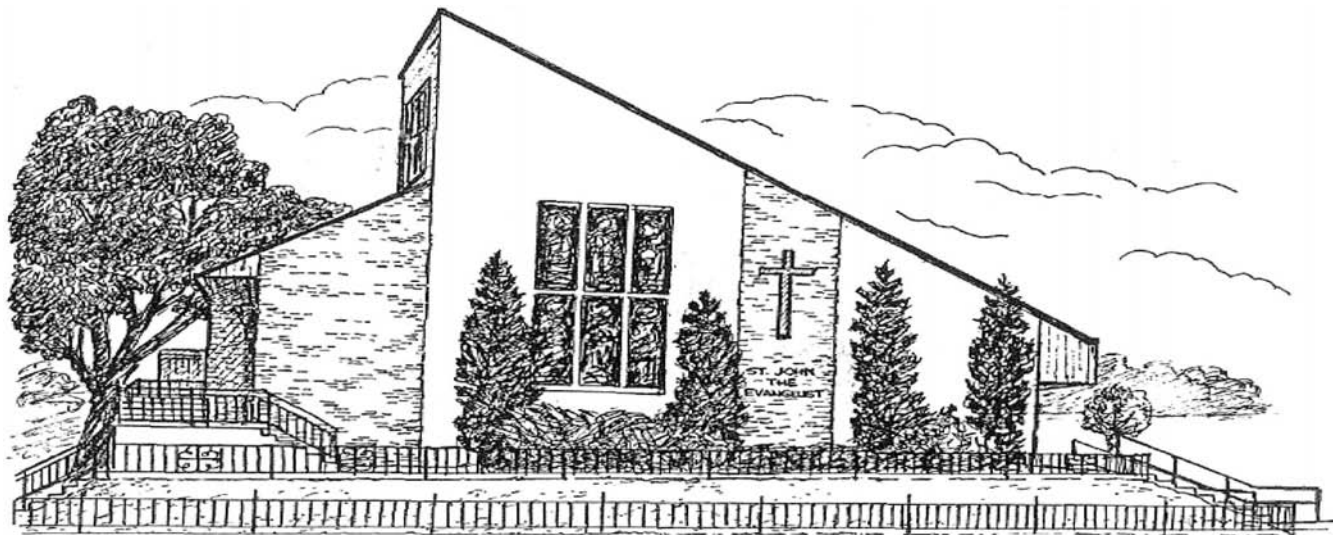


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Parish Staff

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

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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 am Iolanda Magi & Stefano Brardinelli R.I.P.
- Brardinelli & Magi Families

5:00 pm Anna Le R.I.P. - Tran Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Giovanni Mangano R.I.P. - Mangano Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 pm Giovanni & Assunta Cardelli R.I.P. &
Deceased Members of the Pinelli Family
- Anne Marie Pinelli

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 am Novilia & Luigi Girardo R.I.P.
- Girardo Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 pm Antonietta Ruscitto R.I.P. - Tina D'Ascanio

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 am Pilar Garo R.I.P. - Emma Garo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 am For Peace & Health - Tran Family

5:00 pm Charles & Anna Veerasawmy R.I.P.
- Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 am In Thanksgiving - Acosta Family

11:00 am The People of the Parish



We joyfully announce that the Installation Mass for our new pastor, Fr. David Gikonyo, will take place at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 1, 2026. During this special Mass, officiated by Bishop Ivan Camilleri, Fr. David will publicly renew his commitment to pastoral care, make his Profession of Faith, and take the Oath of Fidelity in service to our parish community.

A reception will follow in the parish hall immediately after Mass. Any contribution of food or dessert would be appreciated. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend, welcome Fr. David and express our prayers and support for his ministry.



Cardinal Leo has invited the Catholic community to join together in prayer for Pope Leo XIV. It was announced on Sunday, October 11 that doctors had discovered a small, localized nodule in the Holy Father's lung during a recent medical examination. The nodule was detected at a very early stage, and doctors recommended surgery to remove it.

Prayers for Pope Leo XIV

O Mary, Mother of the Church and Health of the sick, we turn to you with love and devotion as we ask for your powerful intercession for Pope Leo XIV. You are our mother, our companion and our confidante. You are our refuge and advocate. You are a sign of sure hope and consolation to all of God's holy people as we make our pilgrim way to the Kingdom.

Look favourably and with mercy upon our Holy Father whom your Son Jesus, our Saviour, has chosen as our universal Shepherd. Grant that, by your maternal mediation and fervent prayer, Our Lord will bestow peace upon Pope Leo, comfort him in his hour of need and restore him to good health, affording him renewed vigour to continue his apostolic mission, according to God's holy will.

