

Parish of Saint John

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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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.

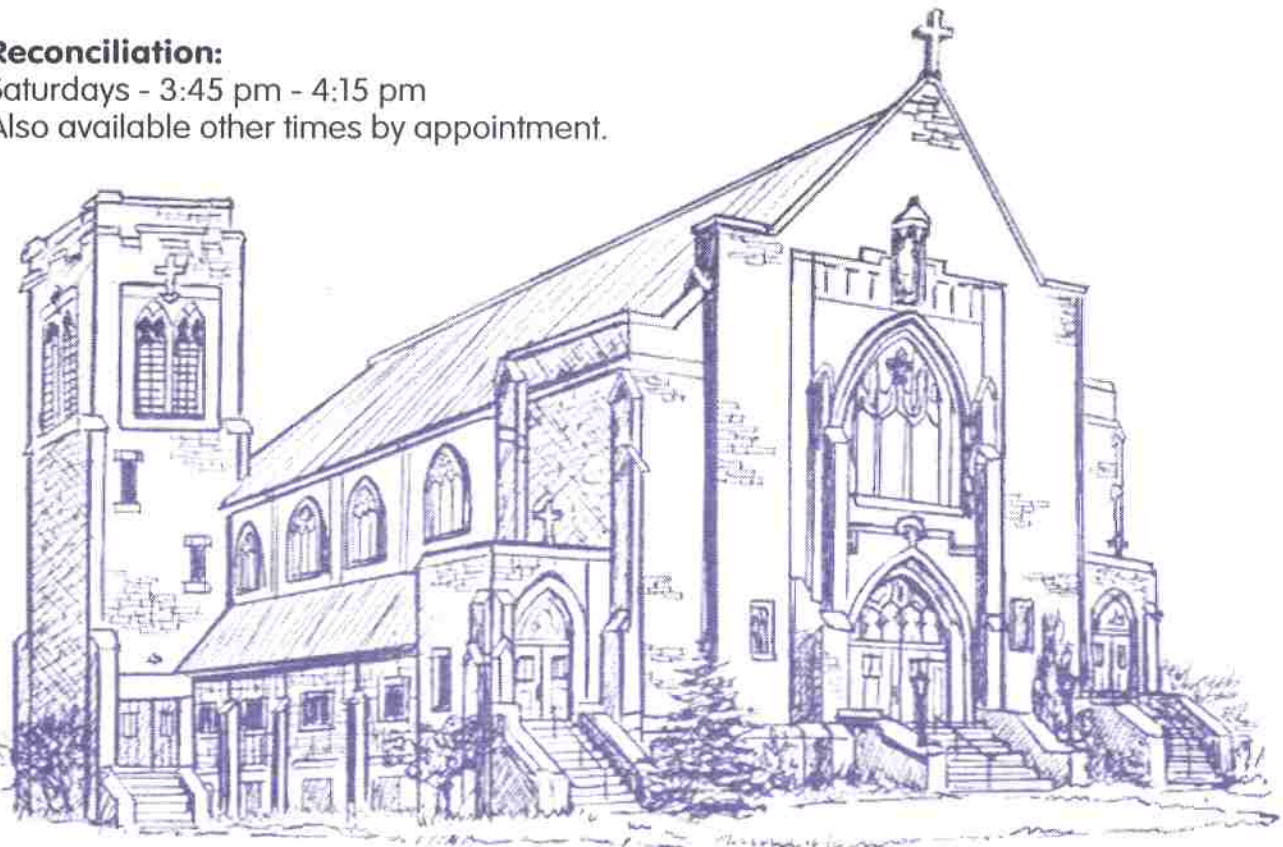
Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



