

# 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.

**Marriage:** Please email the parish office one year before.

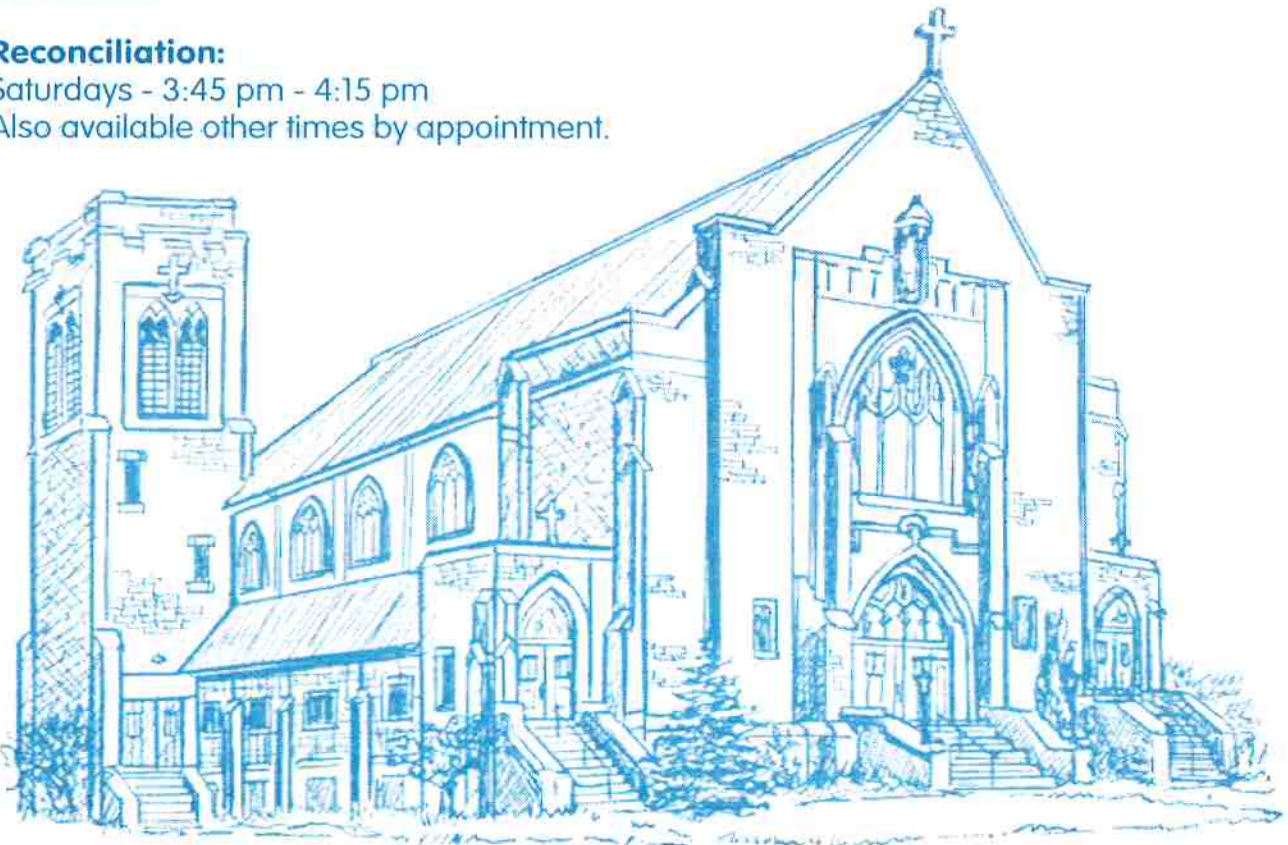
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so we can assist you.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

*Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*



*"Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he said in reply, "Amen I say to you, I do not know you." Mt 25:11-12*

**From the Pastor's Desk:** THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION: After a time of quiet preparation, the Mass formally begins with an entrance procession, accompanied by the singing of a hymn in praise of God. We all stand in joyful attentiveness to the signs of Christ entering into our midst. Most of us might remain in our pews, rather than being in the procession, but the procession of the Priest and ministers sums up the entrance of all of us into this holy assembly, completing the Mystical Body of Christ gathered in the church. In going from the door to the altar, the entrance procession expresses in ritual form our pilgrimage through life towards heaven, led by Christ, seen in the Cross at the head of the procession. Christ's triumph over death makes our progress to the altar of heaven possible, so the procession is lead by the Cross whenever possible. We follow him in our daily lives, and today, on the Lord's Day, Christ leads us to the altar, where he will be our sacred Host. The Cross is honoured with lit candles in the procession, and on special days, even sweet-smelling incense rises before it, like the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night (as in the Exodus). The Book of Gospels, another means by which Christ will be present to us, and in which his voice will be heard, is carried with reverence by the Deacon. The ministers in the procession are clothed in white robes, the vesture of the saints in heaven who follow the Lamb (a scene from the Book of Revelation), over which the priest and Deacon wear coloured garments suitable to a solemn celebration of the Church. Throughout the entrance procession, our singing together of the opening hymn unites us in voice and in heart, disposing us for the unity which the Holy Spirit will bring about as we let all these signs of worship of the one Savior of humankind leave their impression on our hearts.