We thank you, Mother most holy, for caring and for praying with us and for us to Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

For the sick and homebound: That they may be filled with hope, especially Michelina Ciociola.



For the faithful departed: That they possess the life won for them by Christ.

Pope's October Prayer Intention: *For mental health ministry* - Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a **Dinner & Dance Pasta Night** next Saturday, October 24 - 7:00 p.m., at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, 45 Ludstone Dr. For tickets (\$40 and cash bar), or for more information contact Grand Knight Romey at 416-473-5908 or romeysimon@hotmail.com. Also, please see poster on our bulletin board.

Weekly Offering (Oct 11) \$2,731.05
Building Fund \$2,026.60

Expenses:

Oct 5 - Oct 11 \$1,079.24
Diocesan Assessment Jan - Jun 2026 \$19,553.00
(The Diocesan Assessment is a 15% levy on all money received in the regular Sunday offertory collection and the Building Fund, and a 5% mandated Catholic Register Circulation assessment paid to the Archdiocese of Toronto.)

KNOW YOUR CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

19. How is Sacred Scripture to be read?

109-119, 137 Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith themselves.

20. What is the Canon of Scripture?

120, 138 The *Canon* of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The *Canon* consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

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

Cardinal Leo Encourages Catholics to Participate in October 26 Municipal Elections

Ahead of municipal elections on Monday, October 26, 2026, Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, has released a [short video](#), encouraging Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto to learn more about the candidates, prayerfully form their conscience and cast an informed ballot.

(<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/cardinal-leo-encourages-catholics-to-participate-in-october-26-municipal-elections/>)

In the video, Cardinal Leo reflects on our responsibility to contribute to the common good and the important role of Catholic school board trustees in safeguarding the faith and identity of our Catholic schools. Catholic voters are reminded to ensure that they are registered to vote as a Catholic separate school supporter.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Registration



Parents and guardians are invited to register their children for these essential milestones in their faith journey. Registration packages are available at the church counter.

Registration deadline is next Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Give to God the things that are God's

The Gospel reading today gives us the first of four controversies between Jesus and various groups of Jewish religious leaders; The Pharisees, the Herodians, the Sadducees and the Scribes.

After the four parables on God's Kingdom and his generosity, we heard these past four Sundays, the leaders of the people remain stubborn. In the parables, Jesus revealed how privileged we are as a people of God. At the time of Christ, Israel was even more privileged, because they were in the very presence of God in the Person of Christ Jesus. However, the majority of the leaders of Israel remained unaccepting of Jesus and his teaching. Jesus warned them; *"I tell you the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces fruits for the Kingdom."* **Mt 21:43**

In the Gospel today, the Pharisees plan to entrap Jesus in speech. *"Tell us then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Emperor, or not?"* To pay tax meant, to acknowledge the governing power of the day. At Christ's time, this meant acknowledging the Roman; the foreign power oppressing Israel. The aim of the Pharisees, was to get Jesus make a public statement that they would use to incriminate him to the Romans or loose favor with his people. They were confident they had set an inextricable trap for him!

To Christ, however, their treachery was transparent. *"Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?"* Jesus asked them, *"Show me the coin used for the tax."* And they brought him a Denarius. Big mistake! They gave him a coin, bearing the image of Caesar, ironically with the inscription that read *"Tiberius Caesar Divi Augusti Filius"* "Tiberius Caesar Son of the Divine Augustus;" *Great High Priest;* *Augustus Pontifex Maximus*. A coin bearing image of the son of god. This went against the first commandment; *"You shall not make images for yourself."* **Deut. 5:8** The Pharisees had this coin in the temple area; God's highest throne in Israel. The Coin was abominable for the Pharisees even to hold. They bore an image of another god in a place dedicated for the worship of the one true God, the God of Israel! They loved the Money!

The Pharisees and the Herodians producing the coin, bearing the inscription of the son of a god, revealed their guilt and hypocrisy! *"Whose image is this and whose inscription?"* Jesus asks them. Embarrassed, they answered *"Caesars!"* Jesus recommended then, that taxes be paid on the ground that paying tax was simply a matter of giving back to the Emperor what was already belonged to him.

The Pharisees and the Herodians had been trapped in their own game. Jesus then turned their trap into what is invaluable teaching; the obligation of the people of God toward their real King: God their Creator and Father; *"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."* Scripture tells us; *"They were amazed!"*

Weekend Mass Attendance Survey

This weekend, Oct. 17/18, and next weekend, Oct. 24/25, is our annual parishioner attendance survey to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese.

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