

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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Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

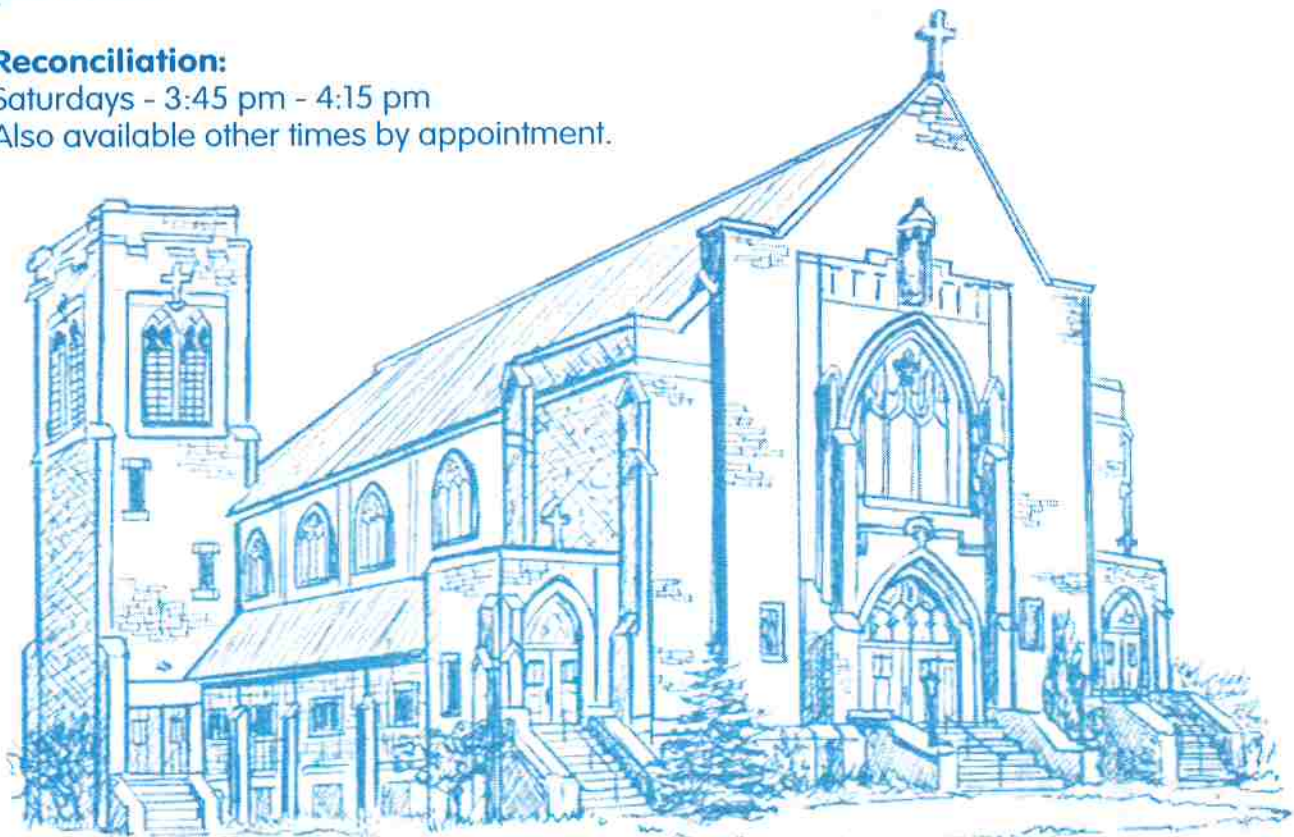
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so we can assist you.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

*"Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."*



From the Pastor's Desk: Welcome back! September is an annual opportunity to renew our worship of God together as the Catholic community of St. John's Parish, witnessing to Jesus Christ in our corner of Toronto. With the return of familiar faces from holidays and fresh new faces who have recently joined us, as well as the many young people in our parish schools, we all have a sense of a new start in September, regardless of age. The return of the parish Bulletin this week is like the swallows returning to Capistrano, and those who have been long awaiting the return of the joke at the end of the bulletin can consume their weekly dose of irreverent humour (at least I think it's humour most of the time.) The bulletin will fill you in on important things happening in the parish, so please make a point of reading the bulletin each week. You can find it on our website if you miss it, but please pick up the paper copy to ensure you don't miss anything. One of the best spiritual things you can do with the bulletin is note those for whom we are keeping in prayer this week at the daily Masses, living and deceased. Pray for the activities that you read about ... for our parish ministries, our schools, for our Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul organizations, for sacramental preparation, etc. etc. For all these things, we rely on your prayerful support. May the Lord Jesus bless all our renewed efforts. Glory be to our great and mighty God!