*God our Father, you generously grant us all the gifts we have. Help us to understand that it is in the giving that we receive.*

	2022	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3246	\$3900
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1183	\$1421
Building Fund	\$7905	\$1390

*We Remember*



On the 11th day of November, Canadians throughout the country take some time to honour those men and women who were killed in two World Wars, the Korean War, Afghanistan War, Iraq War, United Nations Peace Keeping Missions and all the recent wars. On Remembrance Day, and most of November, most people will wear a poppy. This flower is worn to remind us of the many people who were killed because of war. Today, we take the time to pray for a future filled with peace, love and freedom.

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, November 14th

For + GEORGE MACDONALD  
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Wednesday, November 15th

For INTENTION OF MSGR. BRAD MASSMAN  
Requested by Parish Family

Thursday, November 16th

For + ROBERT & TROY ROSS  
Requested by Mary Ross

Friday, November 17th

For + REV. ANTERIO DEMELO  
Requested by The Melo Family

Saturday, November 18th

For INTENTIONS OF BERNIE FEBRIA  
Requested by Parish Family

**Rest in Peace**



*In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of*

*Paul Francis Williams & Theresa Julia Cooper*



*whose funeral Masses were celebrated at St. Johns this week..*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



*The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of Edmond Valin Sr.*

**Please Pray For The Sick**

*Anne Abate, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard*

## In The News

**RED WEDNESDAY:** United with our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters: taking place on November 15 this year, aims to shed light on the persecution and discrimination of Christians around the world. ACN's Liane Bayard reflects on the importance of this day of solidarity. Many today are displaying bravery in their fight against injustice. While human rights are considered fundamental, sadly, they are not universal. Religious freedom may not feel as relevant to Christians in the West, who, for the most part, are able to express and practice their beliefs without fear. But this freedom, which is often taken for granted, is not a given for Christians elsewhere in the world – for whom living out their faith comes with enormous challenges and risks. Red Wednesday provides an opportunity to stand in solidarity with them and to provide strength they can draw from, reminding them they are not alone in their plight. To learn how you can help, please visit: <https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/>

**ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY:** Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning! Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the Archbishop and complete the short survey by December 15, 2023. To get started visit [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation). Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AT CORPUS CHRISTI:** With fall weather and life getting into the swing of things, join us at Corpus Christi for our Christmas Craft Fair. Bags of great gifts! Delicious Christmas treats at our bake table. Grab a bite in our Christmas cafe. 27 Tables of all handmade items. Get your Christmas shopping done early! Saturday, November 18th from 10 am to 6:30 pm & Sunday November 19th from 10 am to 1:30 pm. For more information or to rent a table at just \$60 contact us at [allthingsbeautiful1900@gmail.com](mailto:allthingsbeautiful1900@gmail.com).

**FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024:** Theme: "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. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster @ <http://surl.li/mlfkw> and submit their entries at, <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

## Parish News



The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds so the elderly

priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information visit [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org). The Shepherds' Trust Collection will take place next weekend, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT INS:** Do you know someone who is sick or can't attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion? Ask them to contact the office and we'll make arrangements to visit them.

**PARISH PASTA DINNER:** The Knights of Columbus are putting their finishing touches to the plans for the Parish Pasta Dinner. Full details coming in next weeks bulletin. Stay Tuned!



### ENVELOPE NUMBER CHANGES

**COMING:** We are in the process of changing the envelope numbers for envelope users. During and after the pandemic many of the people who utilize envelopes have either not returned to church or have switched over to pre-authorized giving. With the cost of preparing the envelopes, colours, numbering, special dates etc, not to mention the waste of throwing out unused boxes, we had to make the decision to reduce the amount we were ordering. Therefore, we will be reducing to 400 envelopes. Those of you who have numbers above 400, we have assigned new numbers. New boxes of envelopes for 2024 will be available the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December in the vestibule. If you would like to begin using envelopes for your offering, please email the office.



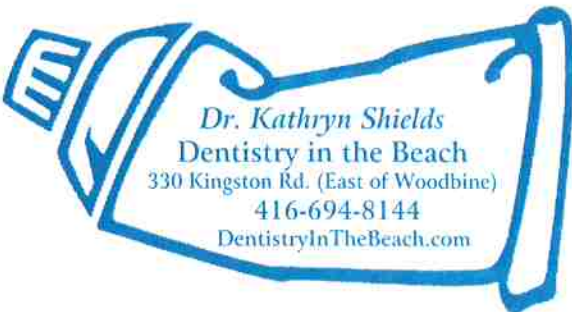
**50/50 RAFFLE:** Don't miss your chance to win and help support your parish. The Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle lottery in support of Homeless Shelters & Coats for Kids is back. Tickets are just 15 tickets for \$10.00/ 40 tickets for \$20.00 / 100 tickets for \$40.00. Lot's of chances to WIN! Proceeds to St. John's Parish. To support our council ticket sales, visit the following link: <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=7008>

**Little Levity:** After failing her driving test four times, Margie was determined to pass this time. But the test had the same question. "You are driving at 100 mph. On your right is a wall, on your left is a cliff. On the road, you see an older man and a young man. What will you hit? Margie walked up to the Examiner and said. "I've answered this question all four ways, wall, cliff, old man and young man, but it doesn't matter which answer I use, I still fail. How is this possible? What am I supposed to hit?" The Examiner said "The brakes!"

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



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