

# Parish of Saint John

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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Catholic Cemeteries:**

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.

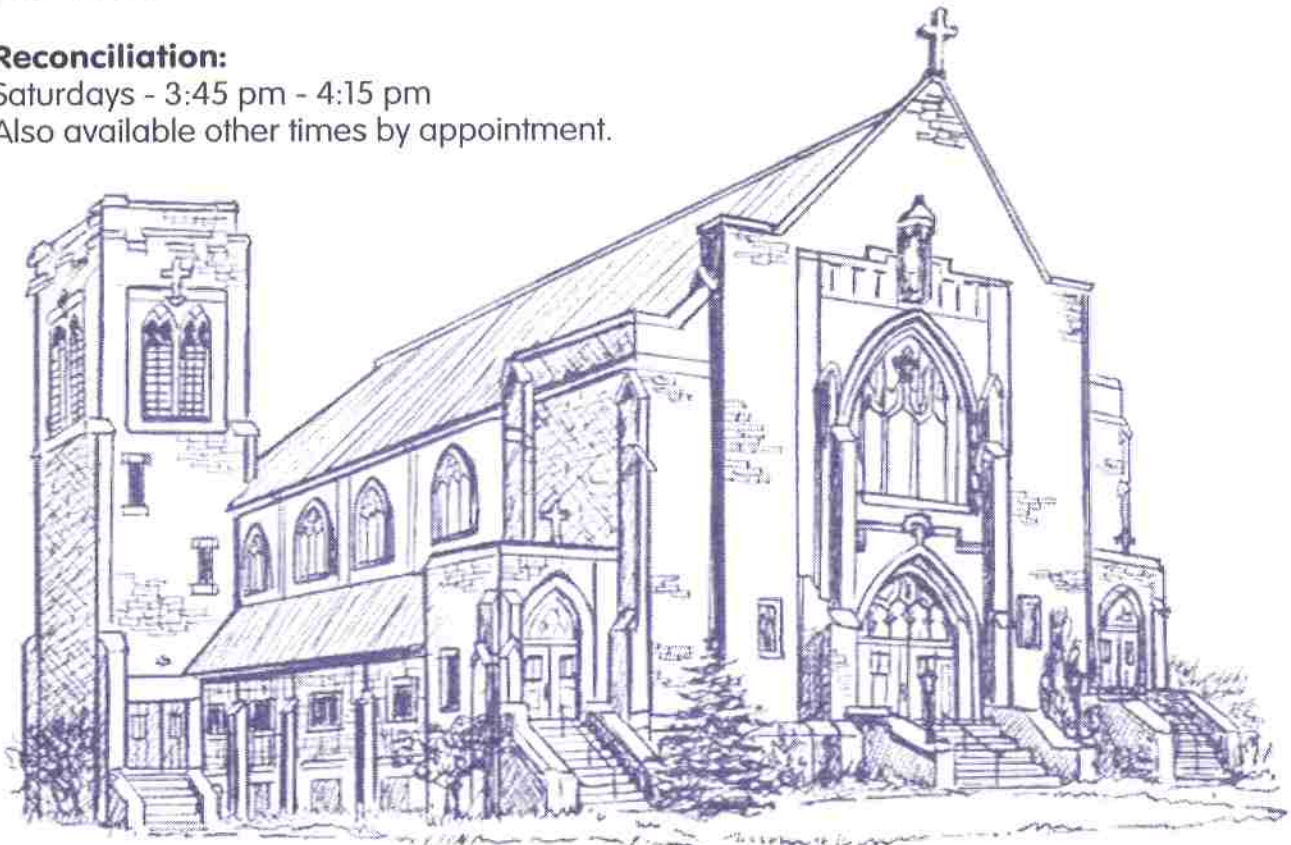
**Marriage:** Please email the parish office one year before.

