

**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 discover in their sufferings a manifestation of the Passion of Christ, especially Bro. Emmanuel Sciberras, Janine Bujold, James Earle, Rose Helmy and Francesca Tallerico.

For the Deceased: That they may be guided to eternal joy.

Pope's January 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.



The parish office will be closed on Friday, January 13. If there is an emergency, please call the office and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.



Sunday Offertory (Jan. 1).....	\$2,540.60
New Year's Day.....	\$2,374.90
Initial Offering.....	\$1,285.00
Expenses Dec. 28 - 30	\$9,227.91

Thank you for your contribution.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 am Robert Moore R.I.P. - Venere Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 pm Maria Hoang & John Baptist Ngo R.I.P.
- Ngo Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 am In Thanksgiving to St. Dymphna
- Luisa Arruda

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 pm Peace in the Family - Ngo Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 am In Thanksgiving
- Mildred Vandaiyar & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am Mike Horgan - Fr. Maderak
5:00 pm Fr. Tom Stokes & Fr. Garry Lehigh R.I.P.
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 am Giovanni Capalbo R.I.P. - Anna Bellisaro
11:00 am The People of the Parish

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 Family of Faith tax receipt via e-mail, please contact the Donations Processing Centre via campaign@archtoronto.org. Please provide your full name, address, and the name of your parish.

Please note that receipts for non Family of Faith donations to St. John the Evangelist Parish will be mailed out in the next two weeks.

I would like to personally thank all the parishioners who have supported the Family of Faith Campaign and those parishioners who on an ongoing basis support the parish of St. John the Evangelist, ShareLife and the many special collections.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
EPIPHANY**

528 The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.212 In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.213 Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.214 The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs," and acquires Israelitica dignitas 215 (are made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

212 Mt 2:1; cf. LH, Epiphany, Evening Prayer II, Antiphon at the Cantic of Mary.

214 Cf. Jn 4:22; Mt 2:4-6.

213 Cf. Mt 2:2; Num 24:17-19; Rev 22:16.

215 St. Leo the Great, Sermo 3 in epiphania Domini 1-3,5: PL 54, 242; LH, Epiphany, OR; Roman Missal, Easter Vigil 26, Prayer after the third reading.

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT

For those children who have already registered for First Holy Communion, you are required to participate at the enrolment ceremony next weekend at **one** of the following Masses: Saturday, January 14 at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday, January 15 at the 9:00 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. Mass. During the ceremony the children will be called up to present their lambs to Fr. Maderak.

First Communion catechesis classes will resume on Sunday, January 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

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 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
PHONE: 416-222-8282 ext. 5314

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2017

Please pick up your offertory envelopes for 2017. If you used envelopes last year there will be a box for you with the same number. These envelopes will be available until Sunday, January 29 after which time the labels will be removed.

If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2017 please see the young person at the counter in the church foyer for an unlabelled box and write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use. 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.

Tax receipts for 2016 will be issued for donations received and deposited by Dec. 30, 2016.