# Parish of Saint John

# Founded A.D. 1909

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Pastor: Rev. John-Mark Missio Administrator: Rev. James Dunstan, MDei Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul McCourt Office Administrator: Karen Baptiste

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm 9:00 am, 11:00 am Sunday

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

Baptisms: Please email the parish office.

Marriage: Please email the parish office one vear before.

Email: stiohnsto@archtoronto.org

Parish Schools: St. John - 416-393-5220 Neil McNeil 5, 5 - 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.

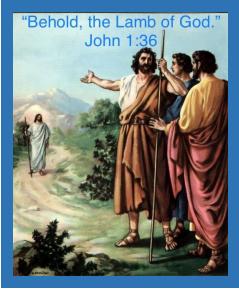
#### Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm Also available other times by appointment.

PRAY THE ROSARY

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## Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



<u>Note from the desk of Fr. Dunstan</u>: With the Baptism of the Lord, last Monday we began Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year. Our Baptism invites us to take part in the triple function of Jesus, namely: priest, prophet and king (shepherd).

As priest, all the baptized are called to love one another, same as Jesus, through our sacrifices. It is this committed love that unites all of us as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. He poses the same question to us that He posed to Peter: "Do you love me?" "Do you love me more than those here?" "What would I reply to Jesus?" If I say yes, is there someone or something that moves me away from this love; do I have the qualities of love in my life (1 Cor. 13)?

The prophetic role has to be rooted in the presence of God that helps us discern God's will through the signs of the times and interpret the Gospel in a positive manner. The contemplative prayer is the essential tool to obtain this intimacy with God. This develops the positive attitude, which encourages us to go forward without destructive criticisms and useless complaints. This way we can be prophetic in the midst of the world and be genuine witnesses, challenging the secular realities that pop up in the modern world.

As an ordinary Christian, we are also called to live like a shepherd in our own surroundings specifically with who we live. Jesus asks Peter to feed his sheep by being faithful to His Love without any failure. Sheep can be anyone of the family members, the co-workers, or any stranger we meet in our day-to-day life, who is in need of our help.

May God bless us and may we have a blessed Ordinary Time responding to our baptismal vocation.

### **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 For + HUGH JAMES COYLE Requested by Cathy Coyle

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 For + AUGUSTINE FERNANDO Requested by Veronica Samaraweera

<u>Thursday, January 19, 2023</u> For + MARIAN MORAN Requested by The Kavanagh & James Families

> <u>Friday, January 20, 2023</u> For + BERNARD CAIRNS Requested by Isabel & John Cairns

<u>Saturday, January 21, 2023</u> For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG



Rest in Pleace

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intention of

# **Please Pray For The Sick**

Paul Williams, Francesca Natale, Diane Meldrum, Paul Decourcy, Jack Lees, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard

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



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

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Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish. Please remember St. John's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Preauthorized Giving (P.A.G)

	2019	2022
Sunday Offertory	\$ 5,062	\$ 3,065
Offertory PAG:	\$ 993	\$ 1,183

# In The News

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL JK REGISTRATION: for children born in 2019 begins on Wednesday January 25th, 2023 at 10 am. To register your child please visit our online registration portal at: soar.tcdsb.org. For further information or to book a tour, please email <u>stjohntoronto.info@tcdsb.org</u>. We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

<u>NEW BEGINNINGS:</u> Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session will be held on January 25, at 7 pm. Topic: January Grief: Looking back and Looking beyond. Register at: https://nbbd01.eventbrite.ca. New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement. For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com 647.215.3978.

**NEWMAN CENTRE DATE NIGHT SERIES:** Join us on Wednesday, January 18 from 6 to 9 pm at Newman Centre Catholic Mission at 89 St. George St., for an enlightening evening complete with dinner for two, inspirational talk, and fun-filled activities centered around the creation of a "navigation plan" for a life together. Tickets are \$50 for each couple. Contact Rachelle Ezechiels at 416.979.2468 ext. 230, <u>rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com</u>, https://www.newmantoronto.com EVENTBRITE REGISTRATION: https://bit.ly/3GrO6dA

MANRESA JESUIT SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTRE: presents Praying with the Life of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, OLM. Join us on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm, for a day of reflection open to men and women. While most Catholics are familiar with the Icon of the Divine Mercy which is found in most parishes, less known is the life of Sr. Faustina, an obscure Polish nun, whom Jesus used to proclaim God's infinite mercy for all who desire to receive it.Monday, January 30, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with program. REGISTER: manresa-canada.ca, or <u>registration@manresa.ca</u>, 905.839.2864

FAITH, REASON & BEAUTY THE FALSE, BAD, AND <u>UGLY</u>: Looking For Faith And Beauty In Movies And Other Dark Mirrors: Join us on Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm at The Newman Centre for a Faith & Reason Lecture featuring Professor Randy Boyagoda. A free will offering event! Registration is required through Eventbrite.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER

SERVICE 2023: Come join us at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9) on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5 pm, in an Ecumenical Prayer Service led by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

# **Parish News**

<u>YOUR ST. JOHN'S CHOIR</u> is seeking new members. Ideally, if you have previously sung in a choir and enjoy praising the Lord in song, you would make a welcome addition to our choir. Altos, tenors and basses are most welcome. Choir practice takes place



weekly (September-June) on Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 9 pm, with singing at the 11 am Mass. Interested? Contact choir director Eric Walker at (ejwalker@sympatico.ca) or speak to any choir members.

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THANK YOU: to all who came out to celebrate Fr. John-Mark's birthday celebration! He was surprised and thankful!



#### ST. JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION: registration is now open for registered parishioners of St. John's parish with either Catholic School or public school students. Please visit our website for full details. <u>www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org</u>. and select Sacramental Preparations.

<u>Little Levity</u>: A teenage boy, Brad, had just passed his driving test and asked his father, John, when could he begin using his car. John said "I'll make a deal with you, bring your grades up, study your Bible, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car". Brad agreed on it. After 6 weeks John said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." Brad said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.". The father responded, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

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

