

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, JANUARY 11

5:00 pm Samy Vandaiyar R.I.P.
- Ngo Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 am Vincenzo Cristello R.I.P.
- Elizabeth Tavone

11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory
- Phuong Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 am Eunice Zuccaro

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 am Joseph Duy Nguyen R.I.P.
- Maria Pham

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

5:00 pm Carlo Presta R.I.P.
- Presta Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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



Sick: That those who are ill may, especially James Burch and Guiliana Della Rovere, as sons and daughters of God, offer their sufferings to Him with patience and trust.

Deceased: For the dead who await purification: that they may see God's glory.

Pope's January Prayer Intention: *For the right to an education* - Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, *Liguori Publications*, 1994.)

1223 All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfilment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan.¹⁷ After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.'¹⁸



1224 Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to 'fulfil all righteousness'.¹⁹ Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying.²⁰ The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his 'beloved Son'.²¹

1225 In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a 'Baptism' with which he had to be baptized.²² The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life.²³ From then on, it is possible 'to be born of water and the Spirit'²⁴ in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

¹⁷ Cf. *Mt* 3:13

¹⁹ *Mt* 3:15

²¹ *Mt* 3:16-17

²³ Cf. *Jn* 19:34; 1 *Jn* 5:6-8

¹⁸ *Mt* 28:19-20; cf. *Mk* 16: 15-16

²⁰ Cf. *Phil* 2:7

²² *Mk* 10:38; cf. *Lk* 12:50

²⁴ Cf. *Jn* 3:5

Please note that this Sunday, January 12, we will have a Baptism during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



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Jubilee Year 2025 Holy Doors

If you can't be a Pilgrim elsewhere, be a Pilgrim in our own Archdiocese of Toronto! Perhaps make it a goal this year to as many, if not all, of the Pilgrimage Churches in the Diocese. Here are the list of Churches in our Archdiocese that are local pilgrimage destinations you can visit during the Year of Jubilee!

Archdiocesan - St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto; **Shrines** - Martyrs' Shrine, Midland; **Central Region** - St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto; St. Mary's Parish, Toronto; St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York; **Western Region** - Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke; St. Mary's Parish, Brampton; **Eastern Region** - St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough; St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa; **Northern Region** - St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg; St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. The Jubilee Indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. During a Jubilee Year, which normally happens every 25 years, all other indulgences previously granted remain in force and may be obtained by the faithful. To obtain a plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Year, Catholics can follow several specific practices:

1. Make a Pilgrimage: Visit a local pilgrimage destination if you are unable to pilgrim to Rome for the Jubilee Year.
2. Perform Works of Mercy: Engage in corporal and spiritual works of mercy, such as aiding the sick or disabled, spending time with the elderly, or helping those in need.
3. Sacramental Confession and Holy Communion: Receive the sacraments of confession (within 10 days of the charitable act) and Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Pope (preferably on the same day).
4. Detachment from Sin: Maintain a sincere detachment from all sin, even venial sin.

Source: <https://www.ewtnvatican.com/>
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/>

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2025 Sunday, January 19, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Toronto District Christian High School
377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge, ON L4L 2V7

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches, and celebrates the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day Monday, January 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Danforth Multifaith Commons, 310 Danforth Ave.,
Toronto, ON, M4K 1N6

A vigil on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, paying tribute to both survivors and liberators. We recommit ourselves to a culture of encounter, 'living in an open and neighbourly spirit, sharing our joys and sorrows, our human problems, and preoccupations' (Dialogue and Proclamation, #42).

This city-wide event is part of The Dialogue of Life "In Our Time", a commemoration marking the 60th anniversary of the Vatican Declaration on Interreligious Dialogue *Nostra Aetate*.

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