Parish of Saint John

Founded A.D. 1909

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Pastor: Rev. John-Mark Missio Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul McCourt Office Administrator: Karen Baptiste

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.

Parish Schools: St. John - 416-393-5220 Neil McNeil S. S - 416-393-5502 Notre Dame H.S. - 416-393-5501

Catholic Cemeteries: 416-733-8544

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PRAY THE ROSARY

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.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm Also available other times by appointment. Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



We don't need to be scared. We need to be prepared!

Note From The Pastor's Desk: Remembrance Day in Hindsight: St. John's is in some ways a "memorial church", a familiar title added to churches which have prominent memorials of those who gave their lives in the wars. In our parish, many stained glass windows stand as a lasting tribute to the young soldiers who offered their lives in battle, and to the families who loved them. Dedicated above all to the glory of God, the windows surround us with heavenly light, remind us of Christ and the saints, and are signs to us of the generosity and loving gratitude of the families who built this parish. We are also fortunate to have the three war memorials in the narthex (foyer) of St. John's Church. These were built to be lasting reminders to all who enter the church of the courage and willingness to serve of so many from this parish. In our present generation, we should continue to honour their memory by caring for these monuments. The central monument in particular, with names inscribed by an unknown calligrapher on a print by Group of Seven artist A. J. Casson, in a case of fine oak with neo-classical detail, is in need of stabilization. At first, the key to the case seemed to have been lost forever. It was nowhere to be found after a thorough search of many nooks and crannies in the church and rectory. But recently, by chance, a clock cabinet key happen to fit the keyhole, but not turn completely. A search on e-Bay turned up a random batch of similar keys, and after some suspense as keys were tried one by one, the fourth key was an exact match. The print, which had mysteriously shifted off-centre, is now aligned, and after Remembrance Day, a paper conservator will be consulted regarding any necessary treatment to stabilize the old cardboard print. UV blocking glass will provide further lasting protection for the monument. Then, to honour the young soldier of our present day who tragically died during the war in Afghanistan, the name of Cpl. Brendan Anthony Downey will be added to the list, where his name should be placed in this lasting memorial, accorded the same recognition and honour alongside those in the previous generation, whose memory will endure through our annual rites and prayers for Remembrance Day. In this month of November, when the whole Church prays most earnestly for the faithful departed, let us all spare a few extra prayers for those who died in the tragedy of war, and for the families who love them. We pray for those who are even now facing the unbelievable cruelty of the war in Ukraine.

And we pray that wars will end for all time, and the reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace, will be established in a world where wars will be a thing of the past forever.*Fr. John-Mark Missio*

Mass Intentions

<u>Tuesday, November 15th</u> For INTENTIONS OF MSGR. BRAD MASSMAN Requested by Family & Friends

> Wednesday, November 16th For + GEORGE MACDONALD Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Thursday, November 17th For + ROBERT & TROY ROSS Requested by Mary Ross

Friday, November 18th For + JOE RAWSON Requested by Kay & Richard Ainey

<u>MASS INTENTIONS:</u> The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, for anniversaries, weddings and birthdays, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Masses can be scheduled Tuesday to Friday at 8:15 am. If you wish to schedule a Mass, please contact the Parish Office. Having a Mass said is a great gift for someone who has everything.

> The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of

> > Edmond Valin Sr.

Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of

Colby Caelum Madill

Please Pray For The Sick

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



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. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2019	2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 5004	\$ 3246
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1079	\$ 1183
Building Fund	\$ 3690	\$ 7905

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!

In The News

RED WEDNESDAY: United with our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters: taking place on November 16 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/

MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE: To mark the 25th anniversary of Mother Teresa's death, the Knights of Columbus produced the film Mother Teresa: No Greater Love – a tribute to this spiritual icon. Below, Director and Writer David Naglieri weighs in on the importance of continuing to share her story. We are very excited that our film will have a theatrical release in Canada. Later this year there will be an expanded theatrical release in both English and French in Montreal. We will also eventually be available on DVD, streaming platforms and broadcast on Salt + Light Television. All information on availability will be posted on our film's website <u>www.motherteresamovie.com</u>.

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<u>VOCATIONS:</u> "By your endurance you will gain your souls." Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. 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 <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> www.vocationstoronto.ca

<u>NEW BEGINNINGS</u>: ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement. Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE <u>alimanni@cfstoronto.com</u>, 647. 215.3978.

<u>Little Levity</u>: Johnny and Rosanne were having a coffee and sharing a few laughs over their kid's shenanigans. Johnny said, "I took my 8 year old daughter to the office on 'take your kid to work day'. But when we walked into the office she started to cry. As my colleagues concerned gathered around I asked her what was wrong and she said: "Daddy where are all the clowns you said you worked with?" "Oh my" said Rosanne.

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

Parish News



Shepherds' Trust. The Shepherds' Trust cares for retired priest who have always cared for us. Please consider giving generously.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH: Our parish CWL council will hold a special luncheon to celebrate 60 years of "Community in Action" serving the parish, local community, national and international causes. All are welcome to attend this celebration on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 12 noon! Tickets are now on sale for 2 weeks only at a cost of \$25 for a hot lunch choice of either Chicken Marsala Florentine or Ricotta & Spinach Stuffed Cannelloni. Tickets can be purchased via e-transfer to jaybeescwl@gmail.com using the password "lunch" and specifying your meal choice or by contacting Maryse for other payment options -

maryse.ristuccia@gmail.com

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



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.

CHILDREN'S MISSALS HAVE

<u>ARRIVED!</u> But just a few copies are left. 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! Get yours now for just \$10.





<u>ADULT SUNDAY MISSALS ARE ALSO</u> <u>AVAILABLE:</u> The new liturgical year begins November 20th. Get yours before they are all gone. Before and after Masses or at the office during regular office hours. The

DO YOU ATTEND THE 4:30, 9 AM OR 11 AM MASS ? WELL WE NEED YOU! SHARE A RIDE TO CHURCH: There are many parishioners who just can't get to church and they need you! Contact the office if you are willing and able.

cost for the adult missals is \$7.

