

Parish of Saint John

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Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

Baptisms: Please email the parish office.

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Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

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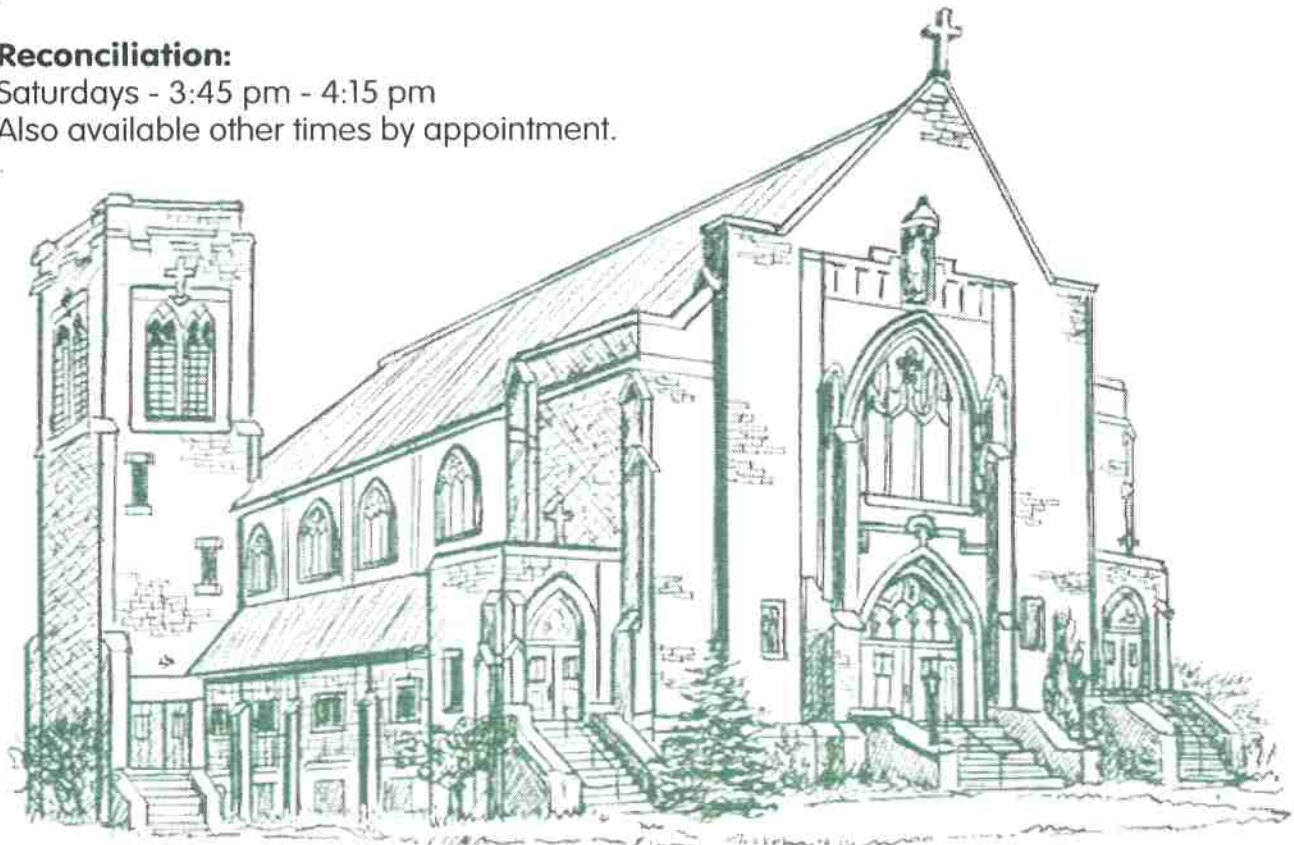
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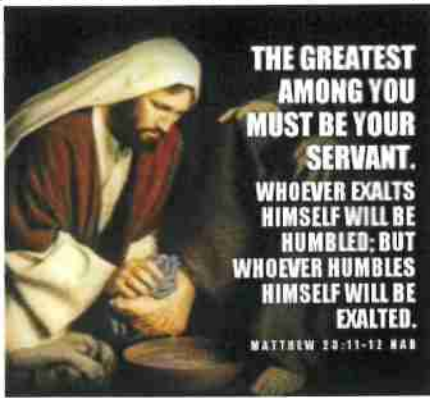
Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time



Whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Jesus took on the role of servant, giving his life for you and me.

