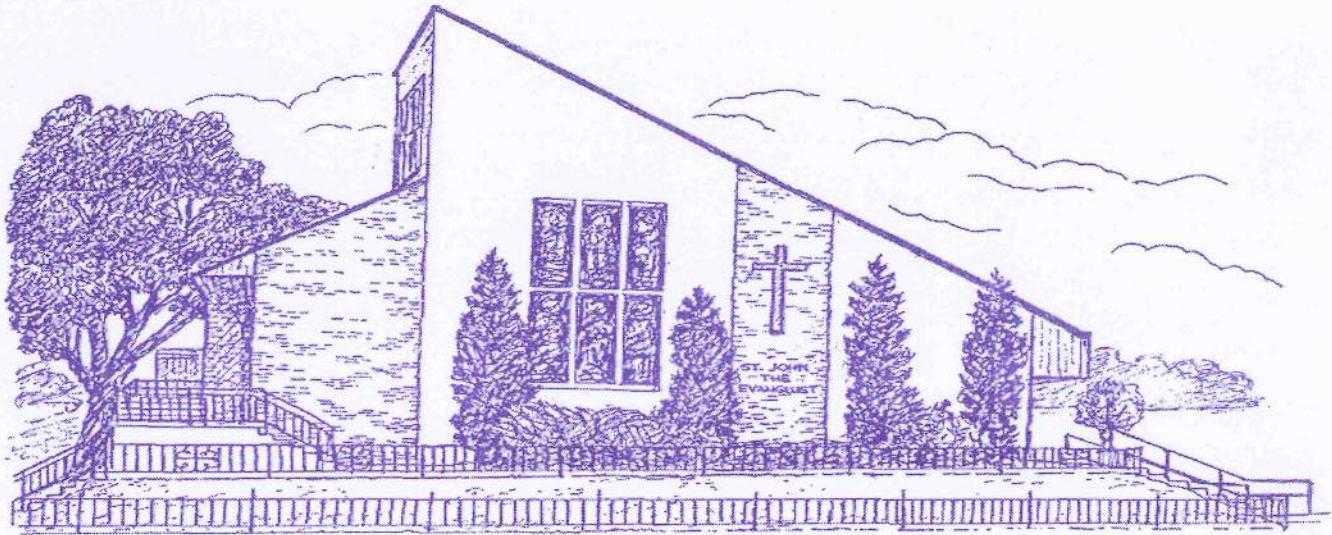


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Parish Staff

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

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 am Vincent & Ellen Proctor R.I.P.
- Kevin & Martin Proctor

11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 pm Carmela & Pietro Campitelli R.I.P.
- Giuseppina Campitelli

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 am John & Kate Geras R.I.P.
- Daniel Geras

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 pm Kristina & John Stekar R.I.P.
- Kevin & Martin Proctor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 am John Baptist Ung Ngo R.I.P.
- Ngo Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00 pm Salvatore DeSimone R.I.P.
- Tina, Sophie & Christine

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Jean Conforzi R.I.P.
- Kathleen & Bill Mullally



Sick: That they feel God's loving hand in their lives.

Deceased: That the joy of salvation be theirs, especially Deacon William Carson.

Pope's February Prayer Intention: *For parishes* - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Marriage Sunday **February 11/12, 2023**



Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who nurture marriage ministries - marriage preparation, enrichment, etc.

Celebration of Marriage Mass

Celebration of Marriage Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, February 12 has reached full capacity and registration is now closed to attend the Mass in person. All are welcome to join the celebration via livestream here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

To read the letter from Cardinal Collins to Married Couples, and for marriage enrichment information for couples, please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>

Canadian Bishops Release Pastoral Letters to Advance the Healing Journey with Indigenous Peoples of this land

On February 8, 2023, the Bishops of Canada released a series of pastoral letters to advance the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope with Indigenous Peoples of this land. Individual letters have been prepared for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. In addition, the bishops have released a letter to Catholics throughout the country. Copies of the letters can be accessed by visiting:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation>

Catholics throughout the archdiocese are invited to reflect, learn and join in efforts to nurture and deepen our relationship with Indigenous Peoples. We pray that the letters may serve as an additional tool to guide the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. 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).

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.

Starting Friday, February 24,
and every Friday evening during Lent at
7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Dysconnected: The Real Story Behind the Transgender Explosion

Over the past few years, a transgender tsunami has swept the nation, completely overtaking the medical, educational, and counseling industries, and forever altering hundreds of thousands of young girls' lives. What is going on? How did it come to this? And who is behind it? Filmmaker and father Don Johnson travelled the country to find out.

His documentary really does look at this issue from the viewpoint of our Catholic teachings and beliefs.

You can watch it on **FORMED** here:
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/dysconnected-the-real-story-behind-the-transgender-explosion>

To sign up for free, visit signup.formed.org and enter your parish postal code (M9N 2B4) and select St John the Evangelist 49 George St Toronto ON to create your new free account.

Weekly Offering (February 5)	\$3,035.00
Building Fund.	\$1,182.00
Expenses (Jan 30 - Feb 5)	\$2,402.79

Thank you for your contribution.

Season of Lent

On Wednesday, February 22, 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 2022-2023 - 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:
 - Wednesday & Friday at 9:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and
 - Fridays during Lent at 7:30 p.m.

- Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 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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