

# 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**

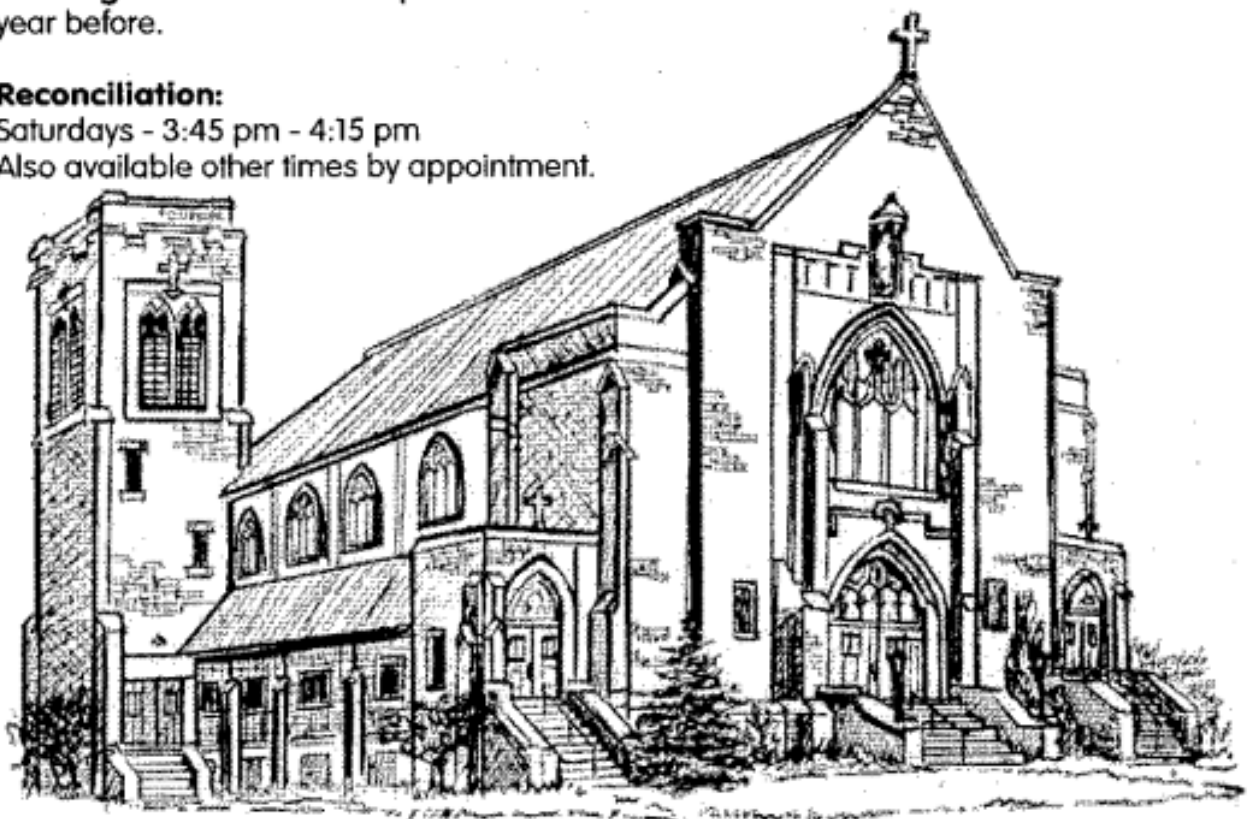
so we can assist you.

**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**

### Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord



**Note from the desk of Fr. Dunstan:** The Season of Advent and Christmas come to an end with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord when the three kings from the east came to worship the child Jesus with gifts. This is the manifestation of the long-expected messiah to world. In other words, God revealed Himself not only to the Jews but also to the gentiles. Jesus became light of the world opening the door of the Kingdom of God to all nations.

The Magi presented gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus. These gifts explain in a tangible manner, the royalty, divinity and humanity of Jesus. The Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled and manifested to the whole nation.

After the Feast of the Epiphany, we are entering into the first week in Ordinary Time, which will start on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dear brothers and sisters, this Feast is a blessing and a light to you and me because we all come under the category of the gentiles. God has been revealed in the form of Jesus to us today as the Messiah. We are called to be the lights of the world following the example of Jesus in the midst of our society through our witnesses.

How do we testify Jesus? Are we behaving like the wise men or like Herod? Even without knowing Jesus, the magi followed the star in search of Jesus. We have so many opportunities to meet Jesus every day in every person we meet. Let us meet Jesus through our charitable approaches. Let us be the "Lights" for them. Happy Feast of Epiphany.

**DID YOU KNOW:** The Feast of the Epiphany has for centuries, been a traditional time for Christian families to bless their homes. This tradition likely came about because the Three Wise Men visited the home that the Holy Family had established in Bethlehem. The visit from the Wise Men blessed the home of the Holy Family because they came in humility to honor and pay homage to the Christ Child and because they were the first to not only seek Jesus, but also to recognize Him as the Messiah. Consider gathering as a family and bless your home with prayers, or invite Father to come and bless your home with holy water and prayer. The blessing is an act of God's sanctification of all things through Christ's baptism in the River Jordan and His Epiphany to the world.

