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.

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year before.

Parish Schools:

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

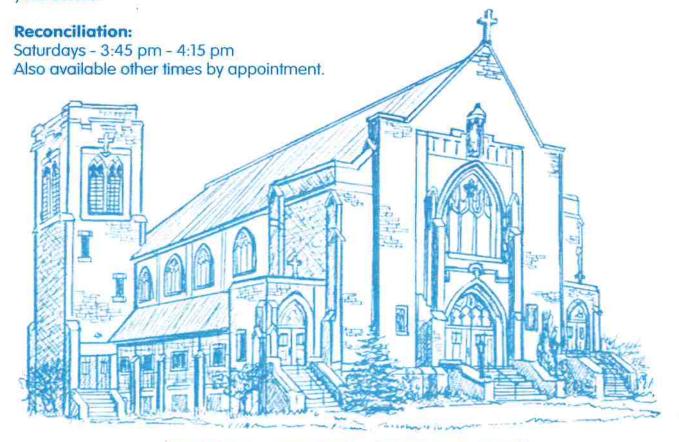
Catholic Cemeteries:

416-733-8544

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-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



From the Pastor's Desk: Q. WHEN DOES THE

MASS BEGIN? A. "The journey begins when Christians leave their homes and beds" (Fr. Alexander Schmemann). Your conscious act to sacrifice part of your day for an encounter with your Creator along with all the baptized already has a sacred character. Already, by sacrificing that precious commodity of time, you are starting to touch the heart of what worship is: sacrifice. The word itself is rich in meaning, combining the Latin words "sacra" (holy) and "facere" (to make or to do). Sacrifice is "doing the holy" or "making the holy". Our intent to sacrifice time (a gift from God!), and give that time in sacrifice to the Maker of Time, enables us to come to the holiest time of the entire Church: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At that sacrifice, we unite our own sacrifices to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. We unite our sufferings to his sufferings, and our offerings to his self-offering. Then we are fed by that very Body which hung on the Cross in sacrifice, the greatest imaginable union with God we can have in this life. This holy action - partaking of Holy Communion - enables us to bring the saving power of Christ with us, out the door of the church, into our everyday lives, and live lives characterized by sacrificial self-giving. There is no greater power available to humanity to be God's agents to change the world for the better. Let us always treasure and enter more deeply into this sacramental encounter every time we leave our homes and come to worship as the Body of Christ.

Did You Know?

- As a sign of respect to the Lord you remove your hats when entering the Church
- You should fast one hour before receiving Holy Communion
- · You should not eat or drink in Church
- · Cell phones should be switched off.
- You should genuflect in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saints' Days - October 11 to 15

The following Saints are traditionally remembered in October in Canada.

St. John XXIII – Oct. 11 St. Callistus I – Oct. 14 St. Teresa of Jesus – Oct. 15

Happy Thanksgiving! Be joyful always; Pray continually; Give Thanks for everything!



Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 7th
For INTENTIONS OF BERNADETTE CLANCY
Requested by Parish Family

Tuesday, October 10th
For INTENTION OF ROSEMARY WALCHER
Requested by Parish Family

Wednesday, October 11th
For + NOEL VIOLA
Requested by Bernie & Rosalinda Febria

Thursday, October 12th
For + REV. ANTERIO DEMELO
Requested by Melo Family

Friday, October 13th
For INTENTIONS OF MAUREEN CARR

Please Pray For The Sick Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard

PRAYING THE ROSARY: Did you know the month of October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Come join us in praying the ROSARY before Mass, Tuesday to Friday. Church doors will open at 7:45 am.



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



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



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Healing & Reconciliation	\$ 9035	\$3435

In The News

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9 am. Learn: How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection. How to create your own legacy. About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals. Register at: https://QRCO.de/oct14 or send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar Oct 14" in the title line + your name(s)

ATTENTION STUDENTS: How were your first few months of University or College, a little rough? Did you connect with Campus Ministry to find a welcoming community of friends and faith? If not, visit chaplaincyconnect.ca to check out campus ministry on your campus! Chaplaincy Connect is an online tool that helps students connect with campus ministry anywhere in Canada. You'll be glad you did!

ST.MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2024. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 19 & Tuesday, October 24, beginning at 7 pm. Please register at ApplySCS.com. St. Michal's College School offers a generous Financial Assistance Programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

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!

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Boy our
baskets look pretty empty! Did you forget the
food drive was on? The Good Shepherd Refuge

really need your donations. They are in desperate need of:
Urgently needed items: rice, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes,
soup & stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard
beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals peanut
butter. Just drop them off at the altar.

DID YOU MISS THE DEADLINE? - PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Well you're in luck,



we've extended it to Tuesday October 11th! Registration is open for registered <u>parishioners of St. John's Parish</u> with either Catholic School or public school students in Grades 2 or above. Email stjohnssacraments@archtoronto.org



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

<u>THANK YOU!</u> to all who came out and supported our Life Chain last weekend! It was a beautiful show of a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT! The Blessing of the animals in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, saw many of our Canine and Avian friends including Fr. John-Mark's canaries. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon to meet and reacquaint with other parishioners and even celebrate Tobit Ignacio's 8th birthday. Not sure how many years that is in dog years, but the birthday dog bone was enjoyed! More photos on our webpage.



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, you must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attending the sacraments, and supporting the parish. Register so we can help you!

Little Levity: Marlo asked the kids in Children's Liturgy, if they would give a \$1,000,000 to the missionaries. "Yes!" they all screamed! How about \$1000?" "Oh, yes we would!" they all agreed! "Would you just give a dollar to the missionaries?". The boys exclaimed, "Yes!" except Johnny. "Johnnie," Marlo said as she noticed him clutching his pocket, "Why didn't you say 'yes' this time?" "Well," the boy stammered, "I have a dollar!" Peace begins with a smile........Mother Teresa



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