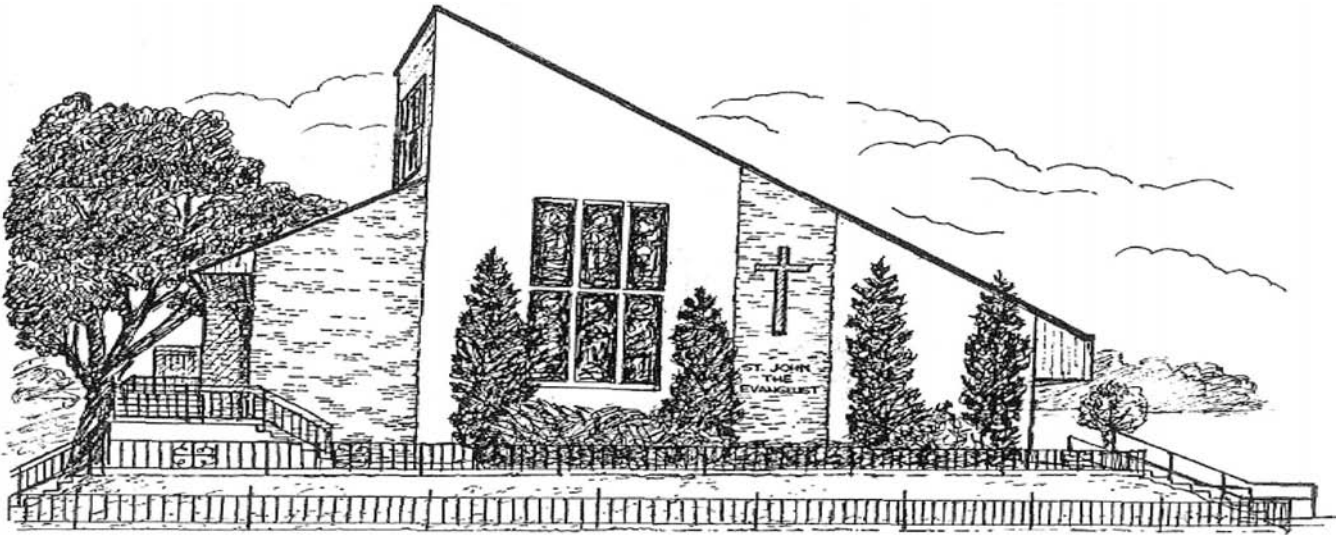


# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. A. Maderak, Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Oswald D'Paiva, Deacon  
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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](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, FEBRUARY 14

5:00 pm Luigi Girardo R.I.P. - Girardo Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 am In Thanksgiving - Edith Meneses

11:00 am The People of the Parish

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 pm Antonio Raso R.I.P. - Raso Family

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 *Ash Wednesday*

9:00 am The People of the Parish

7:00 pm Ellen & Vincent Proctor R.I.P. &

Kristina & John Stekar R.I.P.

- Martin & Kevin Proctor

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 pm Fr. James Adams R.I.P.

- Vo-Nguyen Family

Ted Henderson R.I.P. - Maingot Family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Pham Family

- Maria Pham

7:30 pm Unannounced

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00 pm Eric Liberi R.I.P. - Gabriella Galli

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Fr. Maderak - Bill & Carmen

**Sick:** That they may experience the consolation of God's strength, especially Bill Bennett and Noelle Tan.



**Deceased:** That they may rise with Christ and enjoy eternal rest, especially Rev. Godwin Nduaguibe, Rev. Terence Gallagher and Deacon David Sandford.

**Pope's February Prayer Intention:** *For children with incurable diseases* - Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 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*

**A great spiritual Lenten devotion would be to say the Stations of the Cross daily at home. We have inserted the Way of the Cross pamphlets in this week's bulletin.**



This year the **Toronto March for Life** is on Saturday, May 23, 2026. Stand united with the pro-life movement against the injustice of abortion. For more information and to sign up for updates visit: <https://torontomarchforlife.ca/>



The parish office will be closed Monday, February 16, for the Family Day statutory holiday.



Weekly Offerings for February 7/8 will be reported in next week's bulletin.

## Season of Lent

On Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

"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 daily  
**(Way of the Cross pamphlets inserted in bulletin)**  
Holy Hour every Friday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

## How to Lent

Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent - we just don't know how to do it. How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.

Watch the trailer today on FORMED (<https://watch.formed.org/how-to-lent>)! If you do not already have a free FORMED account, you can create your free account on your computer or your mobile device by following the steps below:

- On your search engine type in **stjohntheevangelistwe.formed.org**
- In the box under "Find Your Parish or Organization" type in *St. John the Evangelist, Toronto, Ontario* or the postal code *M9N 2B4*. A list of Churches will populate. Select St. John the Evangelist Parish 49 George St Toronto ON, then click on **NEXT**.
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