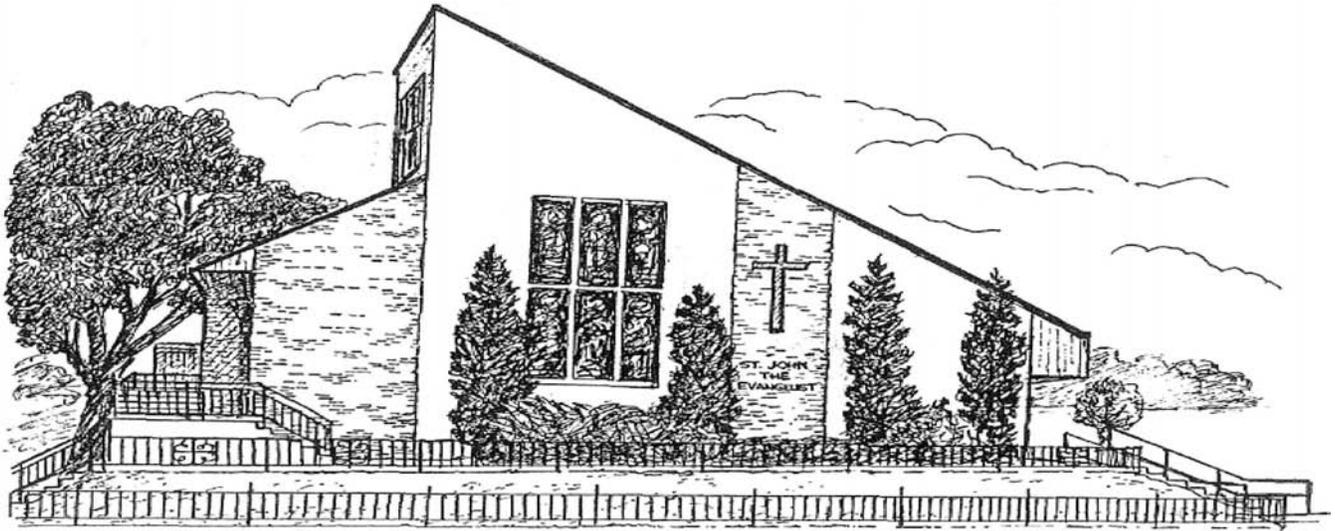


St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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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

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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, 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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 pm Maria, Cono & Giacomo Lo Giacco R.I.P. - Sara Giannini

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am Fr. Dominic Quyen Bui R.I.P. - Lan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 pm Lauro Rigo R.I.P. & Domenico & Maria Suppa R.I.P. - Gallippi Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 am Unannounced
7:30 pm Special Intentions & All Souls in Purgatory - Clara Creglia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00 pm Tony & Bruna Creglia R.I.P. & All Souls in Purgatory - Clara Creglia

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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

Sick: That the sick may be healed according to God's will, especially Bill Bennett and Noelle Tan. Pray

Deceased: That the deceased may be purified and welcomed into eternal joy, especially Lineo Santi.

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.

CLOSED The parish office will be closed Monday, February 23rd to Friday, February 27th, as the parish secretary will be away.

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

Another great spiritual Lenten devotion would be to say the Stations of the Cross daily at home. Stations of the Cross pamphlets can be found at the counter in the Church foyer.

Lenten Holy Hour

Next Sunday, March 1st, at 2:00 p.m.

"Could you spend one hour with Me?"



Come join us for a Lenten Holy Hour next Sunday, March 1, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Table with 2 columns: Offering/Expense and Amount. Rows include Weekly Offering (Feb 8), Expenses (Feb 2 - Feb 8), Weekly Offering (Feb 15), and Expenses (Feb 9 - Feb 15).

Thank you for your contribution.

There will be a second collection next weekend, February 28/March 1, for the Building Fund.

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 can be found at the counter in the Church foyer)

Holy Hour every Friday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Message 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

If you would like to read Cardinal Leo's Lenten Message, please see our bulletin board or visit:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/offices--ministries/pastoral-ministries/office-for-ecumenical-and-interfaith-relations/documents/cardinal-leo---lenten-message-2026.pdf>



Project Rachel Retreat
Hurting as a result of an
abortion? Healing is possible.

Have you suffered the loss of a child from abortion, or the abortion pill? If grief, sadness, or shame has kept you alone in this, know that you are not alone, and that there is healing for you. Project Rachel at the Refuge will hold a retreat for post-abortive women April 24-26, 2026. For more info and registration, please contact by e-mail at projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org or by telephone, in confidence, at 613-473-2679 or visit <https://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel>.

This Lent, you are living the Gospel by
supporting ShareLife



Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling-grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn-your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22.

Thank you letter

Cardinal Leo thanks parishioners for a successful conclusion to the 2025 Parish Campaign. To read letter visit:
<https://sharelife.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Cardinal-Leo-Thank-you-Letter-2025-ShareLife-Parish-Campaign.pdf>

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