

**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.

**Sick:** That all the sick, especially, Rosa Maria Santos, may be consoled and strengthened by God's grace and the care shown by His people.



**Deceased:** That the dead may be raised to life in the spirit, especially Rev. Liam Gavigan and Ruzica (Rose) Djolanga.

**March for Life - May 11**

This year marks the 20th National March For Life in Ottawa. Pro-lifers will gather on Parliament Hill to demand that our laws once again uphold the right to life which is inherent to every human being, as they once did, even 150 years ago. The March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill.

The coach bus will be leaving from St. John the Evangelist Parish on Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 a.m. (Mass at 6:00 a.m. before departure). The cost is \$45.00. Depart Ottawa 3:00 p.m. and approximate arrival back at St. John the Evangelist Parish is 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending the March for Life in Ottawa, **reserve your spot by calling the parish office no later than Friday, April 28.**

**What to bring:** Lunch/snacks, comfortable walking shoes, sun screen and sun hat. Please note that you will not have access to the bus during the day after drop off.

**No 7:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, May 11**



**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
5:00 pm Theodore Potochniak R.I.P.  
- Patricia Potochniak & Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
9:00 am Intentions of the Malfa Family & Tallerico Family - Tallerico Family  
11:00 am The People of the Parish

**MONDAY, APRIL 24**  
9:00 am Cono, Maria & Giacomo Lo Giacco R.I.P.  
- Family

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25**  
7:00 pm Nella & Egisto Burella R.I.P.  
- Panin Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**  
9:00 am Klara Kordas R.I.P. - Kristina Stekar

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**  
7:00 pm Michele DiLello R.I.P. - Tina & Family  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**  
9:00 am Intentions of Claire Hughes - Anne Gold

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**  
9:00 am Rev. Liam Gavigan R.I.P.  
5:00 pm Alfredo Mallardo R.I.P.  
- Daughter & Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**  
9:00 am The People of the Parish  
11:00 am Lorenzo DePalma R.I.P.  
- Bessie & Jack Culotta

**Congratulations**

We welcome and congratulate Alysha Rose and Ruth Montgomery-Catalano who were Baptized, Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained**

The final presentation: Episode 10 - **The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?** will be rescheduled for a later date. We will keep you posted through our bulletin and our website.

Good Friday/Holy Land (Apr 14).....	\$2,915.25
Easter Vigil (Apr 15)	
Easter.....	\$1,475.00
Weekly.....	\$1,478.34
Expenses Apr 13-20.....	\$1,943.86

*Thank you for your contribution.*



*Jesus, I Trust In You!*

**"COULD YOU SPEND  
ONE HOUR WITH ME?"**

This Sunday afternoon, April 23, St. John the Evangelist Parish will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy for prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

The Feast originated from apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska in which He said, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day...the soul that will go to confession (this can be eight days before or after the Feast) and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... It is My desire that (the Feast) be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter."

The fact that God is merciful should not surprise us. The Holy Bible has over 400 direct references to the Mercy of God. There are many more indirect references. Fifty-five of the Psalms praise God's Mercy. Belief in a Merciful God became one of the characteristics of the Jewish religion. The greatest act of God's Mercy toward mankind was to send His Son. We had lost the way to God, the truth about God and a life in God by our own fault. Jesus came to give us the Way, to give us the Truth and to give us new Life.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Some of the weekday Masses may be held in the parish hall due to further clean-up of the church ceiling and scaffold work. Posted signs will direct you to the parish parish hall if necessary.**

**First Communion**



Students who have already registered for First Communion are reminded that they must attend the First Communion Retreat with their parents on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall.



A very special, heart-felt thank you to all those who helped to make our Holy Week celebration a spiritually fruitful time - our parishioners.

To those who beautified our liturgies through music and song: the various choir members, musicians, soloists and cantors.

To those who serve at our liturgies: Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers.

To those who help make our congregation feel welcome and comfortable - our Ushers.

To the R.C.I.A. team who welcomed and journeyed with our R.C.I.A. candidates.

To all those who beautified God's Church through the various decorations, care and cleaning.

I would like to thank all those parishioners who supported me with their prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts during this Holy Season.

Fr. Maderak

**Eucharistic Adoration**



Eucharistic Adoration will take place this 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.

