Parish of Saint John

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday

8:15 am

Baptisms: Please email the parish office.

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year before.

Parish Schools:

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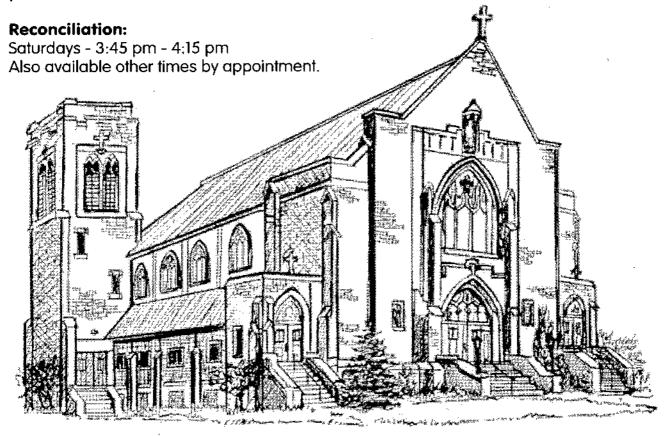
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Office Hours:

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you. for John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." Matthew 21: 32. "The message of the parable is clear: it is not words that matter, but deeds, deeds of conversion and faith. Pope Benedict

From the Pastor's Desk: THE LORD BE WITH YOU, AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT. We have said this many, many times over the years. Should we sing it? Of course! From the General Instruction on the Roman Missal: "both the dialogues between the Priest and the assembled faithful and the acclamations are of great significance; for they are not simply outward signs of communal celebration but foster and bring about communion between Priest and people." The Mass is not simply a script that we follow. It is a sacred dialogue between the head and members of the body of Christ. When the priest greets the people, and the people respond, that action is not simply a social act. When I say to you, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all," I try to mean it with all my heart. I can think of no greater greeting as I sincerely wish for all to be touched by God's love and gathered into communion with the Holy Spirit. Your response, "And with your spirit", is a recognition of the spiritual character of the priest's ordination, and his role as head of the assembled body of believers. When you say this all together, as a body, your voices are joined as one, expressing your unity as Christ's Mystical Body. By singing this exchange, your voices are even more united in the same notes, making a greater sign of the unity of the Body, and adding a dignity and solemnity expressing the significance of this seemingly simply dialogue. Put your heart into singing these simple notes, and the intended effects will be even more obvious and fruitful.

Pope Francis' Prayer for October 2023 "We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

October Saints' Days

The following Saints are traditionally remembered in October in Canada.

> Saint Therese of the Child Jesus - Oct. 1 The Holy Guardian Angels - Oct. 2 St. Francis of Assisi - Oct. 4 St. Faustina Kowalskia - Oct. 5 Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher & St. Bruno - Oct. 6 Our Lady of the Rosary - Oct. 7 St. Denis & Companions - Oct. 9



HEALING AND RECONCILIATION: Saturday September

30th, provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect and honour Survivors of residential schools and those who support them. In a special way, we remember the children that never returned home. We recognize this painful history and, as a Catholic community, acknowledge our involvement in the residential school system. On this day, we pray, educate and advocate, looking for opportunities to discern how each one of us can participate in the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope. On Saturday September 30th, we also offer this Mass for the intention of ongoing healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land. The second collection today provides an opportunity for us to contribute towards the programs & initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 30th For + MIRTHA DASILVA Requested by Robert, Irene & Monika Wintersinger - Schmidt

> Tuesday, October 3rd For + LINDA BENEDETTI Requested by Steve Benedetti

Wednesday, October 4th For + JAMES & MARY MAILLOUX Requested by Maureen MacDonald

> Thursday, October 5th For + SOUSA FAMILY Requested by Melo Family

Friday, October 6th For + IRENE FLEMING Requested by Fr. John & Msgr. Brad



The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions of

Ongoing Healing and Reconciliation of Indigenous People

Please Pray For The Sick Joe Phelan, John Madden, Isabel Cairns, Marianne

Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard



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	2022	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 2250	\$3425
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1183	\$1421
Needs of the Church In Canada	\$ 830	\$1325

