

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Note From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan: February 2nd, we celebrated the Feast of The Presentation of Jesus which is also the day dedicated to the persons of the consecrated life who are called to practice the evangelical counsels with humility to live obedience, the simplicity to live poverty and the fidelity to live chastity in daily life in all circumstances. This committed life is also applicable to all baptized Christian.

Let us ask, ourselves, am I living my quality of humility to cherish the will of God? Am I sharing what I have with everyone in my life to accomplish the love of God? Where am I standing as a human, as a Christian, towards fidelity to God and his will? No one can tell us how to respond, it is a personal response.

Jesus said: "for even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." (Mk 10/45) He affirms further by saying that he has come not to do his own will, but the will of the Father who sent him. (Jn. 6/38)

Similarly, we all are called by baptism and will have to render an account to God. We gather at our parish to build peace within ourselves to promote mutual confidence love understanding and belongingness not only within our parish community but also in the secular environment where we live. We are called to participate with our own identity in the life of the local and universal Church.

Where am I in my standing as a parishioner of St. John? What is my response? What is my involvement towards my own parish? How do I manifest myself to in humility, simplicity and fidelity to others as a witnessing catholic?

Am I a visible witness amid the world as a baptized person?

Let us stop!!! Reflect!!! Let's move forward!!!

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

For INTENTIONS OF MARISSA SANCHEZ
Requested by Carl & Margot Januszczak

Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

For + VALERIE LAWSON
Requested by Maureen Carr

Thursday, February 9th, 2023

For INTENTIONS OF THERESA COOPER
Requested by The Cooper Family

Friday, February 10, 2023

For + LOUISE PATON
Requested by Pat Cairns

Saturday, February 11, 2023

For + PATRICIA FERNANDES
Requested by Veronica Samaraweera



*The Sanctuary Light burns this week
for the intentions of*

All those living a Consecrated Life

Please Pray For The Sick

Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Amanda Finlay, Francesca Natale, Diane Meldrum, Paul Decourcy, Jack Lees, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard



Rest in Peace

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

Michael Murphy

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



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



Thank you for making a gift to your Parish. Income Tax receipts for donations made in 2022 will be making its way to your home soon. Donations made to St. Vincent de Paul will be received separately. Please remember St. John's Parish in your last will and testament. Your offertory contributions are our only source of income in support of normal parish operations. Please consider increasing your donations for 2023.

	2019	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 4806	\$ 2044
Offertory PAG:	\$ 993	\$ 1421

In The News

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, February 10th at the St. John Catholic School gym. St John Parent Council is happy to present Minions: The Rise of Gru. Bring a blanket/mat to sit on. Popcorn, candy, raffles and more. \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Doors open at 6 pm. Adult accompaniment for children under 12. Funds raised support school programs. Sponsored by Fearless Meat and Parts Town Canada. For more info. contact stjohnparentsto@gmail.com

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL: Now Registering for 2023/2024. Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12), deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition with a special devotion to Our Lady located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area. We have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. We are now interviewing for September 2023: Visit our website at www.marvmotherofgodschool.org or call 416-531-7897.

ARE YOU INDIGENOUS AND CATHOLIC? Did you know that St. Ann's Parish in Toronto is home to the Archdiocese of Toronto's Native Peoples' Mission? We offer an enculturated weekly Sunday Mass at 12:30 p.m. that honours traditional spirituality. All are welcome. 120 First Ave., Toronto. More information at <https://nativepeoplesmission.archtoronto.org/>. Miigwech.

LEGACY GIFTS: If you have included your parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your Will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to say a special thank you. All Legacy Society members are invited to the Annual Legacy Society Lunch & Mass by the Archdiocese of Toronto. They also receive: • A hand-crafted cross blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. • A personal letter from Cardinal Collins and a certificate acknowledging your intention. • Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events. Let your legacy be a testament of your faith! All Legacy Society members have the option of remaining anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at development@archtoronto.org or 416 934 3400 ext. 519.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: Join us Saturday March 4th from 9 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Convention Centre for Lift Jesus Higher Rally. A grace-filled day celebrating God's love with uplifting music, Eucharistic Healing Procession, Confession and Holy Mass. Speakers, • Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto • Ralph Martin • Chris Stefanick • FOR TICKETS/INFO: www.ljhr.ca EMAIL: contact@ljhr.ca CONTACT: Sadie, 905.270.2510



VOCATIONS: "You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Parish News

CONFIRMATION: registration closes soon. These classes are open to registered parishioners of St. John's parish with either Catholic School or public school students. Please visit our website for full details and next steps.

<https://stjohnsto.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/confirmation/>

CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER: Who doesn't like cupcakes? Especially when they're just in time for Valentine's Day! The CWL will be selling these delicious treats to share with loved ones after all Masses on the weekend of February 11/12. They will be sold as singles (\$2) or packs of four (\$7) cash sales. Help support the CWL and their good works while enjoying these Valentine baked goods before Lent!

50/50 RAFFLE BACK AGAIN FOR ANOTHER TRY: The Knights of Columbus once again will be participating in the Ontario Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle lottery. Tickets are just 15 tickets for \$10.00/ 40 tickets for \$20.00 / 100 tickets for \$40.00. That's a lot of chances to WIN! All proceeds to St. John's Parish. To support our council ticket sales, visit the following link:

<https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=7008>

FREE THROW COMPETITION – FAITH IN ACTION: The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition took place last week at St. John's Catholic School with all the participants pictured below. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own age and progress from local level to district, regional and state/province competitions. This program is a great way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family men of service. We congratulate all participants and look forward to this event again next year.



MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE: in someone's quality of life. There is always a box in the east vestibule of the church, collecting good used eyeglasses, soap, a toothbrush, or half bottle of Tylenol/Advil. All items will be sent to recipients in the Third World who cannot afford to buy their own, through the organization of Dr. Joan Simone.

Little Levity: Sharon observed her husband looking and a program and became excited thinking he was talking about her valentines day gift. "Beauty comes in all shapes and sizes, small, large, circle, square,..... thin crust, thick crust, stuffed crust, extra toppings." Boy was she wrong!

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