

# 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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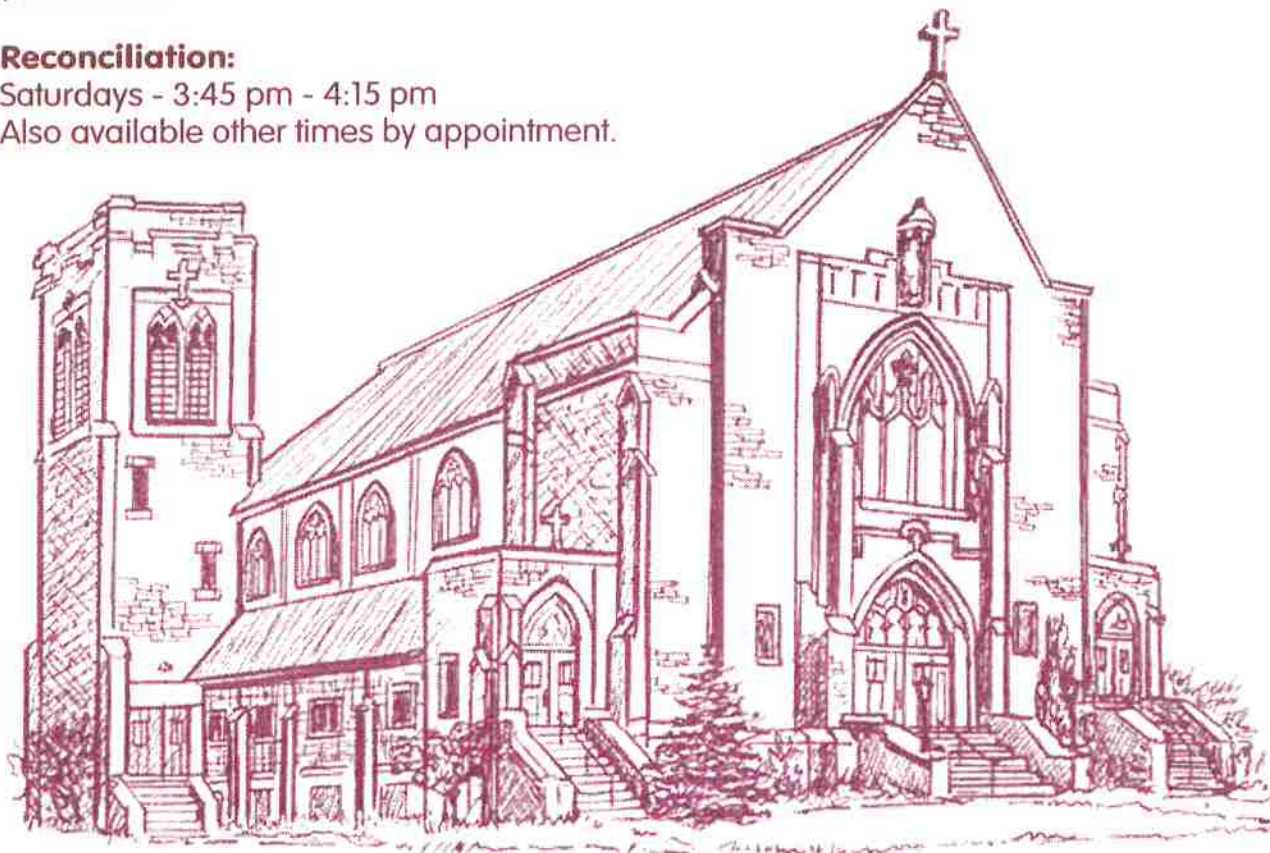
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**Office Hours:**

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**

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



"Well done, my good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:21

**From the Pastor's Desk:** VESTMENTS AND VISUALS: All things in the liturgy have a sacramental character. They help point us to the heavenly realities which surround us in our worship. The church building itself is a sign of the Church, pointing us to the beauty of heaven, surrounding us with heavenly light flowing through the stained glass windows, and safely gathering us in its rock-solid walls; and moving us forward, a great ship at sea, like the Ark of Noah. The sanctuary in particular reflects the heavenly reality of the Eucharist which unfolds there throughout the Mass, being the place where the most beautiful materials and images will be seen. It is a little elevated so that we can all see the sacred action of bringing ordinary bread and wine to the altar, participate in the great Eucharistic prayer in which the gifts are offered up to God on high and become the Body and Blood of Christ, and then join in procession to the altar to partake of the heavenly banquet. The priest, who is ordained to be the head of the assembly of believers, is specially vested for his role as the one who will preside over the prayer of the people gathered in the church. His outer garment, called the chasuble, is intentionally broad to express the fullness of the Church, composed of innumerable members of the mystical Body of Christ. The chasuble is only worn for the Eucharist, and not for any other sacraments. Under the chasuble he wears a stole, also worn by the Deacon, which is a sign that their ordination permits them to preach on behalf of the Church. The stole is a reminder that they may not teach simply what they think or what they like, but have a duty to the people of God to teach what the Church teaches. And in solidarity with all the baptized, the Priest and Deacon wear the white alb underneath, as do the servers, a sign of the white garment of baptism in which we are all united as members of the Christ's holy Church. Someone once mused that we should all wear white baptismal robes when we attend Mass. Not practical, perhaps, but we should strive for the purity of heart granted to us in our baptism, when all stain of original sin was washed away, and we should always long to be clothed in love as we participate in the Sacred Mysteries at every Holy Mass.