**UPDATES**

As things are progressing with the fire restoration we will be putting updates on our website. If you are not already signed up to receive notifications from our website and would like to, please follow these instructions:

Log onto [stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org](http://stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org). On Home Page (right hand side) click SIGN UP. Fill in your information and check the appropriate boxes for notifications you would like to receive and for parish bulletins, then click SUBSCRIBE.

Once you have subscribed to our website, and as announcements are posted, you will receive notices right away.

## News on the After Fire Clean-up

I would like to update you on what has transpired since the fire on Easter Sunday morning. Please be re-assured that the costs are covered by the insurance company, minus a small deductible. All work is being done by contractors that have worked with Catholic Mutual Canada, our insurer, and approved by our Archdiocese.

After the initial fire there was a forensic investigation by both the police and fire services. The church was released after the completion of their onsite investigation Sunday afternoon. At that time a representative from the insurance company, along with a fire clean-up company, came for a meeting to assess damage. A company was also sent to board up the broken window.

The clean-up started up on Monday morning by removing all books, vestments, and cloths for off-site cleaning and decontamination. The cleaning of the church surfaces started with scrubbing using special sponges to remove the initial soot, followed by washing. Scaffolding and ladders were also used to dislodge the contaminants from the ceiling in the main body of the church and all the beams. Initial decontamination of the ceiling was performed. All cupboards, drawers and closets were emptied, cleaned and all items in them that were not sent away for decontamination were washed and packaged and moved to the basement. Cabinets from the sacristy were removed, cleaned and moved into the basement pending further repairs to the sacristy. The charred wall and floor and window framing was removed. Upon completion of the cleaning and decontamination of all the surfaces a carpet cleaning was performed. The books and vestments were shipped back to the church from the cleaning facility on Friday afternoon.

A heating company analysed all heating equipment and performed duct cleaning. A specialized electronics company decontaminated all electronic equipment, including sound system, keyboard and organ. All components were cleaned and tested, some by removing them off site. A structural engineer was retained to ascertain if there was any structural damage to the floors, ceilings and supporting beams.

This concludes the preliminary emergency cleaning. Thus far 800 work hours were spent on cleaning the church which does not include time spent for cleaning and decontamination of vestments, books and cloths offsite. So far, the approximate cost incurred by the insurance company is just under \$50,000.00.

The next phase which will be the more difficult will include bringing equipment and/or scaffolding to be further able to thoroughly clean the ceiling throughout the whole church and repaint all surfaces. Also the charred and smoke damaged ceiling wood and beams over the sanctuary and in the sacristy will have to be sanded, stained to match the existing colour and sealed. The fire-damaged floor and wall will have to be reconstructed and finished. This next phase will take much longer once it begins and may require the closing of the main church body or even the whole church for up to three weeks. We have met with various companies specialized in after-fire restoration and various avenues are being examined to lessen the time the church will be required to be closed.

We will keep you posted as we know further details.

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## THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have shown their support and concern during this time:

First of all I would like to thank the first responders, both the police and fire services. Their concern, care and professionalism was very much appreciated.

I would like to thank Neil MacCarthy, Public Relations and Communications for the Archdiocese of Toronto, for his prompt arrival to the parish and to field questions from the media. This allowed me to spend time with police and fire investigators and to download all the footage from our various surveillance cameras. To David Finnegan from Planning, Properties and Housing for the Archdiocese of Toronto, a special thank you for quickly setting up the initial necessary meetings and for his ongoing support.

A thank you to Nick Pedro from Catholic Mutual Canada, our insurance provider, for his diligent work in coordinating the various aspects of this quite involved process. To Sabrina Millar, Project Manager, from Paul Davis Restoration Company for overseeing the crew of twenty cleaners and coordinating the heating equipment contractor and Newtron Group (electronic equipment restoration and cleaning).

I would like to thank Thomas Cardinal Collins and our Regional Bishop, John Boissonneau, for their support.

I would like to thank all our elected officials that have extended their concern and support, especially Mayor John Tory who took time from his busy schedule to visit our parish and to Councillor Frances Nunziata.

I would like to thank all those Pastors from various churches that have shown their concern and extended offers of assistance.

Finally, to our parishioners, who have been deeply moved and saddened by this event not only because the arson happened to a church but also because of the great love and dedication they have to St. John the Evangelist Parish, for all their prayers, words of support and offers of help - my heartfelt thanks!

Fr. Maderak  
Pastor

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