

**St. John the Evangelist
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

First Friday of the Month: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Baptism: Please call the office to arrange to discuss your child's Baptism.

Confession: Each Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Marriage: The parish congratulates all newly engaged couples and reminds them that, by Archdiocesan Policy, they are required to contact the parish at least one year in advance of the proposed marriage.



For the Sick: That the Spirit of the Lord may rest upon the sick, especially Janine Bujold, Natalie Donaldson, James Earle, Rosalia Gallippi, Maria Pereira, Ellen Proctor, Patrick Suraj and Francesca Tallerico.

For the Deceased: That they will inherit the "new heaven and the new earth."

Pope's December Universal Intention: End to Child-Soldiers - That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.



The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, December 6. If there is an emergency, please call the office and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

The Weston Historical Society will be hosting the **36th Annual old-fashioned Christmas Carol and Hymn Sing** Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Weston Presbyterian Church, 7 Cross Street, at 7:30 p.m.

Donations of non-perishable foods can be will be accepted at the church for WAES (Weston Area Emergency Support). We do hope that you will be able to attend; friends and family are all welcome!



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00 pm Fr. Tom Stokes, Fr. Garry Lehigh & Fr. Lucian Perera R.I.P.
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Deceased Members of the Scolaro, Farrace & LaBella Families R.I.P.
- Farrace Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am Nathan Lazarus
- Doreen Lazarus & Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 pm Nicola Niceforo R.I.P. - Candeloro Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 am The Intentions of Deolinda & Joel Freitas
- Deolina Freitas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 pm Maria D'Alfonso R.I.P.
- Luciano & Connie Brun & Family
Marianna, Rocco, Rosa & Jessica R.I.P.
- Carabetta Family
Efipania Inojales R.I.P. - Jay Ellen Proctor
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Vocations

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am Unannounced
5:00 pm Paul Nghia Mai & Ana Mai R.I.P.
- Vo-Nguyen Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am John Baptist Ung Ngo R.I.P. - Ngo Family
11:00 am The People of the Parish

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE - DID YOU KNOW?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. Eight other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to the Ontario government.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation - this most powerful encounter with divine mercy - is essential."

- Thomas Cardinal Collins

From December 11 to 17, 2016, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions.

Day of Confessions at our parish will be held on Thursday, December 15. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Mass (no 7:00 p.m. Mass)

Confessions will be heard at the following times:

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(7:00 - 9:00 p.m. visiting priests)



Thank you to all those who donated so generously to last week's annual St. Vincent de Paul Society collection. This year's parish collection brought in \$6,333.00. This money is used to help people in need within our parish boundaries. The St. Vincent de Paul helped 80 families for Christmas last year and is on course to do so again this year. The Society also helps families within our parish throughout the whole year.

Donations can always be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society by placing them within the donation boxes at the doors of the church.



CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKES

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas fruit cakes next weekend, December 10/11, in the church foyer. Cost: \$15.00 small; \$20.00 large. All proceeds will go to Campaign Life Coalition.

Weekly Offering (Nov. 27).....\$3,254.95

Expenses this week.....\$6,797.65

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$6,333.00

Thank you for your contribution.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR WITH TAIZE MUSIC

A wonderful way to Prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts. In the busy time of Advent, please join us at St. John the Evangelist Parish for a Holy Hour featuring Taize chants, Prayers and quiet time.

Sunday, December 4th and Sunday, December 18th, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Please make Christmas special for a child by donating a new, unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of newborn to 16. Please pick a tag from the tree and place the label on your gift and return by December 15th.

Toys will be distributed on December 17th to needy families within the parish community through the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and the Weston Food Bank.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2017

Offertory envelopes for 2017 will be available in the church foyer for pickup next weekend. If you used envelopes this year there will be a box for you with the same number. If you would like to begin using envelopes please see the person at the counter in the church foyer next weekend. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.

Please continue to use your 2016 envelopes until the end of the year and then destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years. Since donations are posted by envelope number this will ensure that you receive the proper credit from your current envelope number for your income tax receipt.

Using envelopes allows us to know that you are a practicing member of St. John the Evangelist Parish. It is important that we have a way of knowing you when you request baptism, marriage or letters of reference.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In order for children to make their First Holy Communion in 2017, they must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore, children who are already registered and preparing for First Holy Communion must attend and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) on Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m.