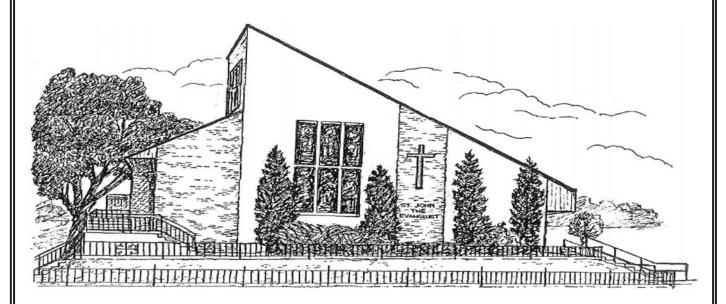
St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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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:* 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 3

5:00 pm Sister Mary, FCJ R.I.P. - Raso Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Mariana & Edmundo Almeida R.I.P.

- Maria Milhomens

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 pm Luigi, Francesco & Nilla Giannini R.I.P.

- Sara Giannini

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 am Maria, Cono & Giacomo Lo Giacco R.I.P.

- Sara Giannini

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 pm Peter Neysmith R.I.P. - Ann Neysmith Addolorato (Eddy) De Santis R.I.P.

- Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 am Vicky, Angelo, Bruno & Anita Scotton R.I.P.

- Clara Creglia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving - Le Tuget Thai

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Kelly Ann Silvaggio R.I.P.

- Tony Silvaggio

Sick: That the sick throughout the world may have the strength and wisdom to unite their sufferings to those of Christ, and obtain His peace and healing, especially Bill Bennett, Guiliana Della Rovere, Techlar & Nolinie Donaldson, Joseph Farrugia, Anne Fitzsimmons and Rose Wells.

Deceased: That our deceased relatives and friends may be welcomed into God's kingdom, especially Rev. W. Noel Whelan.

Pope's February Prayer Intention: For the terminally ill - We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

2023 Tax Receipts

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St. Paul Center - Exodus & Exile 2024 Lent Challenge

Begins Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Lent is just two weeks away! This Lent, join Scott Hahn and John Bergsma as they lead us out of exile and on the journey home. Like the Israelites of old, we are not home. And yet, there is great hope in our sojourning - in our movement back to God.

EXODUS

Challenge Yourself - Each day of Lent, spend ten minutes with John Bergsma as he reads and reflects on one chapter of the Book of Exodus and then gives you a daily challenge to complete.

EXILE

Journey towards Heaven - Once a week, join Scott Hahn as he delivers an inspiring series of 8 talks based on his new book *Catholics in Exile* - filmed with a live audience at the new St. Paul Center headquarters.

Visit https://stpaulcenter.com/exodus/ or click on the link below to enter your email address to be notified when sign-up begins.

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Ash Wednesday is February 14th. 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 16, and every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Season of Lent

On Wednesday, February 14, 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* 2023-2024 - 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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