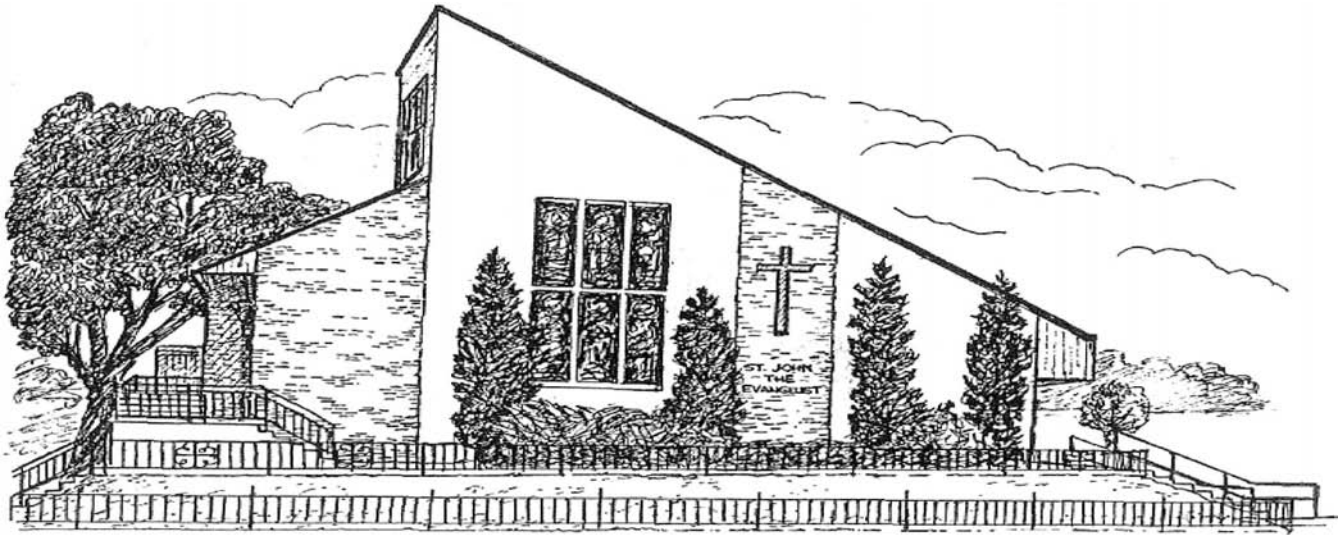


# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. A. Maderak, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Oswald D'Paiva, Deacon

Sheila Mills, Secretary

## **Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed on Tuesdays

## **Mass Schedule**

### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### **Weekday Masses:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Thursday 7:00 p.m.

## **Parish School**

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

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## **New to the Parish**

If you are new to St. John the Evangelist please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. Be sure to complete a registration form.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the parish office to arrange to discuss your child's Baptism.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

The parish congratulates all newly engaged couples and reminds them that, by Archdiocesan Policy, they are required to contact the parish office at least one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment by calling the parish office.

## **Priesthood or Religious Life**

For information on Priesthood or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Vocation website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and concludes with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.



**Masses For The Week**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

5:00 pm Peter Lan Vo & Ana Dzien Vo R.I.P.  
- Vo & Nguyen Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

9:00 am John Baptist Ung R.I.P. - Ngo Family  
11:00 am The People of the Parish

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

7:00 pm Neville Ratnaraj  
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

9:00 am Elizabeth Couto - Mary-Lynn Vella

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

7:00 pm Pietro Fiacco & Giovanni Fiacco R.I.P.  
- Domenica Fiacco  
Virginia Pinto & Domingos R.I.P. - Son  
Aldo Torelli R.I.P. - Proctor Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

9:00 am Valentine Francis R.I.P. &  
The Intentions of Nadyia Francis  
- Nadyia Francis

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

9:00 am Unannounced  
5:00 pm John Zuccati R.I.P. - Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

9:00 am The People of the Parish  
11:00 am Ivan Stekar R.I.P. - Stekar Family



Please pray for all the sick, especially Natalie Donaldson, Jacqueline Drayton & Franklyn Tamaya.

Please pray for all who have died recently; may they rest in peace, especially Adelina Pincente.

**Pope's February Universal Intention:** For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

**Tax Receipts for 2018**

Income tax receipts for donations received and deposited in 2018 have been mailed. Boxes of offertory envelopes for 2019 are available for new envelope users (please see staff at the counter in the church foyer). Please write name to be used for the tax receipt and your 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.

**Office of Catholic Youth  
Young Adult Mission Trip to Yellowknife 2019**

The Office of Catholic Youth is partnering with the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith for the third year to offer a week-long mission trip to aid our Canadian neighbours to the North. Young adults (ages 19-39) are invited to join us to serve and to learn about our missions in Canada and Indigenous culture.

**Mission trip:** July 15-22, 2019  
**Registration ends and deposit deadline** (50 per cent of the cost): May 17, 2019.

For more information, please contact Sarah Rodrigues at 416-599-7676, ext. 226 or sarah@ocytoronto.org.

Weekly Offering (Feb 17).....	\$3,217.95
Expenses (Feb 11 - Feb 17).....	\$6,256.28

*Thank you for your contribution.*

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 2/3, for the Building Fund.

## World Day of Prayer



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

This year, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Women's League will be hosting the World Day of Prayer at St. John the Evangelist Parish - York (Weston) on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for the Weston Food Bank.

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation



**Don't Miss**

In order for children to make their First Holy Communion in 2019, they must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore, children who have already registered and preparing for First Holy Communion must attend and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) on Saturday, March 2, at 11:00 a.m.

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## Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is March 6. 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 right).

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.

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## Family of Faith Tax Receipts

The Family of Faith campaign will be issuing 2018 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2019.

## Some Ideas for Lent

On Wednesday, March 6, 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 2018-2019 - 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.



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