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



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weekend's special collection is for the Shepherds' Trust. The Shepherds' Trust cares for retired priest, like our previous pastor, Fr. John Newton and Msgr. Brad Massman who both celebrated Masses with us, listened to us, baptized our babies and blessed us with their spiritual care many times over the 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). Please consider giving generously.

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, November 21st

For + CATHERINE CAIRNS  
Requested by Edna Higgins

Wednesday, November 22nd

For + DR. JEAN ROBERT LEDUC  
Requested by Erin Rielly Clarke

Thursday, November 23rd

For + THERESA COOPER  
Requested by Edna Higgins

Friday, November 24th

For + WALTER & MAUREEN GODSOE  
Requested by The Godsoe Family

Saturday, November 25th

For + MICHELE GARGARO  
Requested by Patricia & Tanys Gargaro



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

**Please Pray For The Sick**

*Margaret Ryan, Gillian Haughey, Christine Clementi, Anne Abate, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, 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.*

	2022	2023
<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$ 3246	\$3180
<i>Offertory PAG:</i>	\$ 1183	\$1421



**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

**NEW BEGINNINGS:** Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session. Join us on November 29, at 7 pm for "November Grief: Remember and Reorder". Register at: <https://bd1123.eventbrite.ca>. For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com). 647.215.3978.

**QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE:** invites both women and men to an Advent retreat Saturday December 2nd, from 9:30 am 2:20 pm. The retreat will be facilitated by the centre team. Registration: 8:30 am COST: \$45.00 includes Coffee / tea with muffins and a hot lunch. We will close the retreat day with Mass. Contact us to register 905.278.5229 or [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca).

**ST. MICHAEL'S PRESENTS: ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS:** featuring the Choirs and Organist of the Cathedral Basilica, on Wednesday December 13 at 7 pm. Join us for a Carol Service celebrating the coming birth of Jesus at Christmas through scripture, prayer and song. Suggested donation \$25 pp. For more information, please visit: <https://smpresents.eventbrite.ca>.

**THE FRANCIS DE SALES CENTRE ACCEPTING HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2024-2025:** Students entering grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply to The Francis De Sales Centre (FSC) at Mary, Mother of God School. A unique, affordable independent school rooted in the Catholic tradition, FSC engages students with a rigorous academic program in both the sciences and the humanities through small, seminar-style classes that are lively and engaging. It has a joyful and dynamic student life centred on daily prayer, including the Rosary and part of the Divine Office, and weekly cultural excursions. For more information and to access an application package, please call us at 416.531.7897, or visit [marymotherofgodschool.org](http://marymotherofgodschool.org)

**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. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the Archbishop and complete the short survey by December 15, 2023. [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation).

**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

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:** registration will open November 30<sup>th</sup> and run for two weeks, for registered parishioners of St. John's parish, attending Sunday Eucharist, with either Catholic School or public school students. Please visit our website beginning November 30th for full details.



**PARISH PASTA DINNER:** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Parish Pasta dinner on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 4:30 Mass. Your Pasta dinner will include Larry's Legendary Pasta sauce/meatballs, salad, bun, coffee/tea and dessert. Cost: Adults \$10, Seniors - \$7.00, Kids 6-12-\$7.00 (Free for Children 5 & under) Family of 4 - \$20.00. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend & the weekend of November 25/26. Get your tickets early, invite your neighbours and enjoy a friends and family evening out, with good food, Silent Auction, 50/50 Draw, music and much more. If interested in volunteering or donating items for the silent auction please contact the office. All proceeds go to Koats for Kids.

**WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE 2023:** Daily reflections for Advent & Christmas, now available for sale! During the especially busy Advent and Christmas seasons, this book offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. A great little Advent Calendar! Available in the vestibule or from the Office for just \$5.



**CWL MEETING:** All paid members are asked to attend a special meeting on Sunday, Dec. 3rd in the church Hall at 12 noon. A "Motion to Disband" our council will be presented at that time and an in-person vote will be taken. A light lunch will be served.

**Little Levity:** Claudine & Paulie, an elderly couple, flying on their way to Hawaii for holidays had to make an emergency landing on a deserted island. Claudine turns to Paulie and says "oh dear, we are doomed, no one will find us here." Paulie surveying his surroundings says, "Claudine, did we pay the heating bill?" "No sweetheart." answers Claudine. Still shaking from the landing, Paulie says, "Did we pay our credit card bill yet!" "Oh forgive me sweetheart, I didn't get a chance to mail the cheque." "One last thing" says Paulie, "did you pay the last hospital bill from my operation?" "Forgive me dear, I didn't pay that one either." she replies. Grabbing Claudine and giving her a big hug and kiss, Paulie said, "We don't have anything to worry about dear, the debt collectors will find us!" Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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