

Parish of Saint John

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Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

Baptisms: Please email the parish office.

Marriage: Please email the parish office one year before.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also available other times by appointment.

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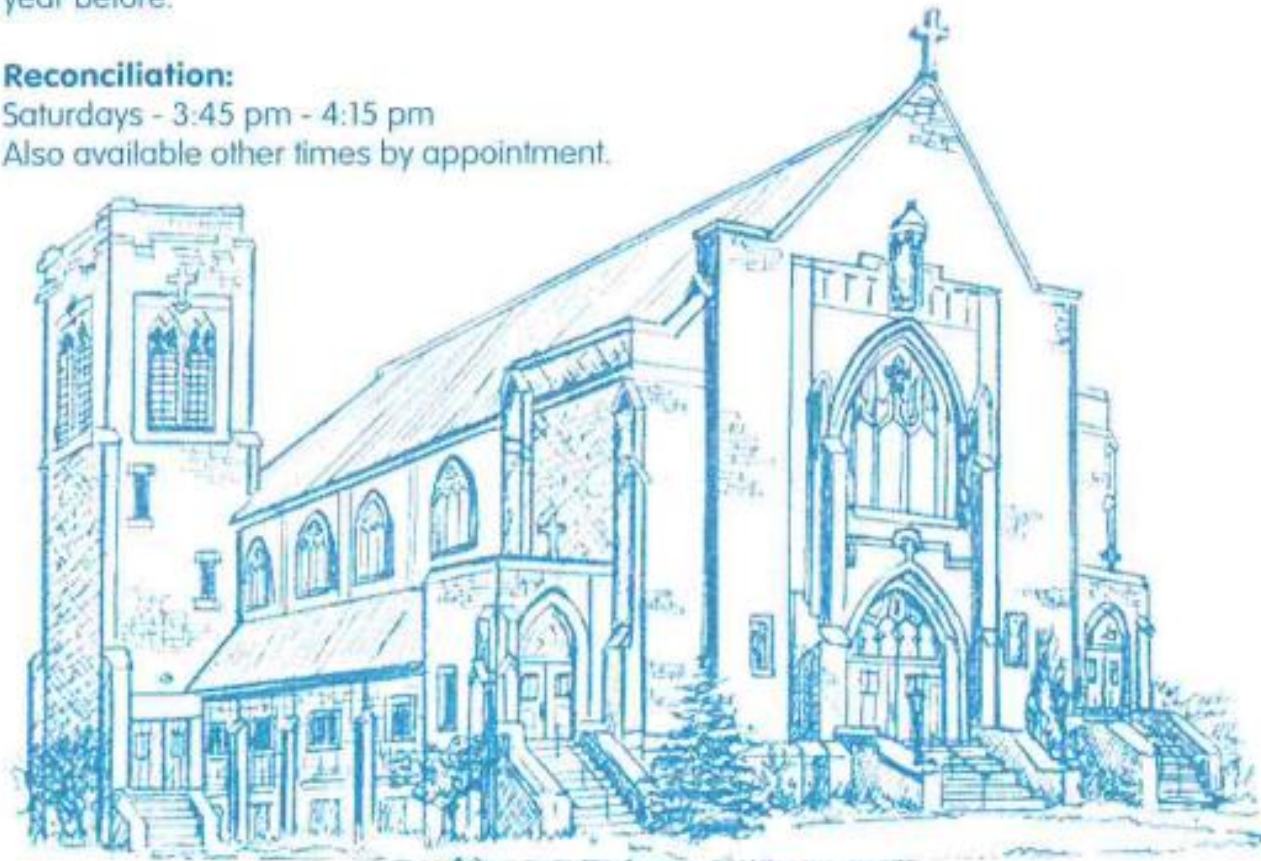
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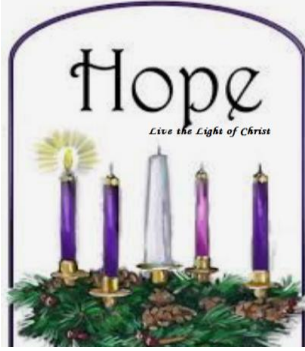
Closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Please Register with the Parish
so we can assist you.



PRAY THE ROSARY

First Sunday Of Advent



The First Week of Advent Candle: Advent Candle 1 stands for hope, and specifically the Israelites' hope that the promised Messiah would come. They had been waiting for the Messiah for centuries, wondering what he would look like and what he would do when he arrived. When Jesus was born, that hope was finally fulfilled – “a prophet like you” ([Deuteronomy 18:15](#)) had come. How Jesus fit the prophecies the Israelites had been reading for centuries would become the critical conflict of His ministry – whether He fulfilled them and whether people had been reading them correctly.

Note from the Pastor's Desk: Make a good Advent, and you will have the best Christmas. Resist the temptation to rush the season and put up all the Christmas decorations right away and start playing all the Christmas music. Christmas didn't come the first time without centuries of waiting, of longing for a Messiah and a Saviour. Jesus will return again at the end of time, and the only fitting way to spend our time on earth is in longing for Jesus to appear and to bring us to our true homeland. At the start of the great prayer of the Mass, the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest stands before God, and asks on our behalf (in the Preface of Advent I) that “when he comes again in glory and majesty, and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which we now dare to hope.” Dare we hope for this joy of an eternal reward, when we cling to so many sins, and continue to hurt one another in so many way? Yes, but only because we throw ourselves at the mercy of God, and trusting in his mercy, dare to hope that we will be delivered from the consequences of our sins. But we can only know the depths of God's mercy if we long for it. So keep a good Advent; hold off on all things Christmas as much as you can, but long for them, and tune your heart to that longing deep within for union with God, and dare to hope for the celebration in Heaven that our Christmas celebrations foreshadow. Advent is God's gift every year at a chance to have a fresh start to your life, and begin to think again about a world lost without a Saviour, when the Messiah was only a rumour, and each one of us is invited to start a new spiritual journey of longing for God. For our longing has only just begun.

