

Parish of Saint John

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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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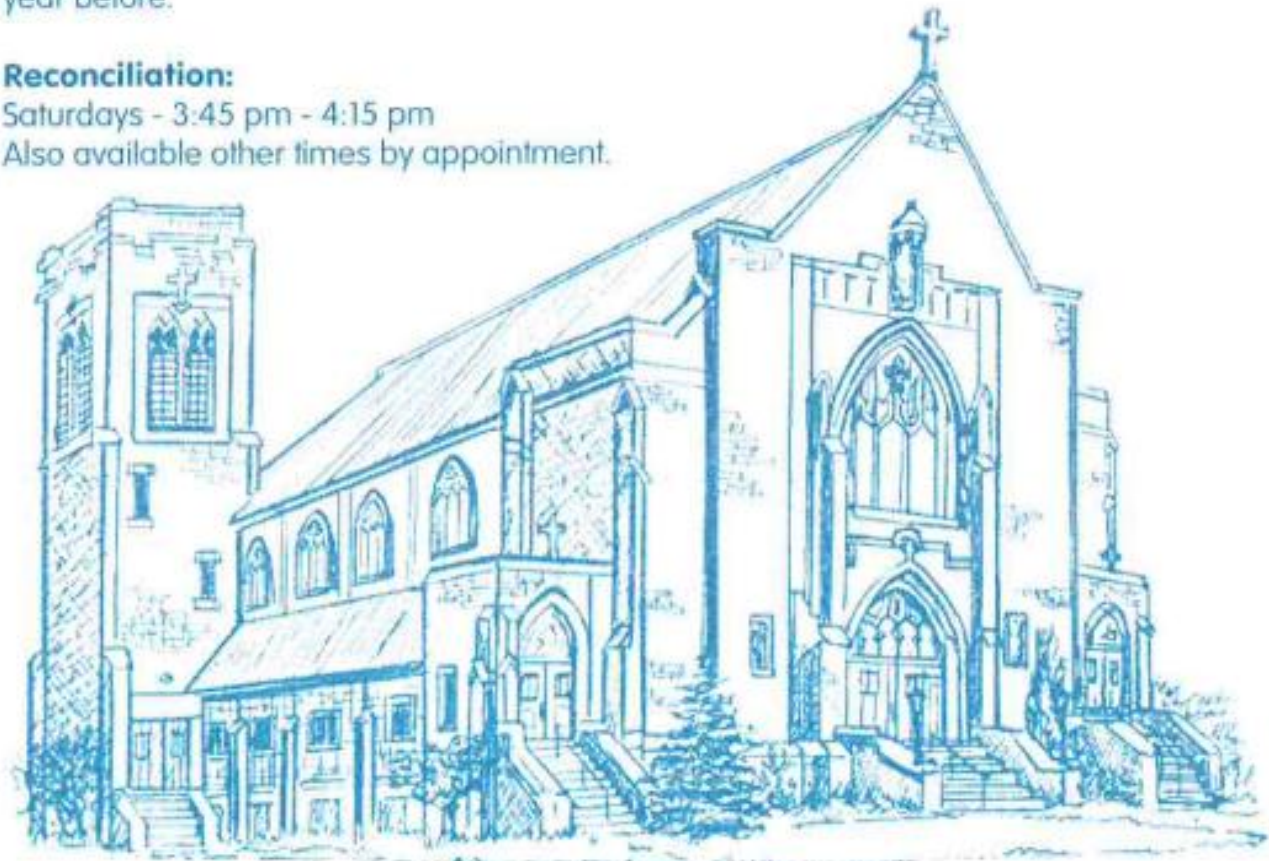
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Office Hours:

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

Second Sunday Of Advent



This week we light the second candle on the advent wreath. Traditionally it's called the Bethlehem Candle because it reminds us that even God prepared for the birth of His Son. The manger in Bethlehem became a cradle fit for a King.

