

**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.



**For the Sick:** That the sick may be encouraged by our prayers and concern for them, especially Janine Bujold, James Earle and Francesca Tallerico.

**For the Deceased:** That God will be merciful to them, especially Giannina Amadi and Cristina Kent.

**Pope's Evangelization Intention: Christian Unity** - That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

**CLOSED**  
The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2. If there is an emergency, please call the office and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.



Sunday Offertory (Dec. 18).....	\$3,670.95
Sunday Offertory (Dec. 25).....	\$4,661.55
Christmas Offering.....	\$7,770.45
Expenses Dec. 19-28.....	\$6,417.48

*Thank you for your contribution.*



**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving - Ngo Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

9:00 am For Peace in the World

11:00 am The People of the Parish

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

9:00 am Vocations

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

7:00 pm Roberto Panin R.I.P. - Panin Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

9:00 am Robert F. Moore R.I.P.

- Gualtieri Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

7:00 pm Maria Rosa & Pasquale Carabetta and

Rocco & Marianna Tarzia R.I.P.

- Vo-Nguyen Family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00 am Dominic Phiet & Maria Mui R.I.P.

- Ngo Family

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

9:00 am Gregory & Phyllis Lopez - Fr. Maderak

5:00 pm Peace in the Family & the World

- Vo-Nguyen Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am John Baptist Ung & Joseph Ba R.I.P.

- Ngo Family

**FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN  
2016 TAX RECEIPTS**

The Family of Faith Campaign will be issuing 2016 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2017. These receipts are not issued by our parish.

Tax receipts will be issued for the value of gift amounts received and postmarked on or before December 31, 2016. If you are one of the many donors who prefer to receive your tax receipt via e-mail, please contact the Donations Processing Centre via [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org). Please provide your full name, address, and the name of your parish.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASSES**

Please take note that, after careful consideration, the 7:00 p.m. Mass on the First Fridays of the Month has been cancelled. Beginning in January, 2017 our Fridays Mass schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD  
JANUARY 1ST**



This feast recognized Mary as the physical parent of Christ, the God-Man defined at the Council of Ephesus in the 5th century. The third Mass of Christmas reflects the role of Mary in the Redemption, so her role has always been connected with the Christmas Mystery. Later from the 5th century to the 7th century, the feast was transferred to the Octave Day of Christmas, January 1.

Prior to the time that this feast occurred on January 1, New Year's Day was observed as a day of prayer to offset pagan practices, since there were many riotous pagan celebrations. In the 5th century until the Middle Ages it honoured Mary and her Divine Maternity. Then it was observed as the Octave of Christmas, which developed into the Feast of the Circumcision. From 1961 to 1969 the title changed back to the Octave of the Nativity. Finally in 1969 the ancient Marian character was restored, so that we have its present title. It is a Holy day of Obligation.

This Solemnity celebrates the part played by Mary in the Mystery of Salvation, exalts the singular dignity that this Mystery brings to the holy Mother, renews adoration to the newborn Prince of Peace, and implores from God, through Mary's intercession, the supreme gift of peace.

**Thank You**

I would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who helped in any way with the Christmas celebration, especially the Musicians, Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers and Altar Servers.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped decorate the Church.

Thank you very much for your kind greetings, cards and various gifts over the holidays.

On behalf of our parish staff and myself, I would like to extend our best wishes for a blessed New Year.

Fr. Maderak

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

There will be no Children's Liturgy sessions through the holidays. Sessions will start again on January 8.

**TCDSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Imagine the Possibilities: Junior Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith based environment. Students develop a positive attitude about themselves and others, become more independent and responsible, develop self-regulation and social skills, and learn to solve problems.

Parents can apply online beginning at 10 a.m. on January 18 at [SOAR.tcdsb.org](http://SOAR.tcdsb.org) and follow up with a visit to the school to present required documents. Or they can register at their local school with the required documents beginning January 18, 2017 at 10 a.m.

WEB: [www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration](http://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration)  
PHONE: 416-222-8282 ext. 5314

**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR  
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2017**



If you used envelopes in 2016 there will be a box for you with the same number in the church foyer. Please 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.

As long as you paid income tax, using envelopes can be beneficial. Depending on the amount of income tax you paid and the amount you have contributed to charities, **you may be eligible for up to 40% combined Federal and Provincial tax credit of the amount you gave to charities.** Further information can be found at Canada Revenue Agency, [www.cra-arc.gc.c](http://www.cra-arc.gc.c).

If you would like to begin using envelopes please see the young person at the counter in the church foyer. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.

Tax receipts will be issued early in the new year for donations received and deposited by December 30, 2016.