.....Fr. John-Mark Missio

Mass Intentions


Tuesday, November 29th
For INTENTIONS OF TOM & SUE TIGHE
Requested by The Decourcy Family

Wednesday, November 30th
For INTENTIONS OF ANNE KEARNS
Requested by Georgina Revells


Thursday, December 1st
For + MARY FRANCES CAIRNS
Requested by Anna Molloy

Friday, December 2nd
For + SYLVIA DIAS
Requested by Lillian, Anita & Diana

Saturday, December 3rd
For + LUKE & MONA SEQUEIRA
Requested by The Pereira Family




*The Sanctuary Light burns this week
for the intention of
Deanna Emerson*




Rest in Peace
*In your charity please pray for the
repose of the soul of
Adolph Leclair*

Please Pray For The Sick

Paul Decourcy, Jean Dempsey, Wayne Denis Brown,
Lena Gilmour, Jack Lees, Michael Lanno, Stella Avery,
Carmel Richard

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

 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. If you would like to find out about our PAG (Pre-authorized Giving) system, please contact the office. We depend on your weekly giving to support you and the operations of the Parish. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2019	2022
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$ 4767	\$ 2870
<i>Offertory PAG:</i>	\$ 1079	\$ 1183

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE PARISH: 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. Register so we can help you!

In The News

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sing Noël: Join us on December 3, from 7:30 pm at Massey Hall, for a musically rich blend of both secular and sacred carols to usher in the Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 85th year, and this year's concert is sure to be one of the best yet. St. Michael's Choir School graduates are some of Canada's most celebrated professional and amateur musicians and are known for music of the highest caliber. Contact St. Michael's Choir School at 416.397.6367, or email. stmichaelschoirschool@smcs.on.ca WEBSITE: <https://masseyhall.mhrth.com/>

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE: is offering a Bereavement Day of Retreat. Saturday December 10, 9 am – 3 pm. Theme: "Let the healing hands of Jesus bless you with peace and healing". Preached by the centre team. Cost: \$45 includes lunch. Contact: 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

THE PALLIATIVE CARE HOPELINE: This resource seeks to connect people with services that align with Catholic faith teaching when faced with palliative care issue. If you are in search of locating hospice palliative care resources and services in your community, call the HopeLine at 416.619.5700 - leave your name, phone number, and the name of the community in which you live and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please note – this service is an information line and is not an emergency or crisis line – in case of an emergency please call 911.

CAROLLING IN THE PARK: Join us on Tuesday, December 13th at Glen Stewart Park, Glen Manor Drive & Queen St. E. (south of the bridge, north of Queen), at 7:30 pm. Sing with choirs and the Salvation Army Band. Special visitor, collection for the Army, and refreshments. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. For more info. contact David Breech 416.759.9997



LESSONS & CAROLS EVENT: Together in Worship Canada invites you! Featuring the Together in Worship Canada Choir Conductor - Vincent Cheng; Organists - David Simon and Diego Iapaolo, on Sunday December 18th at 4 pm, at St. Margaret Queen of Scotland Parish, 2134 Avenue Rd, Toronto. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall Adults - \$20, 60 plus/under 18 - \$10, Family (2 Adults/2 under 18) - \$40 250 Tickets. Contact at 416.485.7781 or stmargaretofscotland@archtoronto.org. Visit www.tiwc.ca for more information.

VOCATIONS: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org



Parish News

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL COLLECTION: will be held the weekend of December 4th, during each Mass. The primary role of the S.S.V.P. is to respond to needy families and individuals within our parish boundaries who are struggling to make ends meet. In 2021, our members made 133 home visits to deliver assistance to 180 families and individuals, including 82 children, many of who also received extra assistance in December to help brighten their Christmas. It is your donations that allow us to provide emergency food aid, in the form of food vouchers and also through your generosity, we are able to order beds and some furniture items for those who have no furniture or have lost their beds to bed-bug infestations. This annual collection is by far our most important fund raising event and we ask that you be generous in remembering those in our community who are less fortunate. We also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support throughout the year with your donations to the S.S.V.P. donation boxes. These boxes, along with this annual collection are our only sources of revenue. Thank you and God bless.

ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The St. John's Parish Children's Liturgy and Catechism Programmes are preparing for the annual Christmas Pageant to be presented immediately before the 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Permission/information forms are available from the Children's Liturgy and Catechism teachers. To audition/participate, please meet in the church basement on December 4th, following the 9 am Mass. Rehearsals will be held on Dec. 11 and 18th. If you have questions, please contact Marlo Taylor at 647.233.7636



WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE 2022-2023: Daily reflections for Advent & Christmas, now available for sale! During the especially busy Advent and Christmas seasons, this book offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. A great little Advent Calendar! Available in the vestibule or from the Office for just \$5.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADVENT SOCK & MITTS DRIVE: Each year, during Advent, the Knights ask your help to donate new unwrapped socks and mitts for the poor and homeless. Please place your donations in the basket near the ramp door, marked "Advent Sock Drive". The Drive will run during the Advent Season.



Little Levity: Old man Thomas and his wife Maggie were sitting on their patio watching the sun set. He says "I love you". His wife who had not heard those words in a while asked, "Is that you talking, or is that your beer talking?" Thomas replies, "It's me talking to my beer." *Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*

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