

**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.**

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 sick may be healed according to God's will, especially Val Aguilar, Janine Bujold, Bruna Creglia and Francesca Tallerico.

For the Deceased: That those who have died in faith may rest in peace, especially Eszter Szikszai.

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.

CLOSED

The parish secretary will be on holidays til 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.



First Communion catechesis class is next Sunday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass or before the 11:00 a.m. Mass).

Weekly Offering (Feb 19).....\$3,821.65
Expenses Feb. 18 - 24.....\$1,417.19

Thank you for your contribution.

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 4/5, for the Building Fund.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 am Vocations

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 pm Antonio Notte R.I.P. - Pincente Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00 am Unannounced

7:00 pm Lenten Intentions of the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 pm Unannounced

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 am Unannounced

7:30 pm Macin, Stanislaw & David Iskierski R.I.P.
- Ivy Iskierski

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 am Unannounced

5:00 pm Ivan Stekar R.I.P. - Stekar Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am Angelo Denichilo R.I.P. - Denichilo Family

11:00 am The People of the Parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A great Lenten Spiritual Devotion, depicting Christ carrying the Cross to His Crucifixion in the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus before He died.

**FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT AT
7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.**

"Could you spend ½ Hour with Me?"



WHAT THE SAINTS SAY

St. Augustine writes that "there is no more profitable occupation for the soul than to meditate daily on the Passion of Our Lord." - Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori

The **Catholic Women's League** will be holding its' next meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. (after the 7:00 p.m. Mass).

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 throughout the year (except Solemnities) 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 Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and 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*, Archdiocese 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

Holy Hour every Friday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



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** (please see column at left). 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.

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.

Join the "Call for Conscience"

February 6 - March 31, 2017

Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016. Between Juen adn December, 2016, more than 740 people across the country died from what is now being referred to as "medical aid in dying." Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to quality palliative (end of life) care.

Plese Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.c to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and to write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

Confirmation catechesis sessions this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m or Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30 pm for candidates who have already registered for Confirmation. Please attend either the Sunday or Tuesday group which you have been assigned to.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. This year's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Weston Baptist Church (corner of Weston & Lawrence). Non-perishable food items will be accepted for W.A.E.S.