Communion Reflection:

The readings for today focus on a conversion of heart. We are encouraged to overcome sinfulness and to go beyond merely following the letter of the law and to truly love. And we are to support each other along the path to holiness and help each other overcome our sinfulness.

Community Accountability: Importance of believers supporting each other's spiritual journey.

Divine Presence in Unity. This highlights the significance of communal worship prayer, and decision making.

Conversion of Heart: You are invited to examine your heart, admit wrong doing and seek reconciliation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Seek forgiveness and restoring one's relationship with God and the community.

Overcoming Hatred: Forgive those who have wronged you promoting forgiveness as a way to overcome animosity.

Social Justice. Resolve conflicts to maintain harmony and promote justice among each other.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: Apply spiritual works in daily life and take responsibility for guiding others toward righteousness. Excerpts from www.youngcatholics.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9th

For + DR. VELIZAR HARIZANOV
Requested by Amelia & James Peterson

Tuesday, September 12th

For + ANNIE JANE MACPHERSON
Requested by Monish Sarker

Wednesday, September 13th

For INTENTIONS OF ANN LOUISE REVELLS
Requested by Georgina Revells

Thursday, September 14th

For + REV. ANTERIO DEMELO
Requested by The DeMelo Family

Friday, September 15th

For + TOM SCOLLARD
Requested by Patrick Kennedy



Rest in Peace

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

Michael Halloran & Alette Campbell



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

Edmond Valin Sr.

Please Pray For The Sick

Michael Baker, Joe Phelan, John Madden, Isabel Cairns,
Marianne Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran,
Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees,
Carmel Richard

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



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that we are able to keep our
doors open to support you when*

*you need us. Contact the office if you wish to
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Sunday Offertory	\$ 2484	\$3230
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$1421
Building Fund	\$ 1760	\$2420



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In The News

CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL & CONFERRAL OF THE PALLIUM UPON THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO: The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurković will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!



THE SEASON OF CREATION: begins September 1 and runs through October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is: "Let Justice and Peace Flow." In the words of Pope Francis, this time offers "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity

to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." Pope Francis announced that the second part of his encyclical, *Laudato Si'* will be published on October 4, 2023. Let us reflect on how we can, both personally and as a faith community, be responsible stewards of creation for all that has been entrusted to our care. Thank you for your continued co-operation. For more information visit: <https://laudatosimovement.org/season-of-creation/>

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST: Join our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter, on Saturday October 14 from 9 am to 12:30 pm, for our 47th Magnificat breakfast. Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation. For full details and to register <https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast>



VOCATIONS: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Parish News



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy program has resumed. At the 9 am Mass, all school-aged children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 are invited to attend. No registration is necessary. The children are called to the front of the church after the opening of the Mass and proceed to the church hall, where they participate in a discussion and activity based on the Gospel reading. The children return to sit with their family at the offertory. If you have any questions regarding the program or are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Marlo Taylor at 647.233.7636.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?: Never baptized, or maybe baptized Catholic, but in need of the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist? We welcome you! The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for you! Classes begin this fall. Email the parish office to inquire.



OUR 11 AM CHOIR: returns the weekend of September 17th. Choir rehearsals resume Thursday September 14th, in the church at 7:30 PM. New singers are always welcome!

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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!



HAVE YOU MOVED? Long time parishioner, please put St. John's on your list to be notified about any change of contact information. Email us at the office. If you've moved out of the parish, when you arrive in a new parish, make a note to register there. They'll want to hear from you.

Little Levity: Ken turned to Fran and said "I can't say I'm too please with my new hip replacement!"



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