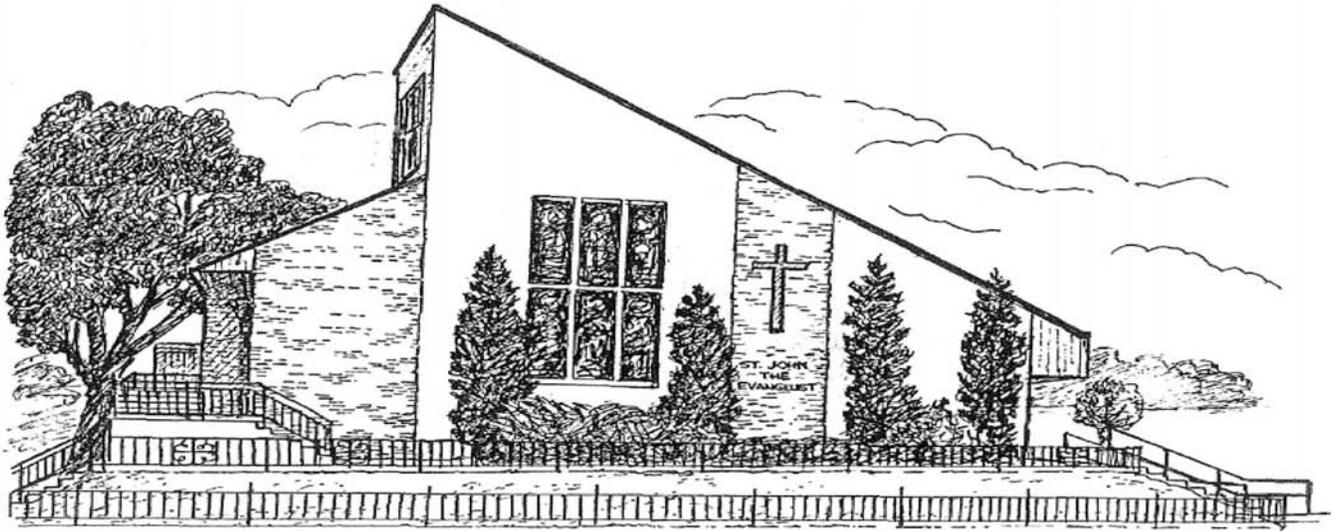


# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. A. Maderak, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Oswald D'Paiva, Deacon

Sheila Mills, Secretary

## **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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



**Good Friday** is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Fasting means that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and

evening.

"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."

- Pastoral Note 29, see:

[https://bit.ly/ORDO Pastoral Notes.](https://bit.ly/ORDO_Pastoral_Notes)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28 Palm Sunday**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 Palm Sunday**

9:00 am Salvatore & Giuseppina Luceno R.I.P. - Antonietta Luceno & Family

11:00 am The People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

7:00 pm Luisa Valverde R.I.P. - Patricia Orbezo

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

9:00 am In Thanksgiving - Emma Garo



**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Altar of Repose open til midnight*

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

Passion of the Lord

12:00 noon & 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

(No 9:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. Mass)

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**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

**Easter Vigil Mass** (approx. two hours)

8:30 pm Tadeusz & Eugenia Maderak R.I.P. - Fr. Maderak

*(No 5:00 pm Mass or Confessions)*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am Joseph Tran R.I.P. - Tran Family

*(No incense used at the 9:00 am Mass)*

11:00 am The People of the Parish

**Blessing of Easter Foods**



In certain cultures there is a tradition of blessing foods that would be eaten during Easter. We invite you and your family to bring your Easter food basket to the Church (parish hall) on **Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** for a brief blessing service.

**Sick:** That the sick may be healed, especially Bill Bennett, Domenico Farina, Rosalind Jack and Maria Nguyen.



**Deceased:** For those who have died: that the crucified and risen Christ will lead them to heaven, especially Rev. Edward Joseph Smith.

**Pope's March Prayer Intention:** *For disarmament and peace* - Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Weekly Offering (Mar 22)	.....	\$2,826.20
ShareLife	.....	\$13,922.70
Expenses (Mar 16 - Mar 22)	.....	\$1,533.13

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

## GOOD FRIDAY



The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026.

Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use Credit Cards, Interac, or Canadahelps, accessible at: <https://commissariat.ca/supporting-us> in the "Support Us" link.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m.,  
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Donation envelopes for this special collection can be found in your box set of Sunday Offering Envelopes or at the counter in the church foyer.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

**"Could you spend one hour with Me?"**



Come join us for the celebration of **Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** for prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

The Feast originated from apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska in which He said, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day...the soul that will go to confession (this can be eight days before or after the Feast) and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... It is My desire that (the Feast) be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter."



This past March 25<sup>th</sup>, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the clergy changes for 2026 were announced by the Archdiocese of Toronto. After 12 years at St. John the Evangelist, our pastor, Fr. Maderak, has been appointed by Cardinal Francis Leo to be Pastor at St. Francis De Sales Parish in Ajax. We welcome Fr. David Gikonyo from St. John XXIII parish in Don Mills as our new pastor. All clergy changes will be effective as of June 24, 2026.

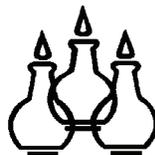
We thank Fr. Maderak for the love and care he has given to our parish and for his legacy in caring for the physical and Spiritual needs of our parish, including for those dearly departed parishioners in our cemetery whose human dignity was recognized and restored with care.

How appropriate that this move was announced on a Solemnity dedicated to Mary, as Fr. Maderak consecrated his life to Mary this past year. We pray that Our Blessed Mother continues to guide and guard him.

More information to follow in following weeks regarding our formal good-bye to our Pastor.

## Mass of Chrism

**Tuesday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m.**



The Mass of Chrism is a special Mass, held in Toronto at St. Michael's Cathedral for the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto, on the Tuesday of Holy Week. At the Chrism Mass the holy oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Sacrament of the Sick are blessed and supplied to the local parishes for use.

***All are welcome to attend.***

**The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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