell Phone, 2nd Place: Samsung Galaxy Watch, 3rd Place: Samsung Galaxy Buds. Entries are to be submitted @<http://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. For further inquiries, call 416.934.3400 ext. 527

SPIRITUS WEST CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY: Spiritus West extends a warm invitation to young adults aged 19 to 39 to its Third Annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 17th from 7 pm to 11 am at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Mississauga. Come in your best semi-formal attire and bring a friend or two! Tickets are \$30 and include dinner, dance, and our signature drink. There will also be a cash bar on site. CONTACT: Georgina Abrego at 437.900.1756 or email gabrego@archtoronto.org REGISTRATION: <https://swchristmas22.eventbrite.ca>

CAROLLING IN THE PARK: Join us on Tuesday, December 13th 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 Brech 416.759.9997



VOCATIONS: "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Our parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2019	2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 6094	\$ 3281
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1064	\$ 1183

DONATIONS FOR 2022: must be post marked December 31st, 2022 and be into the office no later than January 1st, 2023, to be eligible for 2022 tax receipts.

Please remember the poor box as you exit the church.



Parish News



"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 is He waiting to beat me? No, he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us." - Pope Francis.
From December 11 to 17, 2022, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions.

Confessions at our parish will be available on December 15th
8:45 am to 9:15 & 6 pm to 7:30 pm



COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE: "Where Your Treasure Is, There Also Will Your Heart Be." Matthew 6:21. As the season of Advent is

here and the end of 2022 is just around the corner, please look at your charitable giving. Review your commitment to St. John's Parish and ensure you are up to date with your Offertory Commitment for 2022. 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, and weekly envelopes. If you would like to begin using envelopes email the office. Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), forms are available in the vestibule of the church. 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!**

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT OR STOCKING STUFFER - "LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES": co authored by Fr. Trevor Scott, who is part of the Jesuit Forum for Social



Faith and Justice, is now available. Through eleven chapters, readers can - Increase their knowledge about the diverse Indigenous Peoples of Canada; Explore the history, practices, and underlying ideas of colonization; Transform to redress past wrongs and move towards right relationships; Explore pathways to right relationships, decolonization, and re-indigenization. Obtain your copy for the price of \$20 this weekend after all Masses or through the parish office next week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADVENT SOCK & MITTS DRIVE: We've filled up one basket, lets try for one more! 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 basket near the ramp door, marked "Advent Sock Drive".

Little Levity: John said to Brad "Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? "No" said Brad, Hope he's okay? "He's all Right now" said John.
Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

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