

# 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.



## Masses For The Week

### 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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 pm The Deceased Members of the  
Nguyen Family R.I.P.

- Anna Nguyen Thi Phuong

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 *Ash Wednesday*

9:00 am John Nguyen, Thanh Lac R.I.P. &  
Joseph Dobko R.I.P. - Lan

7:00 pm The People of the Parish

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 pm John Baptist Ung Ngo R.I.P.

- Ngo Family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 am Rev. Jon Bromley R.I.P. - Fr. Maderak

7:30 pm Frank Squizzato R.I.P.

- Squizzato Family

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving - Vo-Nguyen Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Guido & Teresa Borrelli R.I.P.

- Pincente Family

**Sick:** On this World Day of the Sick, that those who are sick may know healing, friendship, and strength, especially Bill Bennett, Guiliana Della Rovere, Techlar & Nolinie Donaldson, Joseph Farrugia, Anne Fitzsimmons, Carlo Presta and Rose Wells.



**Deceased:** For those who have died in the peace of Christ, that God will raise them to new life.

**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.

## FORMED Lent Resources

This Lent, journey with us as we honor Christ's ultimate sacrifice with two unique series from the Augustine Institute. By signing up for your free FORMED account, you'll receive an email each day with a **Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture** video. Throughout Lent and Easter, you'll also receive 10 new episodes of **Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids**.

([https://daily.formed.org/lent?utm\\_campaign](https://daily.formed.org/lent?utm_campaign)).

There are many other wonderful Lent resources on FORMED for all ages. Some suggestions would be the following:

- After logging on to FORMED, search for "**Lent with Brother Francis**" or go to this direct link <https://watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis> for a wonderful resource for children this upcoming Lent.
- For those who are older, search for "**A Lent to Remember**" or use the direct link: <https://watch.formed.org/a-lent-to-remember> for a series of videos to be used during the season of Lent to help draw closer to Christ.
- If you are looking for a short series of weekly videos to watch at the beginning of each week during Lent, try "**Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam Heidland SOLT**" at: <https://watch.formed.org/restore-lent-with-sr-miriam-james-heidland-solt>.

More resources can also be found on FORMED simply by typing in "Lent" in the search bar.

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## Don't forget to do something this Lent!



Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. 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).



Starting Friday, February 16, 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.



**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*

**2023 Tax Receipts**

For parish donations received and deposited in 2023, tax receipts will be delivered via Canada Post by February 16, 2024. **Please note:** if you donated online using credit card (Donate Now), you will receive a separate tax receipt from the Archdiocese of Toronto.



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**Thank you for your contribution.**

**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."

*Pastoral Note 29, see: [https://bit.ly/ORDO Pastoral Notes](https://bit.ly/ORDO_Pastoral_Notes).*

**"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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