

**St. John the Evangelist
Roman Catholic Church**

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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.**

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.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00 pm Peter Lan Vo & Anna Dien Vo R.I.P.
- Vo-Nguyen Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 am Ferdinando Inzinna R.I.P.
- Bessie & Jack Culotta

11:00 am The People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 am Angelina Gaudio R.I.P. - Cheryl Inkim

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 pm Joseph McLean R.I.P. - Linda McLean

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 am Unannounced

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 pm Wilhelmina Inkim R.I.P. - Cheryl Inkim

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 am Josephine Del Gobbo R.I.P.
- Venere Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am Unannounced
5:00 pm Irma Mondano R.I.P. - Mills Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Anton MacFarlane R.I.P. and
Peduru & Anna Aseervatham R.I.P.
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

Symbolon:

The Catholic Faith Explained

We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic faith. But how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* opens up the "big picture" of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it and articulate it to others.

Starting Tuesday, March 7, we will be showing "*Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained*" immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays for five weeks. Most evenings the DVD will be about one hour.



Weekly (Feb 12).....\$2,600.65
Expenses Feb. 13 - 17.....\$6,268.09

Thank you for your contribution.

Some Ideas For Lent

On Wednesday March 1st the Church will begin her season of Lent. This season of Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of all feasts, Easter. It is always a good idea to review at this time what the Church teaches us about this season and penance in general. Lent has two main purposes: It recalls our baptism, or prepares for it, and it emphasizes a spirit of penance.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops teaches us that:

"The Church wants emphasis to be given to the evangelical law that a follower of Christ must do penance. While the heart of penance is hatred for sin as an offence against God, external forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue.

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

The penitential character of Lent is maintained; on these days penance is an important requirement of the Christian life. Fulfilment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully, and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

In the Roman rite, including Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat.

The Law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter." *Ordo 2016-2017 - Liturgical Calendar.* Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

"The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening." *Letters & Legislation,* Archdioceses of Toronto

I hope that the above excerpts are of some help in clarifying what Christ asks us through His Church. To deny ourselves and do penance is not easy, therefore allow me to make a few suggestions. I suggest that you speak to your spouse, family or friend about this matter, it is sometimes easier with mutual encouragement and accountability.

Some further suggestions for Lenten activities include:

Attendance at Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00 a.m.,
Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays during Lent at 7:30 p.m.

Rosary recited after the Saturday morning Mass.

Stations of the Cross Friday 7:00 p.m.

Visit to the Blessed Sacrament Rosary at home Stations of the Cross at home



Ash Wednesday is March 1. We will have Mass at 9:00 in the morning and also at 7:00 in the evening. This is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. We will also have the distribution of ashes with St. John the Evangelist School at St. Philip Neri's Church at 12:45 p.m.



**Eucharistic Adoration
An Hour with Jesus**

Eucharistic Adoration takes places every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. There will be a Holy Hour following the 9:00 a.m. Mass that will conclude with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

For the Sick: That the sick may be healed, especially Val Aguilar, Janine Bujold, Bruna Creglia, Rose Helmy, and Francesca Tallerico.



For the Deceased: That the Lord who is kind and merciful may grant them eternal life, especially Rev. Lawrence T. McGough and Fr. Douglas Joseph Morris.

Pope's February Universal Intention: *Comfort for the Afflicted* - That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



The parish secretary will be on holidays starting Friday, February 24 to Friday, March 10. The office will be closed and will reopen on Monday, March 13. If there is an emergency, please call the office and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Please note: If you will need any Sacramental Certificates or pastoral reference letters during this time, please contact the office prior to Wednesday, February 22.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20 for the Family Day Holiday. Hope you all have a safe and blessed weekend.