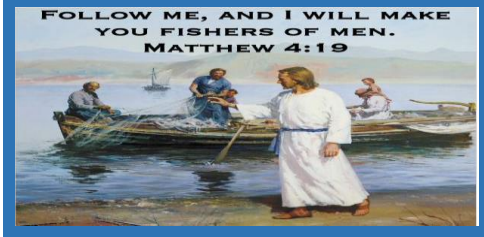


Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

Note from the desk of Fr. Dunstan: In continuation of last weeks reflection, I feel the profound need to confirm that our faith asks us to walk with deep faith journeying with our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show how sweet God is. We are the disciples of Jesus, we proclaim the good news of God to the whole creation as priests, prophets and kings.

Today's invitation is to repent, and believe in the good news. The good news is nothing other than love and forgiveness. What would help us to live to be Jesus' disciples is nothing other than God's grace in living in the presence of God, in the present moment. No life is guaranteed tomorrow. What has helped me spiritually to this day, is to walk towards holiness and I invite you to practice this every day.

For the last 35 years I have prayed this prayer daily. I invite you to pray it and hope it will help you as it has helped me. I am convinced that if you pray this prayer, it will surely bring you peace, relaxation before you end your day. I believe it will also bring a positive outlook towards others and would aid one to live their baptismal commitment fully. Here is the prayer to pray daily:

Lord Jesus,
give me the grace to think of you every hour,
just for today
so that I may live in your presence.
Lord Jesus,
empty my heart of all sadness,
hate and spite,
just for today
so that I may love without criticizing,
and serve without complaining.
Lord Jesus,
help me to follow your footsteps
just for today,
so that following your example and Mary's,
I may be, every day of my life,
an element of peace. Amen.

Be a faithful and genuine parishioner of Saint John who truthfully followed Jesus until the foot of the cross let me take an effort to be positive with constructive spirit in building up our community spreading the Good News of Jesus. Thus, we sanctify ourselves and call everyone around us to lead his or her life towards holiness. Have a blessed Third Sunday in Ordinary time with God's abundance blessings!

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, January 24, 2023

For + LISA DIAS

Requested by Shona Lotta

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

For + MARY THERESA FERNANDO

Requested by Veronica Samaraweera

Thursday, January 26, 2023

For + MARGARET HEFFERNAN

Requested by Miriam McManus

Friday, January 27, 2023

For + PATRICK OSMOND

Requested by Ann & Chris Osman & Family

Saturday, January 28, 2023

For + ULRIKE LICHT

Requested by Christoph Licht & Family



The Sanctuary Light burns this week
In loving memory of

Edmond Valin Sr.

Please Pray For The Sick

Joan Tierney, Amanda Finlay, Michael Pawson,
Francesca Natale, Diane Meldrum, Paul Decourcy,
Jack Lees, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard

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.



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. Your offertory contributions are
our only source of income in support of normal parish
operations. Please consider giving generously or increasing
your donations.

Table with 3 columns: Offertory type, 2019 amount, 2022 amount. Rows: Sunday Offertory (\$5583 vs \$2,880), Offertory PAG (\$907 vs \$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](http://soar.tcdsb.org). For further information or to book a tour, please email [stjohnstoronto.info@tcdsb.org](mailto:stjohnstoronto.info@tcdsb.org). We look forward to welcoming you to our 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. Now interviewing for September 2023: please visit our website at [www.marymotherofgodschool.org](http://www.marymotherofgodschool.org) or call us at 416.531.7897.

**MOTHER TERESA:** the newest film from the Knights of Columbus, will be showing at two theatres in the Archdiocese of Toronto this month. On Sunday, January 22, it will be screening at Scotiabank Theatre in downtown Toronto at 3:30 pm. Monday, January 23, it will be shown at Cineplex Cinemas Queensway in Etobicoke at 7 pm. Twenty-five years after the death of Mother Teresa, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. Filmed across five continents, the film is a tribute to a spiritual icon. For more details on the documentary, [read our interview with director and writer David Naglieri](#).

**NEW BEGINNINGS:** 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](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) 647.215.3978.

**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 am to 3 pm. 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](http://manresa-canada.ca), or [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca), 905.839.2864

**VOCATIONS:** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**Parish News**

**ICON OF ST. JOSEPH:** The Knights of Columbus received the Icon of St. Joseph and it's on display from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 22nd. Honor St. Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Beginning February 3rd, we will have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of the month from 4 to 5 pm. All are welcome! "Eucharistic adoration is the act of adoring the Eucharistic presence of Christ. The Church believes that because "Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity" (CCC: 1413), the Most Blessed Sacrament is worthy of our adoration. What do I do at Eucharistic adoration? Eucharistic adoration is a time to set apart for deep prayer and devotion to Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament." Come Adore, come sing, come and pray.

**YOUR ST. JOHN'S CHOIR** 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](mailto:ejwalker@sympatico.ca)) or speak to any choir members.



**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. [www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org). and select Sacramental Preparations.



We welcome the newest members of our parish family:

*Mason Carter Said      Rowan Jean Lis Vaughan*

**Little Levity:** Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on his computer. They had been going at it for days, and God was tired of hearing all of the bickering so he said, "Cool it. I am going to set up a test that will run two hours and I will judge who does the better job." So down Satan and Jesus sat and typed away. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They sent faxes. They sent e-mail. They did every known job. But ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, and of course, the electricity went off. When the electricity went back on, Satan started up his computer and began to scream, "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost everything when the power went out!" All the while Jesus continued to print out his work, because we all know, "Jesus Saves"

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