In The News

MAGNIFICAT

on Saturday October pm, and treat your or friend to an that includes a hot worship led by our



BREAKFAST: Join us 14, from 9:30 am – 12:30 mother, sister, colleague inspirational morning breakfast, praise and spirit-filled music

ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker Patrizia Liberata Micallef. Full details & to register contact Feiona at 416.846.4068, magnificat.toronto.chapter@gmail.com

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE INVITES
ALL WOMEN TO THE 2023 WOMEN TOGETHER
RETREAT: on Wednesday October 25, 9 am to 3 pm.
Topic "THE JOY OF THE LORD is Your Strength"
Nehemiah 8:10. Facilitated by Anne Hales & Questa
Fernandes. Registration 8:30 am. Cost is \$45 and includes
coffee/tea and a hot lunch. Mass will be celebrated during
the day. For more information contact Phone: 905 278 5229
Fax: 905 278 7513 or Email: office@qoa.ca

INTRODUCING MERRYMAKERS, a dynamic afternoon program for 3-5 year olds. Mary, Mother of God School is now registering children for 2 ½ hours of enriched programming on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us for songs, stories, poems, nursery rhymes, instruments, games, classical music, mime, drama, and lots of play. For more information, call the school office at 416.531.7897. Come and make merry with us!



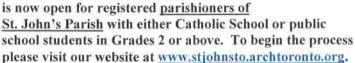
THE ROSARY COAST TO COAST: will be held at 3100 Weston Road on the field behind Carmen Stefano Community Centre beginning at 8 pm on October 13. Contact: Angie Carboni | 416.871.3908 | parishionerh@gmail.com Light a candle, pray with your family and friends, or join an online livestream event at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario. Recitation of the holy Rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy, consecration to Mary in song, and a brief reflection. There is no better time to be on our knees and implore God for mercy on our families and country! Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3731333108 Meeting ID: 373 133 3108 +13017158592

COME & SEE – Discernment Weekend Retreat –The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 17 (6:30 pm) until Sunday, November 19 (2 pm.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee For more information, please: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION –

DEADLINE OCTOBER 5TH : registration





OUR 11 AM CHOIR: has returned. Choir rehearsals resume Thursday's in the church at 7:30 PM. New singers are always welcome!

WANTED: NEW ALTAR SERVERS—We are once again looking for students in grades three and above, who have made their First Communion, and are interested in becoming an altar server. We are looking for servers who are willing to attend any Mass, however, we are in most need of servers who are willing to attend the Saturday 4:30 pm. If interested contact the parish office by October 10th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Beginning

this weekend and running until October 9th, you can participate by bringing non-perishable food items and dropping them off at the altar until Thanksgiving. Urgently needed items: rice, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soup & stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals peanut butter.

Donations will be delivered to the Good Shepherd Refuge.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Never

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baptized, or maybe baptized Catholic, but in need of the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist? We welcome you! The Rite of Christian Initiation

for Adults is for you! Classes begin this fall. Email the parish office to inquire.

THANK YOU TO OUR CWL: for hosting a lovely welcome back gathering last weekend. And thanks to all the parishioners who took time to introduce themselves or reacquaint with old friends while enjoying a beverage and treat. Let's continue to build our parish family.

COUNT YOURSELF IN: We welcome all who have moved into our parish. To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Registration with a parish is much like a commitment to a family, sports team, school or organization. To be eligible for admission to Sacramental Preparation or to receive testimonial letters, an individual must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attending the sacraments, and supporting the parish. Register so we can help you!

<u>Little Levity:</u> Zacchaeus started shouting when he saw his son returning, "My Son, My Son, you have returned, let us kill the fattened calf." "Uh.... Dad, I've become a Vegetarian," said his son. "Quick fetch the fattened asparagus" said Zacchaeus.

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



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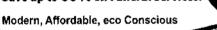


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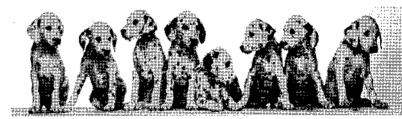
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