Note from the Pastor's Desk: The holy scriptures of Advent hold before us what could be, if we would allow it: what life could be like, if everyone lived according to God's ways. Isaiah is the great prophet we need to hear in these days, who writes of a Kingdom we should yearn for (especially Isaiah 11:6-8). If only everyone were "peaceable" – the prophecy from Isaiah has been painted by famous painters in the scene often called, "The Peaceable Kingdom", where lamb and lion, cow and bear, play together like little children, in that perfect, Peaceable Kingdom where there is no harm done by anyone. This is what could be, what our daily life, even what today could be, if we were to live God's ways. We remember this in Advent, because we left that peaceable Kingdom along with Adam and Eve, when deceit, pride, envy, lust, ambition and all those other sins seduced us, and were willingly embraced by humanity. And to this day, Earth is not the peaceable kingdom, because we continue to choose sin instead of goodness. And we remember this divine drama in this sacred season, because we have been saved from the fate that goes along with that embrace of evil. We can not get ourselves out of the pit. But God, out of unfathomable mercy and love sent a Saviour to win the battle over evil, and to reach out to us, and pull us by Divine grace out of our self-destruction. Do you believe this? Our Christian answer is, yes, yes, we believe! Thanks be to God, a Saviour has come, and taken us to the Cross; and taken us over the death we deserve back to the road to paradise, to the peaceable Kingdom, after we must travel through this unpeaceable place that we have created. Jesus Christ saved us from that awful fate we chose, and continue to choose, again and again. And now we wait for his return, and we remember the waiting through all of human existence for his first coming. We remember, and feel the longing and the fulfillment that keeps us going, keeps us trying to be peaceful people in this unpeaceable world. But by trying to have a little bit of that peace every day, we make an opening for Christ to come, even here and now. Pray every day: Come, Lord Jesus, and be our peace.

.....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 6th

For + MICHAEL & SHANNON RYAN

Requested by Riet Ryan & Family

Wednesday, December 7th

IN THANKSGIVING FOR GODS BLESSING

Requested by The Decourcy Family

Thursday, December 8th

For + COLBY CAELUM MADILL

Requested by The McDougall Family

Friday, December 9th

For + ERIC MEIER

Requested by Robert, Irene & Monica Wintersinger-Schmidt

Saturday, December 10th

For INTENTIONS OF THE DECOURCY FAMILY

Requested by The Breech Family



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

Helen Huether

Please Pray For The Sick

Abina Guinan, Paul Decourcy, Jean Dempsey, Wayne
Denis Brown, Lena Gilmour, Jack Lees, Michael
Lanno, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard

In The News

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

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE: is offering a Bereavement Day of Retreat. Saturday December 10th from 9 am to 3 pm. Theme: "Let the healing hands of Jesus bless you with peace and healing". Preached by the centre team. Cost: \$45 includes lunch. Contact: 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

THE PALLIATIVE CARE HOPELINE: This resource seeks to connect people with services that align with Catholic faith teaching when faced with palliative care issue. If you are in search of locating hospice palliative care resources and services in your community, call the HopeLine at 416.619.5700 - leave your name, phone number, and the name of the community in which you live and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please note - this service is an information line and is not an emergency or crisis line - in case of an emergency please call 911.

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 Breech 416.759.9997



LESSONS & CAROLS EVENT: Together in Worship Canada invites you! Featuring the Together in Worship Canada Choir Conductor - Vincent Cheng; Organists - David Simon and Diego Iapaolo, on Sunday December 18th at 4 pm, at St. Margaret Queen of Scotland Parish, 2134 Avenue Rd, Toronto. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall Adults - \$20, 60 plus/under 18 - \$10, Family (2 Adults/2 under 18) - \$40 250 Tickets. Contact at 416.485.7781 or stmargaretofscotland@archtoronto.org. Visit www.tiwc.ca for more information.

VOCATIONS: "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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



Parish News



We welcome the newest members of our parish family baptized on November 26th:

- Lily Elisabeth Sammut Ruby Rose Santos
- Nicholas Fililpe Senisterra Caesar Alexander Le Raiz

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

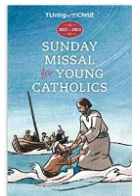


THANK YOU! The Knights of Columbus want to thank parishioners for donating to our Christmas buttons campaign. The donations have allowed us to purchase 12 winter coats for underprivileged children in the community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADVENT SOCK & MITTS DRIVE: 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". The Drive will run during the Advent Season.



SUNDAY MISSAL: A few Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year for both Adults and Children are still available. The cost for the adult missal is \$7 and the Children's missal at \$10. The Living with Christ Sunday Missal for Young Catholics is the resource that helps youth grow in faith and to take part in the Mass on Sundays and feast days all year long! Contact the office.



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. We depend on your weekly giving to support you and the operations of the Parish. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.



	2019	2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 4835	\$ 2595
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1079	\$ 1183

DONATIONS FOR 2022: Quick reminder that all 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 REGISTER WITH THE PARISH: We welcome all who have moved into our parish. To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Registration with a parish is much like a commitment to a family, sports team, school or organization. Register so we can help you!

Little Levity: Margie said to Rose, "My advent calendar only has days that end in 1,3,5,7,9." "That's odd" replied Rose. *Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*

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