

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

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

Tel: 416-393-5244 Fax: 416-393-5032

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. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations, 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 13 *Livestream*

5:00 pm Maurice Porlier R.I.P. - Rose & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 *Livestream*

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Joseph Tai Tran & Maria Linh Do R.I.P.
- Ngo Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

No Public Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

No Public Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

No Public Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

No Public Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 *Lvestream*

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 *Livestream*

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Maria Da Luz Afonso R.I.P.
- Carla Carrazedo

During the lockdown, please join us every weekend for the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. and the Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses as they will be livestreamed on Facebook.

You can watch the livestreams here:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-John-the-Evangelist-Weston-101082665044541>

or go to our website at :

stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org and click on the Facebook icon. You do not require a Facebook account to view online.

Weekly Offering (Feb 7).....\$1,005.00

Expenses (Feb 1 - Feb 7)..... \$3,574.68

Thank you for your contribution.

Marriage Sunday

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. This occasion provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds, and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend. Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. Let us also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or are struggling from a broken relationship. For more information and resources on marriage, visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Faith Formation For Lent: Parousia

Normally in Lent we show a weekly Bible study/Faith series in the Church. This year, as this is not possible, we invite you to sign up for a wonderful new Bible study, "Parousia", from the St. Paul Center that connects the Mass deeply with Scripture. Given by Dr. Scott Hahn, it is available to watch for free during Lent.

Here is the description from the St. Paul Center: "Why return to Mass? Our very lives depend on it. It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation. It's time to wake Catholics up to the awesome power, the incredible gift, that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The alternative is unthinkable. Enter *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass*: In our latest Journey Through Scripture study, get ready to join host Scott Hahn to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass." Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up or visit:

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>



On Wednesday, February 17, 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 2020-2021 - 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.



On Ash Wednesday we will be have a 6:00 p.m. Mass being livestreamed on Facebook:

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A great Lenten Spiritual Devotion, depicting Christ carrying the Cross to His Crucifixion in the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus before He died.

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend one of the services please visit our website at:

stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org to register beforehand to obtain a ticket through Eventbrite or you may call the office. **Limited space available. Stations of the Cross will also be livestreamed** Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. You can watch the livestreams here:

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Sick: That they will be healed according to God's will, especially Deacon Oswald D'Paiva.

Deceased: For all our deceased family members and those of our parish who have died in faith, especially Deacon John Cannon, Tina Di Lello and Mary Riccio.

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