

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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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

23 George Street, York (Weston), ON M9N 2B4

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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, FEBRUARY 22

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 pm Maria, Cono & Giacomo Lo Giacco R.I.P.
- Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00 am Unannounced
7:00 pm Bill Rogers R.I.P. - Rose Porlier

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 pm Pierena Marra R.I.P. - Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 am Tilio Srebrnic R.I.P. - Kristine & Family
7:30 pm Unannounced

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00 am Unannounced
5:00 pm Anton Aseervatham R.I.P.
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 am Giuseppe Bigonzi R.I.P.
- Maria Bigonzi
11:00 am The People of the Parish



For the sick, especially Maria De Fatima Alves.

For the dead: that the Lord who is kind and merciful may grant them eternal life.

Pope's February Universal Intention: *Listen to the Migrants' Cries* - We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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Sessions will run from Tuesday, March 3, to Tuesday, April 14, skipping the week of March break (March 17). Each video session (approximately half an hour) will be shown immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

- Session One: The Prayer of the Agony
- Session Two: "Are You the Christ?"
- Session Three: The Trial Before Pilate
- Session Four: The Death of the Messiah
- Session Five: The Seven Last Words
- Session Six: The Resurrection

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In order for children to make their First Holy Communion in 2020, 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, February 29, at 11:00 a.m.

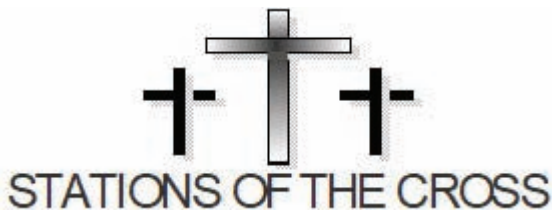
Weekly Offering (Feb 16).....	\$3,009.15
Expenses (Feb 10 - Feb 16).....	\$5,982.43

Thank you for your contribution.

There will be a second collection for the Building Fund next weekend, February 29/March 1.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020. We will have Mass at 9:00 in the morning and at 7:00 in the evening with distribution of ashes. We will also have distribution of ashes, with no Mass, at 10:40 a.m. for St. John the Evangelist School primary classes and at 12:30 p.m. with the junior and intermediate classes. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat (please see column at right).



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

A Call to Purity

In last weekend's Gospel Jesus told us that "everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." On our parish website in the parish section of the 'blog', I have included some resources that will help us live to the higher moral standards to which Jesus calls us.

Some Ideas for Lent

On Wednesday, February 26, 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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