From the Pastor's Desk: LITURGY NOTES: Is singing the Mass important? Isn't Jesus himself singing at this very moment? Here's what the Church says, in the defining document of how we worship: "Christ Jesus, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, taking human nature, introduced into this earthly exile that hymn which is sung throughout all ages in the halls of heaven. He joins the entire community of mankind to Himself, associating it with His own singing of this canticle of divine praise." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, n.83) This image of Christ singing a hymn in worship of the Father in the Holy Spirit should therefore be a defining image for our worship on earth. Ecstatic love is not spoken, it calls for a voice fully engaged and liberated from the constraints of speech. For the first 1,000 years of Christian worship, the liturgy was not said: it was sung, from the beginning to the end. Accidents of history led to speaking instead of singing over the centuries, and the vision of the Second Vatican Council is to restore singing to its rightful place throughout our worship, from the entrance song and the priest's greeting, to the blessing given as we are sent forth into the world. Slowly, we will be restoring this vision to our worship at St. John's. We will soon begin singing the opening and the ending dialogues of the Mass between the priest and people, joining our voices to the "hymn which is sung throughout all ages in the halls of heaven", the eternal hymn sung in the inner life of the almighty Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Spirit.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: Come join us in praying the ROSARY before Mass, Tuesday to Friday. Church doors will open at 7:45 am. In addition, this week we will add the Novena to St. Michael the Archangel until September 29th.

 **OFFERING** Help support your parish so that we are able to keep our doors open to support you when you need us. Contact the office if you wish to begin using envelopes or for more information on our Pre Authorized giving (PAG). Alternatively, 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	\$ 3750	\$3505
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1183	\$1421


INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION: Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of September 30/October 1 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture. This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.



Mass Intentions



- Tuesday, September 26th**
For + JOHN ALEXANDER MCPHERSON
Requested by Monish Sarker
- Wednesday, September 27th**
For PRIVATE INTENTIONS
- Thursday, September 28th**
For + ROGERIO DEMELO
Requested by Melo Family
- Friday, September 29th**
For + JENNY ZULUAGA
Requested Patricia Blandon

 *The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of*
Jeffrey Freeman

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



We welcome our newest members of our parish family baptized Sunday September 17th.

*Cameron Cole Robinson
Ronan John Patrick Braczek*

In The News

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.

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: A Healing Retreat: Adult children of divorced and separated parents are invited to journey through the broken image of love that appeared to them through their parents' relationship to their deepest identity found in God. The retreat offers understanding of the wound of divorce and the ways it affects children's lives, advice about the difficulties concerning love and trust of others, and explanation of the ways in which the Catholic faith, spiritual practices, and the Sacraments are essential to self-knowledge and healing. This retreat has something for every adult child of divorce or separation, no matter how much healing you have already received or need.

Register at <https://learning.saintmonica.institute.ca/products/Weekend-Retreat-Life-Giving-Wounds.aspx>

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR MOROCCO - The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org. By phone through the Development Office – 416.934.3411

Through our parish church, making cheques payable to: St. John's Parish – Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: Registration is Now Open! Early Bird pricing available until September 29th. Renew Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday, November 4th at Canada Christian College. The day includes keynotes by Jackie & Bobby Angel, worship lead by Steadfast Worship, various workshop speakers, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. Renew your heart. Renew your call. Renew your Community. For more info and to register visit: www.renewtoronto.org.

Parish News

LIFE CHAIN: is a prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. This peaceful and silent demonstration brings awareness to the ongoing injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts. Participants hold non-graphic signs at hundreds of locations across North American for one hour. Please join us this year at Queen & Woodbine on Sunday, October 1st, from 2 to 3 pm.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS – In honour of the Feast of St. Francis (patron of animals), the blessing of animals will take place, rain or shine, on Sunday, October 1st from 12:30 to 1:00, at the front entrance of the church. Animals are part of God's creation and bring us so much love. So bring your dog, cat, gerbil, bird, fish, squirrel, or whatever animal, for a special blessing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE – Begin next weekend, October 1st and running until the weekend of October 9th, you can participate by bringing non-perishable food items and dropping them off at the altar until Thanksgiving. *Urgently needed items: 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.



ST. JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

registration is now open for registered parishioners of St. John's Parish with either Catholic School or public school students in Grades 2 or above. To begin the process please visit our website at www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org.



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, attend the sacraments, and support the parish. Register so we can help you!

Little Levity: "What's wrong, Paulie?" asked Fr. Michael. "I need you to pray for my hearing," said Paulie. Father Michael put his hands on Paulie's ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, "So how's your hearing?" "I don't know," said Paulie. "It isn't until next Tuesday." Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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