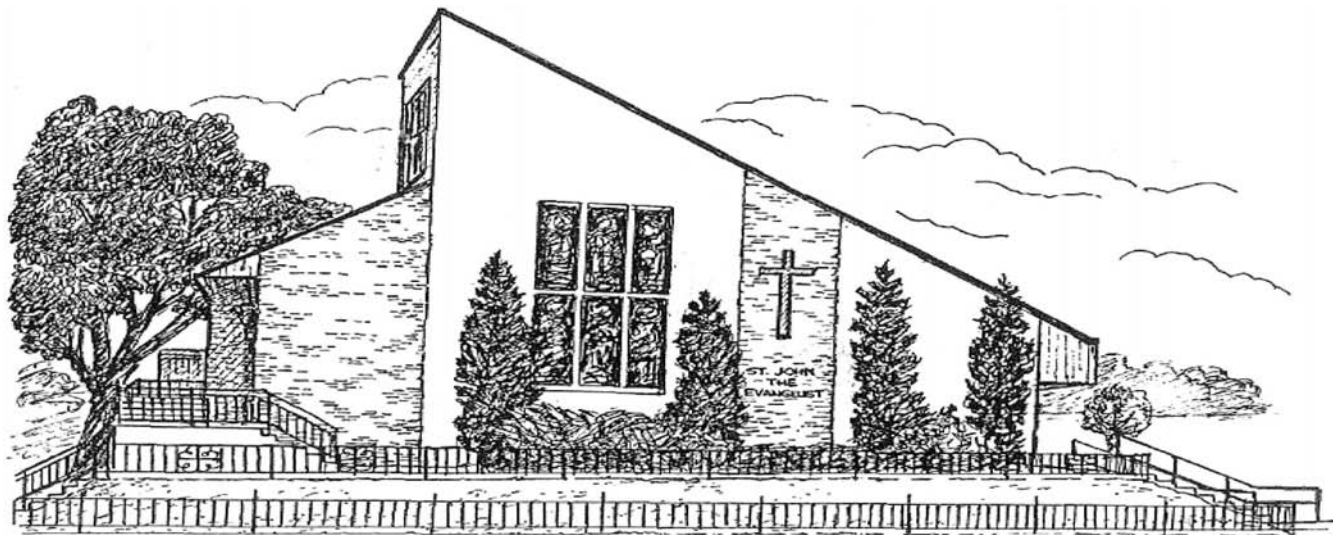


St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church



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Parish Staff

Rev. David Gikonyo, Pastor

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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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Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after Mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the Church activities.

We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

Registration forms can be found on the counter in the Church foyer or call the office.

Your Pastor,
Fr. David

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed on Tuesdays

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 Rev. David Twaddle, 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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, JULY 25

5:00 pm Francesco Aversa R.I.P. - Bettina Tavone

SUNDAY, JULY 26

9:00 am The Abe Family - Prisca & Charles

11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory - Phuong Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish

THURSDAY, JULY 30

7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, JULY 31

9:00 am Emma Garo (Birthday) - Nina Lo Papa

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

5:00 pm Alfred Aseervatham R.I.P.
- Patricia MacFarlane



Masses For The Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am In Thanksgiving - Francisca Laydo

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 am All Souls in Purgatory - Tran Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

5:00 pm Teresa & Agazio Gagliardi R.I.P.
- Luceno Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 am Carolina Cardozo R.I.P.

- Paul & Anna Cardozo

11:00 am The People of the Parish

Sick: For the sick, especially Bill Bennett and Michelina Ciociola, that we will sustain them by our love and compassion.



Deceased: For all who have died, may they come into the light of God's presence, especially Giovanni (John) Mangano.