From the Pastor's Desk: PRAYING

INTENTIONALLY: My weekly bulletin column has been looking at the Mass step-by-step, and has brought us into the door of the church, and into a moment of prayer and reflection before the Mass begins. Before going further, this is a time to ask: why this column? What might you gain from reading it and thinking about it, and maybe even acting on it? The short answer is that by praying through the Mass more intentionally, by seeking a deeper appreciation of what is happening at each point, and how each moment relates to the whole, some spiritual renewal will come of it. A heart open to the Holy Spirit will always be enriched by prayer, and the Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church, with depths that we can spend our whole lives exploring, yielding more and more fruit. With this column, I invite everyone to say all the prayers more deliberately, meaning what you say, putting your heart into the beautiful words of prayer that constitute this apex of Christian worship which we call the Mass. It is the worship of heaven made present to us for a brief time while we are together in the church. When we say words of praise, find it in your heart to joyfully sing or say the words that cry out in worship of God. When we say words of contrition and sorrow, again, say them from the heart, knowing that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and need forgiveness and healing grace. When we say prayers of petition, asking God to help us and to help those in danger and in need, find it in your heart to implore your Creator with real longing for God's assistance. Prayers which might be new to you, or prayers which you have said since childhood, will draw you closer to God the more you lift up your heart to him, and put your heart into the words we say and the songs we sing. Think of every moment of the Mass as an opportunity to grow in relationship to God, for if you grant him that opportunity, he will take you up on it. Can you do this at this Mass today?

Prayer Intentions for November:

We pray for the Holy Father as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, November 7th

For + THE MACDONALD & MAILLOUX FAMILIES
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Wednesday, November 8th

For + LAWRENCE RYAN
Requested by Riet Ryan

Thursday, November 9th

For + ERMINIA & MICHAEL ERCOLINO
Requested by Anna Ercolino

Friday, November 10th

For + SOUSA FAMILY
Requested by The Melo Family

Saturday, November 11th

For PRO POPULO

Rest in Peace



In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of
Our departed loved ones



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of

Erminia & Michael Ercolina

In many places of worship, a lamp signifies our constant prayer. The sanctuary lamp will burn for your particular prayer or intention for 7 days. Contact the Parish Office if you wish to reserve for your intentions.

Please Pray For The Sick

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

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



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. Want to save our planet and reduce the use of paper and the cost of envelopes, just scan the QR code and the link will take you to our "Donate" button on our website where you can donate through your credit card; select "St. John's Parish, Toronto" in the drop down menu.



	2022	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3246	\$3237
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1183	\$1421

In The News

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.

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024

(November 08, 2023, to January 15, 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 located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to 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>.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE

ROMAN RITE: Join Fr. Michael McGourty, lecturer in liturgy at St. Augustine's Seminary and pastor of St. Peter's Church, in a brief exploration of the liturgy of the Roman Rite. Those subjects explored will include: Infant Baptism (November 9); The Eucharist (November 16); The Sacrament of Penance (November 30); The Rite of Marriage (December 7); Pastoral care of the Sick (December 14); The Funeral Liturgy (December 21). All talks will take place on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church, at 840 Bathurst. Contact St. Peter's, Toronto for more information.



SCHOLARSHIPS: Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT) have new scholarships to support learners from a host of different backgrounds and capacities.

Beginning in 2024, five new scholarships, of up to \$5,000 each, will be granted annually to recipients living, studying, or working within the Archdiocese of Toronto who come from one of four categories: The Sisters of Service Scholarship will be given to recipients who are new immigrants or refugees; A Palliative Care Scholarship which will be awarded to one recipient who is studying Palliative Care and/or Gerontology; The Indigenous Community Youth Leadership Scholarship; The Lifelong Learner Scholarship will be awarded to one recipient. For more information contact CCAT.

Parish News

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 2nd week of December in the vestibule. If you would like to begin using envelopes for your offering, please email the office.



POOR BOX SPEAKS: Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church. Your donations help St. Vincent de Paul society respond to needy families and individuals on a monthly basis within our parish boundaries who are struggling to make ends meet.

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:



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2023/2024 ADULT & CHILDREN'S

SUNDAY MISSALS: Great resource for everyone. Give the **SUNDAY MISSAL FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS** and promote active




participation in the Mass and especially for those preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. • Perfect for children ages 7 and up and families • Stunning full-colour illustrations throughout. • Key Words page for every Sunday explaining biblical words and concepts • Clear introduction of the parts of the Mass • An attractive and durable laminated cover – ideal for parish, home and school. And it makes a great gift for First Holy Communion & Confirmation students! Available in the vestibule for the next few weekends or at the office.

Little Levity: Johnny and Sammy are talking to each other. Johnny says, "I'm really worried. My dad works twelve hours a day to give me a nice home and good food. My mom spends the whole day cleaning and cooking for me. I'm worried sick!" Sammy says, "What have you got to worry about? Sounds to me like you've got it made!" Johnny says, "Sure.... but what if they try to escape?" Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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