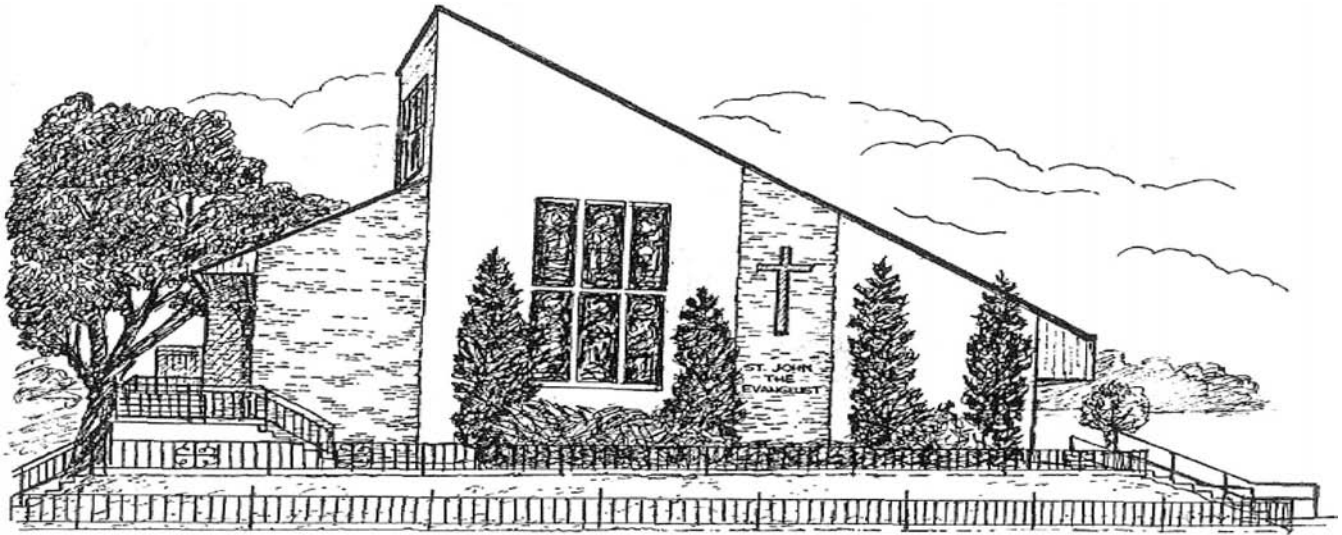


St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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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

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Masses For The Week

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
(50th Wedding Anniversary) - Tara Nadal

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Tran Family
- Ngo Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 am Pasquale & Lorenzo Giannini R.I.P.
- Sara Giannini

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 pm Iggy & Dulce's Wedding Anniversary
- Libuit Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 am Rita Scarselletta R.I.P. - Eunice Zuccaro
7:30 pm Unannounced

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

5:00 pm Antonio Luceno R.I.P. - Luceno Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 am The Intentions of the Abe Family
- Charles Abe & Family
11:00 am The People of the Parish

Sick: For those who are ill, that God's love and our care may bring them healing and strength, especially Pope Francis.



Deceased: That those who have died may enter into the eternal kingdom of God, especially Helen Heakes.

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.

Cardinal Leo thanks you for supporting the 2024 ShareLife Parish Campaign



Your participation in the 2024 ShareLife Parish Campaign has been truly extraordinary, achieving a record-breaking \$14.4 million raised. Your compassion is making a meaningful difference in the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community. In acknowledgement of your kind generosity, Cardinal Leo extends his heartfelt gratitude to all pastors, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners. You can find his letter expressing thanks [here](https://sharelife.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/FINAL-SL-Cardinal-Leo-Thank-you-letter.pdf).

Thank You! Our parish goal for 2024 was \$43,200. Our final parish campaign total at the end of December 2024 was \$47,702.45.

First ShareLife Sunday is March 30, 2025.

High School Come & See Day Retreat March 29, 2025

The Office of Vocations is hosting a high school day retreat for high school men, in grades 11 & 12, at St. Augustine's Seminary, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This retreat is designed to help young men cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with the Lord. Seminarians will offer reflections on practical aspects of faith. This retreat will offer opportunities for communal prayer, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & socializing. Lunch will be provided.

Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee>

For more information please email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Weekly Offering (Mar 2) \$2,644.50
Building Fund. \$1,879.50
Expenses (Feb 24 - Mar 2) \$6,068.06

Thank you for your contribution.

Stations of the Cross

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

Jesus told St. Faustina: "There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy."

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

Canadian Food for Children Lenten Collection



[Canadian Food For Children](https://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net/) is a registered charity with the Canadian government. Founded by Dr. Andrew Simone and his wife, their goal is to feed the poor. All donations collected go towards

feeding the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world. Presently, Canadian Food for Children sends food to 18-22 developing countries throughout the world

Last week, we received a letter from Dr. Andrew Simone with a request to do a **Lenten collection** for the poor of **canned meat & fish, soap bars and iodized salt**. Iodine deficiency affects 2 billion people worldwide and is the main cause of preventable mental impairment. Every year, 38 million newborn babies in developing countries are affected by iodine deficiency. During this season of Lent we will be collecting canned meat & fish, soap bars and iodized salt. You may drop off your donation in the baskets at the back of the Church in the church foyer.

To learn more about Canadian Food for Children visit: <https://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net/>

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.*

"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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