Pope's July Prayer Intention: *For respect for human life*
- Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. For Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass, and in the event of rain, please see our bulletin board above the cemetery table in the Church foyer or visit:

<https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/annual-mass-for-the-faithful-departed-2/>

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS

Our LPA and musician, Tara, is now moving into the final phase of formation for the Order of Consecrated Virgins and is now also fully immersed in her doctoral studies. Because of the amount of commitment of both of these endeavours, she will be leaving St. John the Evangelist Parish as LPA and musician on the weekend of August 29/30. We are in need of musicians to take over the music at the 5:00 p.m. Mass permanently. We are also in need of someone to take over the music ministry at the 9:00 a.m. Mass to allow Kristine the ability to fully enjoy her much deserved retirement. Knowledge of playing either the guitar, organ or piano and the ability to read music and/or chords is necessary to lead the ministry. Copies of the Journeysongs accompaniment books will be provided. Singers are also welcome. Please email the parish at: stjohntheevangelistwe@archtoronto.org or speak to Tara after one of the Masses if you are interested.

Weekly Offering (Jul 12)	\$2,324.25
Mission Co-op.	\$4,859.65
Expenses (Jul 6 - Jul 12)	\$331.47

Thank you for your contribution.

**Jesus is the hidden treasure,
Jesus is the precious pearl**

Two Sundays ago, we began Christ's teachings in parables with the Parable of the Sower. This Parable is the first of seven, in the Gospel of St. Matthew on the Kingdom of Heaven. Last Sunday, we heard another three; the parable of the weeds among wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. This Sunday we hear proclaimed, the parable of the hidden treasure, the parable of the precious pearl, and the parable of the dragnet. Jesus, used the occurrence in everyday life to reveal that he was the fulfillment of the prophesy; ***"I will open my mouth into parables. I will announce the knowledge of the Mysteries that lay hidden from the foundation of the world!"*** (Psalm 78:2)

A question was then raised; "What is this Mystery that lay hidden from the foundation of the World?" St Paul, in his letter to the Colossians (1:26-27), explains, the question as the "Who," rather than as the "What." St. Paul gives a definitive answer of the mystery as Christ; "Christ is the Mystery!"

Pope Benedict XVI, in his book, "Jesus of Nazareth, vol 1," explains; "The deepest theme of Jesus' preaching as his own mystery, the mystery of the Son in whom God is among us ... Jesus announces the Kingdom of God coming and as having come in his Person." (P. 188) The Pope continued; ***"We have then, the good ground for interpreting all the parables as hidden and multilayered invitations to faith in Jesus as the 'Kingdom of God in Person.'"***

With this in mind, we can understand then why Jesus proclaimed his disciples privileged! They were witnesses of the Kingdom of God, physically present among them. They were in the presence of Jesus, in the presence of God! Jesus affirmed in the Gospel, last Sunday; ***"Blessed are your eyes, for they see and your ears because they hear ... for many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see and to hear what you hear, and never heard it."*** Jesus is the "treasure hidden;" He is the "pearl found," in the parables we heard today.

Believing in Jesus, as God among his people, we should pray asking the Spirit of God to illumine us to realize the blessedness of this privilege; the realization that we are in presence of God in the Person of Christ. St. Peter the Apostle, proclaiming his awareness of presence of Jesus as the "Messiah, the Son of the Living God," had Jesus exclaim; ***"Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but, but my Heavenly Father."*** (Mt. 16:17)

We have found the hidden treasure, we have found the precious pearl, let us sell all we have and are, and inherit the Kingdom.

**KNOW YOUR CATECHISM
OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

1. What is the plan of God for man?

1-25 God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness.

CHAPTER ONE - MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

30 *"You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised [...] You have made us for yourself and our heart is restless until it rests in you."* (Saint Augustine)

2. Why does man have a desire for God?

27-30, 44-45 God himself, in creating man in his own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. By nature and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on man his fundamental dignity.

Compendium of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

ShareLife 50th Anniversary Mass

Join us on Saturday, August 22, 2026, as we celebrate 50 years of bringing the hands of Christ to those in need through faith, compassion, and service. Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica will be celebrated by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto at 10:30 a.m.

This is a free event, but registration is required. Please **RSVP by August 17**. Registration link and event information: www.sharelife.org/50.

For any inquiries, please get in touch with us at SLEvent@archtoronto.org. Thank you!

The next bulletin to be printed is August 9th.

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