

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:

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.



Masses For The Week

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 pm Donato & Emma Campitelli R.I.P.
- Giuseppina Campitelli

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 *Ash Wednesday*

9:00 am Bertolo Bertollo R.I.P.
- Maria Milhomens

7:00 pm Unannounced

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 pm Paolo Zappia R.I.P. - Zappia Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 am Unannounced
7:30 pm Alessandro Candeloro R.I.P.
- Raffaella Candeloro

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:00 pm Teresa Borrelli R.I.P. - Borrelli Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 am Deceased Members of the
DePasquale Family R.I.P.
11:00 am The People of the Parish



Sick: That the sick may be healed.

Deceased: That the Lord who is kind and merciful may grant them eternal life.

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.

Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. As search and rescue operations continue, the latest reports indicate that there are more than 40,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 11,000 people.

The disaster began with a 7.8-magnitude earthquake early Monday morning, February 6, one of the strongest to hit the region in 100 years, toppled thousands of buildings throughout Turkey and Syria, creating even worse conditions for millions of Syrians already displaced by the ongoing civil war. Freezing cold weather conditions are complicating rescue operations and adding further risk to survivors.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>
- By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. John the Evangelist - Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 for the Family Day holiday.



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).

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.

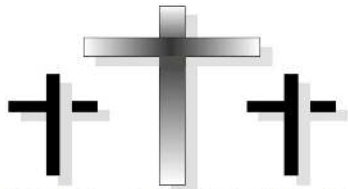
In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. The Law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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

"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*



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