**Please Register with the Parish**  
so we can assist you.

**Reconciliation:**

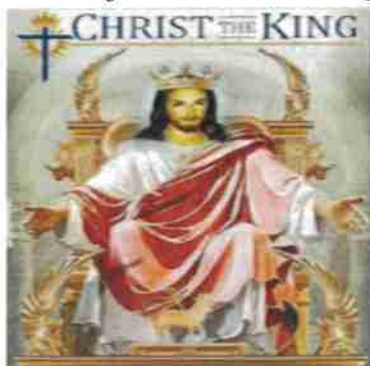
Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

**Feast of Christ The King**



**From the Pastor's Desk:** GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE: An important part of the Mass was suppressed during the pandemic, and I am very happy to revive the offertory procession at St. John's. If you are asked by a hospitality minister to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar, please say yes. I hope that everyone will take turns at participating in this way. Sometimes it will be a family, other times friends or coworkers, other times representatives of different parish groups, or just two people who happen to be attending Mass at the same time. The combination doesn't matter as much as the gesture. There is a deep symbolism in the act of bringing forth from the people of God the bread to be consecrated ("fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life"); and similarly the wine ("fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us our spiritual drink").

Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, took ordinary bread and wine, and with his sacred hands, offered them up to God the Father, to become an everlasting sacrament of communion with God. You, too, are asked to take ordinary bread and wine, and bring them to the altar to be consecrated. You are to be the hands (and feet) of Christ in the world, and when you take the bread and wine to the altar, we see in your action the hands of Christ bringing the world to the Father. It is a sign of all you have to offer: your sacrifices, made for family and friends and for the good of all. All your sacrifices are united to those of Christ as his Body and Blood are offered to the Father. Then, in God's great generosity, he gives back to you in Communion not bread and wine, but the very Body and Blood of the divine Son of God, crucified for you on Calvary, and risen from the dead! You are fed the food for immortality, given back to you from what you have brought to the altar, so that you can become what you receive. Bringing bread and wine to the altar is a gracious act, rich in meaning. Please be eager to be the hands and feet of Christ if asked to make this sign visible for us at the Holy Mass.

**JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 8:15 am Mass. We sing and praise for a bit, we sit in silence for private prayer, and then sing and praise a bit more. Come, be with Jesus for just a little while.



**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, November 28th**

For + IDOLINA MELO

Requested by The Melo Family

**Wednesday, November 29th**

For + CATHERINE CAIRNS

Requested by John Quigley

**Thursday, November 30th**

For + THERESA COOPER

Requested by Elaine Attwood

**Friday, December 1st**

For + ROGERIO DEMELO

Requested by The Melo Family

**Saturday, December 2nd**

For INTENTIONS OF ST. JOHN'S ROSARY GROUP

Requested by Catherine Chang

**Rest in Peace**

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

*Evelyn Maryuen & Alex McDonald*



**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, Carmel Richard*



Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

If you would like to find out about our PAG (Pre-authorized Giving) system, please contact the office. We depend on your weekly giving to support you and the operations of the Parish.

	2022	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 2870	\$2825
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1183	\$1421
Shepherds Trust	\$3246	\$3100



**HAVE YOU MOVED OR NEW TO THE PARISH?:**

Please put St. John's on your list to be notified about any change of contact information. 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!

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH, please register. Registration is necessary when seeking reference letters, Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriages and other documents. Join our family of Faith. Email the office.

**DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS:**

offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. It helps busy people enrich their prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. A great little Advent Calendar! Get yours today and begin opening, your spiritual Advent calendar. Available in the vestibule or from the Office for just \$5.

**In The News**

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL FOR BOYS:** *is holding its annual Massey Hall concert Saturday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.* A musically rich blend of traditional favourites and sacred carols to usher in the Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 86th year and this year's concert, presenting exceptional choral repertoire along with featured concert works, Randol Bass's A Christmas Flourish and Corad Susa's Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest, for choir, soloists, brass and percussion, sure to be one of the best.

