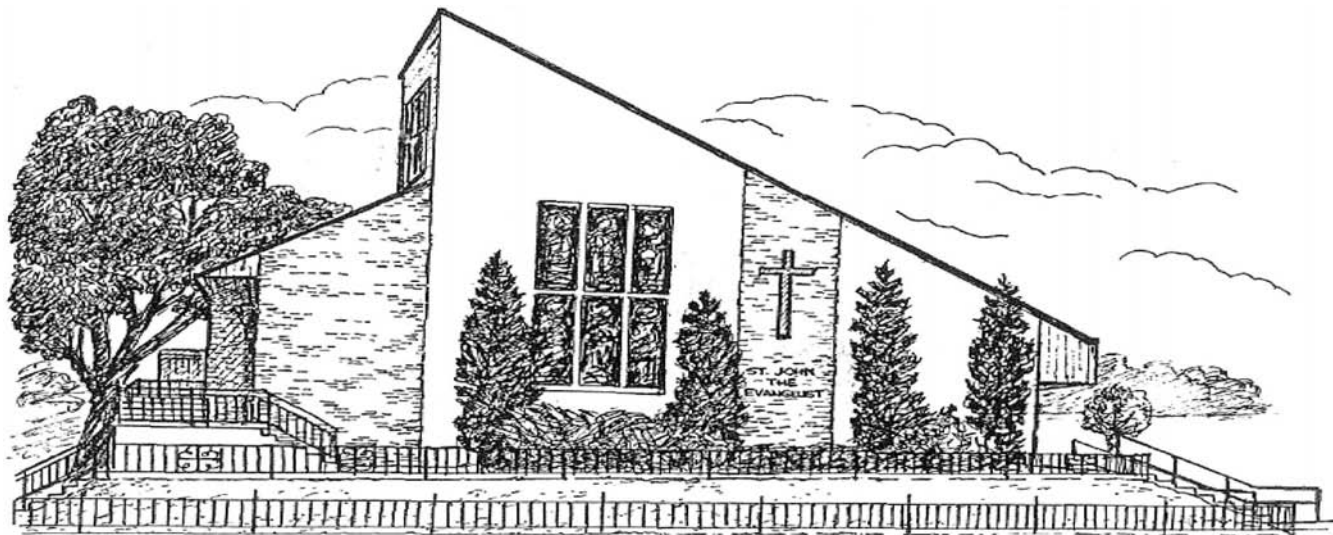


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Parish Staff

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:

Saturday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Parish School

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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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 am Maria Nhiem Tran R.I.P. - Anh Ngo
5:00 pm Domenico Farina R.I.P. - Donna Fantauzzi

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 am Patrick Joseph Rodrigues R.I.P.
- Patricia Rodrigues

11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 pm Joan Roy R.I.P. - Ann Neysmith

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 am The Intention of Healing & Reconciliation with
Indigenous Peoples

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 pm Vocations
Anna Nguyen Thi Nguyen R.I.P.
- Phuong Nguyen

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 am Maria Nhiem Tran R.I.P. - Anh Ngo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 am Dominic Tho Tran R.I.P. - Anh Ngo
5:00 pm Joseph Tran R.I.P. - Tran Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Jose Gaviola R.I.P. - Virginita Gaviola



**Mass every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
with Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual
Help.**

October: Month of the Holy Rosary



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

Join us as we pray the Rosary together as a parish community after all the weekday Masses during the month of October. All parishioners, families, and friends are warmly invited and welcome.



Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday, September 27, 2026.

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is
"Even just one of these children."

Drawing from the Gospel of Matthew (18:5) - "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" - the Holy Father calls the Church to pay special attention to migrants and refugee children. He reminds us that every child matters, and we are called to protect and welcome them with open hearts, offering them safety, dignity, and a hopeful future. We are invited to reflect on how our parishes and communities can respond with concrete acts of hospitality and compassion to the youngest and most vulnerable among those on the move.



Pray

For the sick and suffering: That God who gives life to all things will share His life with those who are most afflicted, especially Michelina Ciociola, Maria Nguyen, Matthew Parris and Techlar Donaldson.

For the faithful departed: That they may join the angels and saints in the glory of heaven.

Pope's September Prayer Intention: *For the care of water*
- Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

Registration Now Open: First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Parents and guardians are invited to register their children for these essential milestones in their faith journey.

First Holy Communion Eligibility: Open to children in Grade 2 or older who have received the Sacrament of Baptism. Preparation will cover both the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion.
Registration deadline is Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Sacrament of Confirmation Eligibility: Open to youth in Grade 7 or older who have been baptized and have received their First Holy Communion. **Registration deadline is Sunday, October 25, 2026.**

Registration packages can be picked up at the church counter in the foyer after all weekend Masses.

**Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection
October 3/4, 2026**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 3/4, 2026 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated \$4.5 million to support projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information, to donate online or to read letter from Cardinal Leo to the faithful, visit:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation>.

Letter from Cardinal Leo to the faithful can also be found on our bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity.

**KNOW YOUR CATECHISM OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?

80-82, 97 Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

Weekly Offering (Sep 6)	\$2,230.45
Building Fund	\$1,987.05
Expenses (Aug 31 - Sep 6)	\$8,217.37
Weekly Offering (Sep 13)	\$2,702.90
Expenses (Sep 7 - Sep 13)	\$3,678.34

Weekly Offering (Sep 20)	\$2,951.40
Expenses (Sep 14 - Sep 20)	\$7,595.78

Thank you for your contribution.

Another Parable of the Two Sons

“Jesus said to the Chief Priest and Elders of the People; What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard.’ He said in reply, I will not, but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father will?”

The motif that Jesus is using in the parable in today’s gospel reading, came from a tradition that went back all the way to the Book of Genesis; The motif of the two sons. This begun with Cain and Abel. It continued with Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, then became modified to Joseph and his eleven brothers. The two brothers always lived in an unresolved antagonism. There was always a rivalry between the two; the one, and the other, whom the Lord’s favor rested.

Jesus takes this tradition and gives it a twist, to address a common temptation of those who claimed, “to be right with God and despised everyone else.” In the Gospel today, this one son, represented the Pharisees, the Scribes; The religious of the day, whom the Gospel today calls “the elders of the people!”

Jesus had done what was expected of the Messiah; cleanse the Temple to restore sincere worship; *“My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.”* The Elders of the people were enraged. They benefited from the trade that was going on around the Temple. They failed to acknowledge the act of Jesus, as a fulfillment of the Scriptures, and in anger sought from him an explanation; *“By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this Power?”*

Jesus knowing that the hour, when this question would be answered had not yet come, and aware that his opponents were not in genuine search for the true answer but were engineering a trap to get him, told the parable we heard today.

The Chief Priest and the elders of the people comprised the second son and their pride and stubbornness, led them to a blindness, that eventually would kill the first Son.

Jesus gave the elders of the people “a wakeup call” to the realize the privilege they had at hand; They were living in the physical presence of the One to whom the authority belonged. It was urgent for them to respond; *“Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you.”*

 The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, September 28th through Friday, October 2nd. The office will reopen on Monday, October 5th.

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