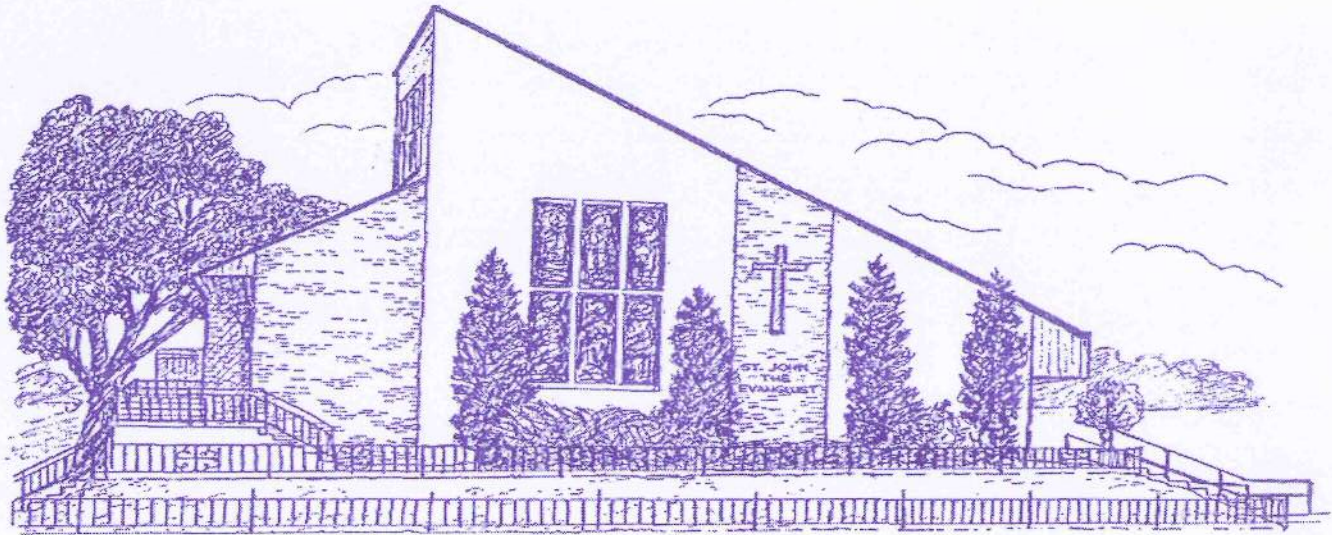


# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. A. Maderak, Pastor  
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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:**

Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday and 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. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations, 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.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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### Masses For The Week

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#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 *New Year's Eve***

*The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

5:00 pm Jacob, Martha & Mathilda D'Paiva R.I.P.

- Oswald & Priscilla D'Paiva

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 *New Year's Day***

*The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

9:00 am Titus & Olympia D'Souza R.I.P.

- Oswald & Priscilla D'Paiva

11:00 am The People of the Parish

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

7:00 pm Rose MacLean R.I.P. - Girardo Family

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

9:00 am Teresa & Agazio Gagliardi R.I.P.

- Luceno Family

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

7:00 pm Vincent Pham & Deceased Members of  
the Family R.I.P. - Maria Pham

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00 am Kendra Cavill R.I.P. - Marcia Gregg

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

5:00 pm Peter Michael Black R.I.P. - Black Family

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Adeline Marcos - Marcos Family

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## Pray

**Sick:** That they may be encouraged by our prayers and concern for them, especially Marina Stark.

**Deceased:** That all who have died in faith may dwell in Christ's abundant love for eternity.

**Pope's January Prayer Intention:** *For educators* - We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1<sup>st</sup>



This feast recognized Mary as the physical parent of Christ, the God-Man defined at the Council of Ephesus in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. The third Mass of Christmas reflects the role of Mary in the Redemption, so her role has always been connected with the Christmas Mystery. Later from the 5<sup>th</sup> century to the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the feast was transferred to the Octave Day

of Christmas, January 1.

Prior to the time that this feast occurred on January 1, New Year's Day was observed as a day of prayer to offset pagan practices, since there were many riotous pagan celebrations. In the 5<sup>th</sup> century until the Middle Ages it honoured Mary and her Divine Maternity. Then it was observed as the Octave of Christmas, which developed into the Feast of the Circumcision. From 1961 to 1969 the title changed back to the Octave of the Nativity. Finally in 1969 the ancient Marian character was restored, so that we have its present title. It is a Holy day of Obligation.

This Solemnity celebrates the part played by Mary in the Mystery of Salvation, exalts the singular dignity that this Mystery brings to the holy Mother, renews adoration to the newborn Prince of Peace, and implores from God, through Mary's intercession, the supreme gift of peace.

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## Thank You

Thank you very much for your kind greetings, cards and various gifts over the holidays. On behalf of our parish staff and myself, I would like to extend our best wishes for a Blessed New Year.

Fr. Maderak



## 2023 Offertory Envelopes



Don't forget to pick up your offertory envelopes for 2023 in the church foyer. If you used envelopes last year there will be a box set for you with the same number. Please make sure you pick up only the box with your name on it. If you need assistance finding your box set of envelopes, or would like to start using weekly offertory envelopes, please see staff at the counter.

**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.

**Why use envelopes?** 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.

As long as you paid income tax, using envelopes can be beneficial. Depending on the amount of income tax you paid and the amount you have contributed to charities, you may be eligible for up to 40% combined Federal and Provincial tax credit of the amount you gave to charities. Further information can be found at Canada Revenue Agency, <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html>



## PARISH SUPPORT

Christmas Offering (Dec 25) . . . . .	\$5,053.25
Weekly Offering (Dec 26) . . . . .	\$4,532.40
Expenses (Dec 19 - Dec 25) . . . . .	\$2,981.10

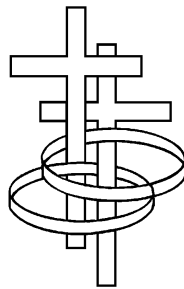
***Thank you for your contribution.***

There will be a second collection next weekend, January 7/8, for the Building Fund.

## World Day of Peace January 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.”

## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Please visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage> to register.

For questions, please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage-faq> or contact [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org).



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