

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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Parish Staff

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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

20 Beverly Hills Drive, Downsview, ON M3L 1A1

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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

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, MARCH 2

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 am Vocations

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 pm Laura & Antonio Berardi R.I.P.
- Josie Panin

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00 am Alexander Milhomens R.I.P.
- Maria Milhomens

7:00 pm Unannounced

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 pm Gilda Adelina Pincente R.I.P.
- Tina & Danny
Marge & Anthony Fernandes R.I.P.
- Mildred V. & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 am Mary Kell & Andrew DeCoste R.I.P.
- Carolyn DeCoste & Family

7:30 pm Unannounced

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 am Unannounced

5:00 pm Fr. Tom Stokes, Fr. Lehigh &
Fr. Lucian Perera R.I.P.
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 am Beppino Tanel R.I.P.
- Jack & Bessie Culotta

11:00 am The People of the Parish



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Offering (Feb 24).....\$3,065.65
Expenses (Feb 18 - Feb 24).....\$2,180.67

Thank you for your contribution

The Gospel According to St. John

How well do you know Jesus? Do you want to get to know Him better? Have you ever really encountered Him? Have you been waiting a long time to do so?

John's Gospel was written to help you experience Jesus Christ. John has met Jesus personally, and he wants to tell you what he has seen and witnessed firsthand. In other words, everything written in the Gospel of John is designed to help you get to know Jesus, our Savior.

Starting Tuesday, March 12, we will be showing approximately half hour videos on *"The Turning Point. Eight encounters with Jesus that will Change your Life"* immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays for five weeks.

This study will introduce you to people and stories you won't meet or find anywhere else in the Bible. In John's Gospel, you will meet the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead.

In this study, as you focus on eight people who encounter Jesus in John's Gospel, your goal will be to personally meet Jesus yourself - to discover that He is your one true spiritual home and to develop a more significant relationship with Him in your everyday life.



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

Please pray that our dead may have comfort and know the Lord's saving love, especially Alessandro Candeloro.

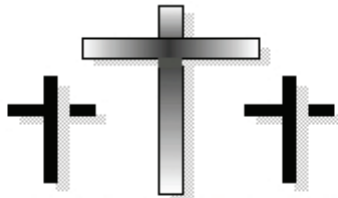
Pope's March Evangelization Intention: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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.



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*



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed next Saturday as Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m.

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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