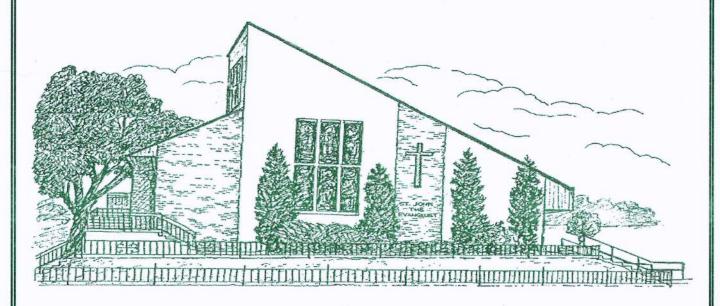
# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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#### **Parish Staff**

Rev. A. Maderak, Pastor Rev. Mr. Oswald D'Paiva, Deacon Sheila Mills, Secretary

#### 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 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 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

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

7:00 pm Serafino Guido RI.P. - Romilda Guildo

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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

- Ngo Family

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 pm Paolo Pronio Sr. R.I.P.

- The Late Teresa Borrelli

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 am Alexandre Milhomens R.I.P.

- Maria Milhomens

7:30 pm Rev. Mario Bellinaso R.I.P.

- Fr. Maderak

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

5:00 pm Joseph Priel R.I.P.

- Nancy Swanek & Rick Shortt

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Vincent & Ellen Proctor R.I.P.

- Kevin & Martin Proctor

**Sick:** That they may be healed according to God's will.



**Deceased:** That they may be purified and welcomed into eternal joy, especially Rev. Ivica Kecerin, Rev. Mario Bellinaso and Kelly Ann Silvaggio.

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.



Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a time to reflect on our relationship with the Lord, and a time to think of others - those seeking a second chance in life and those who need

our help the most.

Rose of Durham is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. They provide pre- and post-natal services to support young parents and help them raise their children with love and care.

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing. Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families.

As we approach our first collection on the weekend of March 26, we ask you to reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable challenges us: if a brother or sister reaches out for help, will we treat them like our neighbor or keep them at arm's length? Through your kind generosity to ShareLife, you are able to reach out to others at the side of the road. Your act of love will make a tangible difference in the life of others.

Cardinal Collins says of the campaign and your participation: "I thank you for choosing to say yes, like the Good Samaritan, through your compassion and generosity."

Once again, ShareLife Sunday is on March 26. We ask you to give generously.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our ShareLife 2022 parish campaign. Our final parish campaign total was \$38,715.70.

## **Offering**

#### Thank you for your contribution.

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 4/5, for the Building Fund.



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

Jesus told St. Faustina: "There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy."

- Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori

### Bundle Up Sunday Spring Cleaning - Year Round!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes and linens to support our neighbours in need the weekend of March 18/19, 2023. Please bring your donations before or after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Thank you!

**Not accepted**: appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

For more information, please visit: www.ssvptoronto.ca

### PENANCE REVISITED

Now that we have begun the season of Lent, it is useful to revisit the reason for doing penance. In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI issued an Apostolic Constitution "On Fast and Abstinence" changing some of the Church laws regarding this topic. What becomes very clear upon reading this document, is that the tradition of fasting and abstaining is something that comes from as far back as the Old Testament. Christ himself practiced fasting and abstinence, and as His followers and as members of His Mystical Body, the Church, we are called to do likewise. "Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"". (Matthew 16:24) By denying our own desires, we become free to respond to the call of Christ. I would encourage everyone to read this short Apostolic Constitution - an easy read at 7 pages. I believe this would help all of us to enter more deeply into the true spirit of penance during Lent. document is available in several languages from the Vatican Website: English, Italian and Spanish.

## Helpful Lenten Ideas

As we begin Lent let us reflect on what it means to deny ourselves and follow Christ. An inspiring video to help us change our heart and say yes to the Lord.



https://watch.formed.org/suggested-content-for-thursday/videos/episode-3-death-and-life

You require a subscription to Formed to watch this video. Please see our website on how to sign up for your free subscription as a parishioner. <a href="https://stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org/en/">https://stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org/en/</a> (Scroll down to bottom of page for instructions)

Please check out all the other wonderful resources for all five weeks of Lent, including the Rosary and Stations of the Cross for children.

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