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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.

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.



#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:00 pm Names on All Souls Envelopes and Book of Remembrance

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Maria Nhiem Thi Tran R.I.P. - Patricia MacFarlane

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

7:00 pm Peter Neysmith R.I.P. - Anne Neysmith **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4** 

9:00 am Roy Borba R.I.P. - Maria Milhomens

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

7:00 pm Vocations Maria Nhiem Thi Tran R.I.P. - Tran Family

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 am Personal Intentions - Nadia Francis

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:00 pm Patrick Pritchard & Susan Lasala R.I.P. - Pritchard Family

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

9:00 am Joseph Tri Ngo R.I.P. - Ngo Family 11:00 am The People of the Parish



**Sick**: That the sick may find comfort in Christ and the Church, especially James Burch.

**Deceased:** That those who have died may enjoy light, happiness and peace.

**Pope's December Prayer Intention:** For pilgrims of hope - Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

# **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents an **online weekly** video series titled "Journey through Advent." This year's English reflections will be **led by Archbishop Leo**. The reflections in French will be offered by the Most Rev. René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi. The series is intended to help the faithful prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord by offering meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent.

"Journey through Advent" will be released weekly and will be available on the <u>CCCB</u> website (https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-c atholic-education/video-resources/journey-throug h-advent/) and on their <u>YouTube</u> channel (https://www.youtube.com/CCCB\_CECC). The series is also available via our own website at: https://www.archtoronto.org/.

We also draw your attention to the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's Advent Retreat series, this year **led by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins**. These are short **daily reflections** that can also be accessed via <u>https://www.archtoronto.org/</u> or the Daily Mass website: <u>https://dailytvmass.com/</u>.

May these video reflections be a source of comfort and peace during our Advent journey.



The parish office will be closed this Friday, December 6, to Tuesday, December 10, as the parish secretary will be away.

Weekly Offering (Nov 24) \$2,842.95
Specified Donation \$2,279.72
Knights of Columbus \$10,000.00
Society of St. Vincent de Paul \$4,107.95
Pre-Authorized Giving (Month of Nov). \$1,539.00
Donate Now (Month of Nov) \$893.00
Expenses (Nov 18 - Nov 24) \$5,872.33

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"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation - this most powerful encounter with divine mercy - is essential."

- Thomas Cardinal Collins

This Advent season, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our parish, the Day of Confessions will be held on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Mass

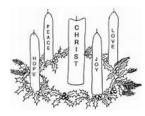
#### Confessions will be heard at the following times:

9:45 a.m	11:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m	3:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m	9:00 p.m.

#### If you go to the Archdiocese of Toronto's Advent Day of Confessions page,

(https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-minist ries/sub-sites/confession/home/) you will find parishes near you that are offering special times for the Sacrament of Penance between December 15 to 21, 2024. There are also helpful resources on how to make a good confession. Regardless of how long it has been since your last confession, please feel welcomed to return to this beautiful healing sacrament.

### **Advent Eucharistic Holy Hour** Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.



The time before Christmas can often become a busy and bustling time as we rush around baking. shopping, wrapping presents and running around visiting friends and family. Take some time in front

of the Blessed Sacrament with periods of silence and reflective music to prepare your heart for the coming of the Child Jesus at Christmas.

## The Catechetical Corner -Learn More About Your Faith



This Tuesday, December 3, at 7:45 p.m. in the parish hall. Topic - Advent and the Incarnation.

For more information and to sign up for this program, either call or email the parish at stjohntheevangelistwe@archtoronto.org or click on the link to sign up on either our parish Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/people/St-John-the-E vangelist-Weston/100064770248173/) or on our Parish website.

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### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025**



Offertory envelopes for 2025 will be available for pickup in the church foyer starting next FFERING weekend, December 7/8.

Please continue to use your 2024 envelopes until the end of the year and then destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years. Since donations are posted by envelope number, this will ensure that you receive the proper credit from your current envelope number for your income tax receipt.



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