

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

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 22

5:00 pm Maria Cabral R.I.P.
- Paul & Anna Cardozo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 pm Silvio Mitterni R.I.P.
- Eunice Zuccaro

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 am Joachim & Anna Nguyen R.I.P.
- Hanh Nguyen

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 pm Rose Wells R.I.P. - Ann Neysmith

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 am Loretta Bloomfield R.I.P.
- Linda McLean

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

5:00 pm Valentine & Bernadette Francis R.I.P.
- Nadia Francis

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am Maria Nhiem Tran R.I.P. - Ngo Family
11:00 am The People of the Parish



Sick: That the sick may be healed.

Deceased: That the Lord who is kind and merciful may grant them eternal life.

Pope's February Prayer Intention: *For vocations to the priesthood and religious life* - Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Please note: Names will stay on the sick list for 30 days, unless notified otherwise.

Vatican International Exhibiton The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

St. Benedict Parish is hosting the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

Join us on March 14, 2025 at 7 p.m. for a prayerful evening of Adoration with Praise & Worship led by the youth. Following Adoration, we will have time to venerate the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and watch a short video on Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Contact: St. Benedict Parish Office, 2194 Kipling Ave., Etobicoke. **Phone:** 416-743-3830
Email: office@stbenedicts.ca

<https://www.archtoronto.org/pl/outreach/calendar-of-events/event-listing/archdiocesan/eucharistic-miracles-of-the-world-exhibit-at-st-benedict-parish/>

40 Days for Life The Beginning of the End of Abortion

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.



When: March 5 - April 25, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 811 Lawrence Ave. W. (Dufferin & Lawrence).

How to register:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/toronto>

For more information visit:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>

Opening Mass - Saturday, March 1st, 2:00 p.m. at Daughters of St. Paul, 3022 Dufferin St., Toronto.

Closing Mass - Saturday, April 26th, 2:00 p.m., at Daughters of St. Paul, 3022 Dufferin St., Toronto.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is March 5th. 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).

Season of Lent

On Wednesday, March 5, 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.

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, March 7, and every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

“Could you spend 1/2 Hour with Me?”

2024 - A Year in Review

A little late, but better late than never! The new Year in the Review video for our Parish is now posted on our website and our Facebook page. You can also directly access the video at:

<https://youtu.be/aDF36jUUGAw?si=tkiVI9pQO1eMMFeb>



**PARISH
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Weekly Offering (Feb 16) \$1,546.15
Expenses (Feb 10 - Feb 16) \$4,544.31

Thank you for your contribution.

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 1 / 2, for the Building Fund. **NEW:** Building Fund monies collected will go towards paying the Church’s utilities and groundskeeping.

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."
- *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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