

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 29

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am Vocations

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 pm Joseph Tri Bao Ngo R.I.P. - Ngo Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 am Maria Do & Joseph Tai Tran R.I.P.
- Ngo Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 pm Charles & Anna Verasammy R.I.P.
- Children & Grandchildren
Joseph Tri Bao Ngo R.I.P.
- Ann Zamida

Deceased Members of the Pena & Dela Rosa Families R.I.P. - Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 am Unannounced
7:30 pm Maria Do & Joseph Tai Tran R.I.P.
- Ngo Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 am Unannounced
5:00 pm Ivan Stekar R.I.P. - Stekar Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Joseph Tri Bao Ngo R.I.P. - Ngo Family

For the sick: that they may be healed according to God's will.



For the dead who long to see the face of God.

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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 is approximately half an hour.

Session One: The Prayer of the Agony

"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me" - Matthew 26:39 (NAB)

Have you ever wondered about Jesus' prayer in the garden? Is Jesus, at the last minute, having second thoughts? Is he suddenly trying to avoid the Cross? Is he wavering on his commitment to go to Calvary and "give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28)?

On Tuesday, March 3, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass, we will be showing Session One: The Prayer of the Agony.



PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Offering (Feb 23).....\$3,170.55
Expenses (Feb 17 - Feb 23).....\$856.12

Thank you for your contribution.



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. Francis of Assisi's preferred meditation was on the Passion of Jesus. He wept so continually in meditating on the sufferings of Jesus Christ that he almost entirely lost his sight.

- *Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings

"The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." - *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

**March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed next Saturday as Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 a.m.

SOME IDEAS FOR 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.

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 2019-2020 Liturgical Calendar*

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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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