### Mass Intentions



**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

For + VIDA & ISODORE D'SOUZA  
Requested by Lilian Anita & Diana

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

For + MICHELLE SAMARAWEERA  
Requested by Veronica Samaraweera

**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

For + LIONEL BOURQUE  
Requested by Delvina Bourque & Family

**Friday, January 13, 2023**

For + MARY MAILLOUX  
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

For + LIDIA FAVARO  
Requested by Patti Artuso



### Rest in Peace

*In your charity please pray for the  
repose of the souls of  
Joanna Flanagan, Brenda Roberts, & Lisa Dias*



*The Sanctuary Light burns this week  
for the intention of*

*Debbie Wall*

### Please Pray For The Sick

Diane Meldrum, Paul Decourcy, Jack Lees, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard

Come join us in praying the ROSARY before Mass, Tuesday to Friday at 7:45 am. Door open at 7:45 am.



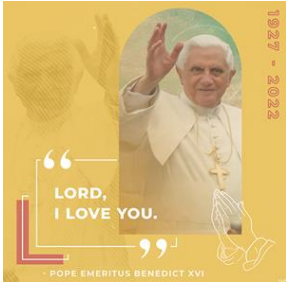
Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church.



*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. Please remember St. John's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about PreAuthorized Giving (P.A.G)*

	2019	2022
Sunday Offertory (Dec.25)	\$ 5,702	\$ 2,893
Offertory PAG:	\$ 993	\$ 1,183
Christmas Offertory	\$16,771	\$ 8,900

## In The News



### STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS, ON THE DEATH OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI: Posted : Dec-31-2022:

“Throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto, we join in mourning the loss of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. We give thanks for his years

of faithful, thoughtful and inspiring service to the Church. As a priest for more than 70 years and in his time as bishop and supreme pontiff, Pope Emeritus Benedict offered each one of us a personal example of fidelity and of what it is to be a devoted disciple of Jesus. As a theologian, he followed in the footsteps of the great St Augustine, in offering to us profound insight into the mysteries of our Christian faith, insight arising by God’s grace not only from his astonishing intellect and learning, but also from his personal holiness and pastoral care for God’s people; his writings will help guide disciples of Jesus in the centuries that lie before us. As pope, he led the universal church with wisdom and holiness, providing a clear and loving message of how our faith can inspire us and guide us through the storms of life’s journey. More than ever, his own witness, humility and invitation to put others before ourselves should resonate throughout the world. We pray for the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

**FAITH, REASON & BEAUTY THE FALSE, BAD, AND UGLY:** Looking For Faith And Beauty In Movies And Other Dark Mirrors: Join us on Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm at The Newman Centre for a Faith & Reason Lecture featuring Professor Randy Boyagoda. A free will offering event! Registration is required through Eventbrite.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2023:** Come join us at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9) on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5 pm, in an Ecumenical Prayer Service led by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto’s Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS:** As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 pm on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica. Those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Can’t attend, join the livestream at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> at 2:15 pm. To register and access resources visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or formation @archtoronto.org.

## Parish News

**ST. JOHN’S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:** registration will open next week, for registered parishioners of St. John’s parish with either Catholic School or public school students. Please visit our website beginning January 9 for full details. [www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org).



**2023 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The 2023 Parish Offertory envelopes are ready and waiting for you to pick up in the vestibule. Don’t forget to put your name and address on the first few envelopes. Please don’t take a box that doesn’t belong to you. If you can’t find a box with your name on it, email the office.

**2023 WILL BE A FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING YEAR.** We are asking all our parishioners to consider making an increase in your weekly offering, otherwise we will face a third year of a significant operating deficit. Your offertory contributions are our only source of income in support of normal parish operations. Please consider giving generously or increasing your donations.

**YOU CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE:** in someone’s quality of life. Please remember that there is always a box in the east vestibule of the church, collecting good used eyeglasses. We’ve recently been asked to donate items you may already have in your home; a bar of soap, a tooth brush, or half bottle of Tylenol/Advil. All items will be sent to recipients in the Third World who cannot afford to buy their own, through the organization of Dr. Joan Simone.

**BE A SERVER AT THE ALTAR:** The Altar Servers form a very important part of the Church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. We thank all of our servers who volunteered over the busy Christmas Season especially Jaylah Baker, Tyrrel Baker, Iggy Chatterton, Alec Johnson, Finlay Johnson, & Declan Milway. If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact Lisa Charette, at [lisacharette@rogers.com](mailto:lisacharette@rogers.com).



**HAVE YOU MOVED:** Please put St. John’s on your list to be notified about any change of contact information? Email us at the office. If you’ve moved out of the parish, when you arrive in a new parish, make a note to register there. They’ll want to hear from you!

**DON’T BE LEFT OUT, REGISTER:** 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. So help us so we can help you! Email the office.

**Little Levity:** Marg and Rosanne were talking about where they would like to go on their next vacation. Marg said, “I have been in many places, but I’ve never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can’t go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone. I’ve also never been in Cognito either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however been in Sane. The don’t have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.” “Really!” said Rosanne.

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

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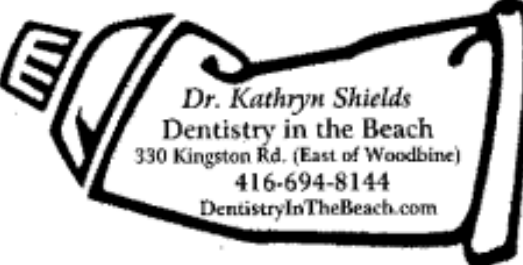
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