<https://masseyhall.mhrth.com/tickets/st-michaels-choir-school/>).

**CAROLLING IN THE PARK:** Join us on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**"POUR OUT" ADORATION NIGHT:** Join us on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm at Merciful Redeemer Parish - 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga for this Advent special for all ages! Reflect on how God pours Himself out for us by giving us His only Son. An evening of praise and worship, adoration, prayer ministry, talk and confession. Featuring Fr. Michael Corpus - No registration required.

**QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE:** invites both women and men to an Advent retreat Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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).

**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. Access an application packages call 416.531.7897, or visit [marymotherofgodschool.org](http://marymotherofgodschool.org)

**Little Levity:** Three men were breaking into Maggie's garage, When she called the police station. Officer Johnny, knowing Maggie was often seeing things, said, "Maggie, no one is available so just go back into your home, lock your doors and I'll send a patrol as soon as one is available." Maggie sat down, counted to 30 and called back. "I just shot the 3 men" and hung up. Five minutes later, 6 patrol cars, a SWAT team, and a helicopter showed up and caught the 3 guys red handed. Officer Johnny said to Maggie, "I thought you said you shot the burglars?" "I thought you said no one was available!" Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

**Parish News**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL COLLECTION:** will be held the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, during each Mass. The primary role of the S.S.V.P. is to respond to needy families and individuals within our parish boundaries who are struggling to make ends meet. In 2022, our members made 154 home visits to deliver assistance to 190 families and individuals, including 87 children, many of who also received extra assistance in December to help brighten their Christmas. It is your donations that allow us to provide emergency food aid, in the form of food vouchers and also through your generosity, we are able to order beds and furniture items for those who have no furniture or have lost their beds to bed-bug infestations. This annual collection is by far our most important fund raising event and we ask that you be generous in remembering those in our community who are less fortunate. We also want to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for your continuing support throughout the year with your donations to the S.S.V.P. donations boxes. These boxes, along with this annual collection are our only sources of revenue.

**ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The St. John's Children's Liturgy and Catechism Programs are beginning to prepare for the annual Christmas Pageant to be presented before the 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Permission/information forms are available from the Children's Liturgy and Catechism teachers. To audition/participate, please meet in the church basement on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the 9 am Mass. Rehearsals will be held on Dec. 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Marlo Taylor at 647.233.7636.



**KNIGHTS ADVENT SOCK & MITTS DRIVE:** Having you ever walked around with cold and wet hands and feet, well many of our poor and homeless do. Each year, during Advent, the Knights ask your help to donate new unwrapped socks and mitts for the poor and homeless. Beginning, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, please place your donations in the baskets available in the vestibule.

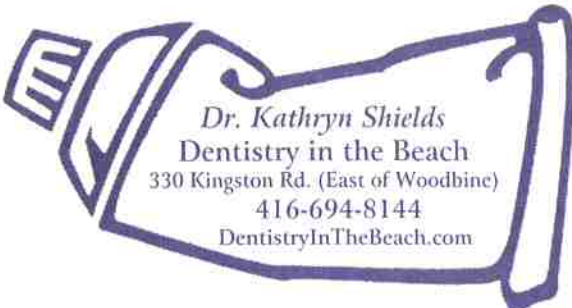
**PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:** registration will open November 30<sup>th</sup> and run for two weeks, for registered parishioners of St. John's parish, attending Sunday Eucharist, with either Catholic School or public school students. Visit our website beginning Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PARISH PASTA DINNER:** hosted by Knights of Columbus, is set for Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the 4:30 Mass. Dinner includes Larry's Legendary Pasta sauce/meatballs, salad, bun, coffee/tea and dessert. Cost: Adults \$10, Seniors - \$7. Kids 6-12-\$7. (Free for kids 5yrs & under) Family of 4 - \$20. Tickets on sale after all Masses. 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 contact the office. Proceeds - Koats for Kids.

**CWL MEETING:** All paid members are asked to attend a special meeting on Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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