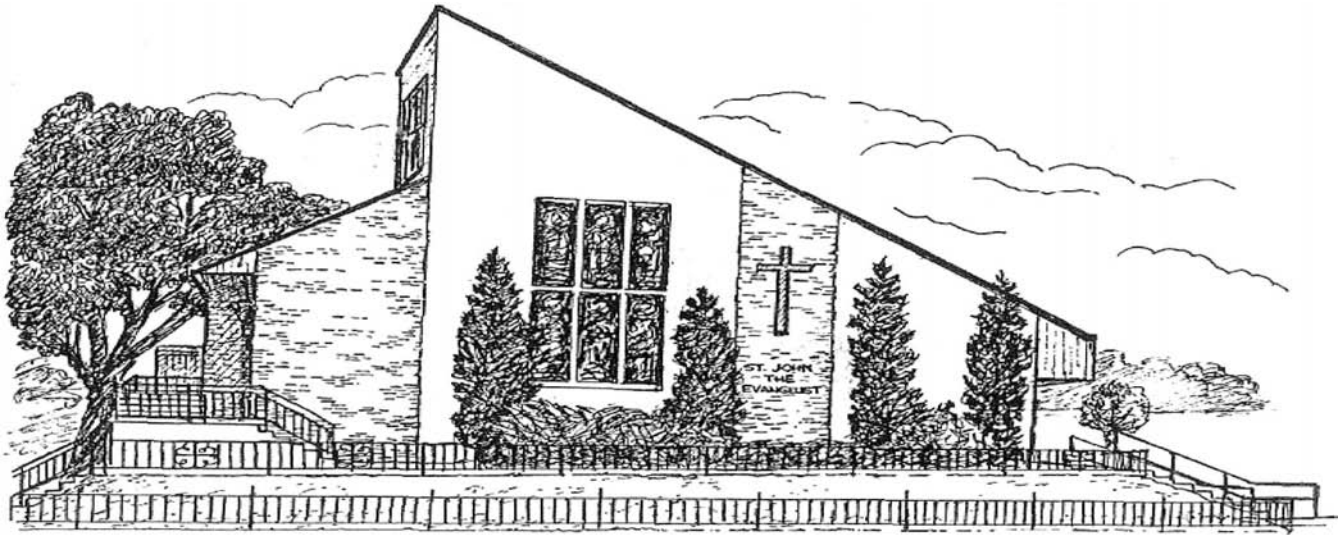


# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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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, 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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 pm Joseph Thanh Nguyen R.I.P.  
- Phuong Nguyen

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 *Ash Wednesday*

9:00 am Alexander Milhomens R.I.P.  
- Maria Milhomens

7:00 pm The People of the Parish

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 pm Armando Sdraulig R.I.P. - Family  
Vocations

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7


9:00 am Unannounced  
7:30 pm Catherine Cardinali R.I.P.  
- Eunice Zuccaro

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

5:00 pm Maria Tran R.I.P. - Tran Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 am The People of the Parish  
11:00 am Wilfredo & Marifel Nadal  
(50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
- Tara Nadal

**Sick:** That the sick may be healed according to God's will.  **Pray**

**Deceased:** That our dead may have comfort and know the Lord's saving love, especially Domenica Fiacco.

**Pope's March Prayer Intention:** *For families in crisis* - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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

## Vatican International Exhibit 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/>

## Prayers for the Health and Recovery of Pope Francis

The Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary and CCCB President shared the following message, praying for the health and recovery of Pope Francis:

As President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), I wish to assure the faithful of Canada that I am united with my brother Bishops in praying for the full recovery of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he continues to lead the Church with courage and a generosity of spirit. I invite individuals, families, parishes, and all Catholic movements and associations in Canada to join their local Bishops in lifting up Pope Francis in their prayers and intentions. May the Lord, through Our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth.

**Ash Wednesday - March 5<sup>th</sup>**



This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. 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**

***“Could you spend 1/2 Hour with Me?”***

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



**WHAT THE SAINTS SAY**

Our Lord revealed to several holy women: St. Bridget, St. Gertrude, St. Mechtilde, and St. Catharine of Siena, that they who mediate on His Passion are very dear to Him.

*- Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori*



You are invited to ‘*save the date*’ for our first annual “Day With Mary” that will take place on **Saturday, May 31, 2025 on the Feast of the Visitation of the**

**Blessed Virgin Mary from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Villanova College located at 2480 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad in King City, ON.

The family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address, music, children’s catechesis, fellowship and more. Further details in the weeks ahead.

- Frank Cardinal Leo

Weekly Offering (Feb 23) . . . . . \$4,083.10  
Expenses (Feb 17 - Feb 23) . . . . . \$3,997.55

***Thank you for your contribution.***

**Season of Lent**

This 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.

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. 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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