

St. John Chrysostom Parish

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SUNDAY Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

WEEKDAY Mass Schedule

Mon: 8:00 AM
Tues: 7:00 PM
Wed: 12:10 PM
Thurs: 8:00 AM
Fri: 8:00 AM
Sat: 9:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday: 9:30 AM and by appointment

Marriage & Baptism by appointment

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 20th 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

♦ Pro-Populo

Sunday January 21st 8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

Monday, January 22nd 8:00 am Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 23rd 7:00 pm Mass

† Steven Chittenden

Wednesday, January 24th 12:10 pm Mass

† Alice Reynolds

Thursday, January 25th 8:00 am Mass

♦ Claudette Wilson

Friday, January 26th 7:00 pm Healing Mass

† Eduardo Medina

Saturday, January 27th 9:00 am Mass

† Mona Sharmina Khan

Sanctuary Camp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of

All Souls in Purgatory

(requests for the lamp can be made in the parish office)



We ask for your prayers

Please pray for the sick: Caitlin Grace McDonald, Rita Erance Please pray for the deceased: Marietta Abrasosa, Ron Steer, Terrance Cowderoy, Michael Joseph Hennessy, Allison Moorrison.

Attention Parishioners:

Requests for prayers can be submitted in the parish office to be published in the bulletin. For the sick we keep them in the bulletin for 4 weeks and it is up to the one requesting it to let us know if the condition of the individual changes so that we can make the necessary changes. You can email your requests to:

stjohns@neptune.on.ca



The kingdom of God is near! The time is short! Reform your lives, just as the people of Nineveh turned from their evil way. Leave behind your attachment to possessions and security, and come follow Jesus. There is much for which we have to repent: poverty, hunger, homelessness, discrimination, war, the destruction of the earth and the wasting of its resources. Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed. The Christian believes what Paul wrote, that the world as we know it is passing away. Ahead lies the kingdom of God, and each of us must choose between solidarity with a world headed for destruction and solidarity with a world ruled by God.

Banns for Ordination

Robert John Tunney is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the **Archdiocese of Toronto** on **May 26, 2018**, at **St. Michael's Cathedral**. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

Thank you from Rob

I would like to thank Fr. Efren, for the opportunity to speak at the masses during the 3rd Sunday of Advent. It was an awesome experience to reflect in front of the parishioners of St. John's, the church, I have called home for over 30 years. I would also like to thank Fr. Norbert, Deacon Gary and Deacon Michael, Fr. Bob and Christine for all the love, support and mentoring throughout my journey towards Ordination. They say it takes a village to raise a child, indeed it has taken our parish with all of their prayers and support to help in my formation, and I am very humbled for all of this. Most of all, gratitude goes out to my family especially my wife Denise who has been my rock and by my side every step of the way. As I pray for the parish community every day, please continue to keep me and my other 9 candidates in your prayers as we march towards Ordination in May! Blessings, Rob Tunney

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated around the world **January 18 to 25, 2018** on the theme "Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power" (Exodus 15:6)

Ualentine's Day Dance



The Knights of Columbus Valentine's Day dance returns. Join us on **February 10** for dinner, dancing and a very good time. Tickets will be on

sale soon and will be sold at the back of the church following each mass. Follow our Facebook page <u>Facebook.com/kofc6643</u> for details and to be sure you get your tickets right away. Last year's tickets sold out fast.

Uisiting Ministry

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 22** at **7:00pm** at Parish Centre. This meeting is open to current volunteers and anyone who might be interested in this ministry. Our speaker for the meeting will be Andrea Savoie (Creative Arts Therapist). Her topic will be "Dementia".

Offertory Envelopes



The 2018 offertory envelopes will remain in the Stained Glass Room for the remainder of January. The envelope boxes not

picked-up will be available in the parish office starting **January 29.** Please consider donating by Pre-Authorized Giving or credit card. Call the office for more information on these methods of making your donations. If you are already donating by either one of those methods and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office so that we may give you a box of envelopes containing only the special collection envelopes.

Marriage Preparation Course



Couples who are planning to marry and have already set a date with a priest are invited to register for our marriage preparation course.

This course is **suited for the engaged only**. Those who are in a civil marriage or have lived common law need to take a specialized marriage course upon consultation with the priest. St. John Chrysostom Parish will be offering this course in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, February 20 from 7 pm-10 pm, Thursday, February 22 from 7 pm-10 pm and Saturday, February 24 from 9am-3 pm. Please call the office to register or for more information. If you are unable to participate in the marriage preparation here at St. John's there are many other courses offered throughout the Archdiocese. Catholic Family Services offers a preparation session a curriculum is recommended by the Archdiocese of Toronto and supported by years of research done by experts working in the field of marital counseling. Please call 416-921-1163.

Knights of Columbus Membership

After each mass, this weekend, our Knights of Columbus will be at the back of the church to answer any membership question you may have.

Confirmation Preparation



Preparation for Confirmation begins the week of January 29 to February 4. You should receive a call from your facilitator this week indicating the date and time of the

group to which you have been assigned. Please email Christine if you have any questions—cway@neptune.on.ca

Marriage Sunday Weekend February 10/11, 2018

Let us continue to pray for married couples and those who support them on their journey. We hope that Marriage Sunday provides a special opportunity to celebrate the sacrament and give thanks for those who strengthen our communities through their loving commitment to God, their family and one another.

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place at Blessed Trinity Parish on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 3 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass where couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary will be honoured. Registration for milestone couples runs through February 6, 2018. For more information call (416) 934-0606.

World Day for Consecrated Life

On Friday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage. This weekend getaway helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple.

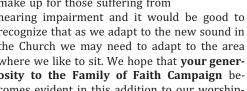
Weekend: March 2-4, 2018 (Four Points by Sheraton, Argentia Rd., Mississauga) For more information; visit us at www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at; gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

Important things to remember...

Sacrament of the Sick

In cases where there is an urgent need for a This past week, the new sound priest at the hospital, the Archdiocese has im- system has been installed. We plemented a system which ensures that those expect it to be a significant imwho need the Sacrament of the Sick are able to provement for the majority of us. get it in a timely fashion. If you are in urgent However, keep in mind that the need of a priest, do not call the priest direct- sound system is not designed to ly. Rather, speak to the nurse on duty. The make up for those suffering from nurse will speak to the hospital Chaplain or hearing impairment and it would be good to contact the person in charge. All the priests in recognize that as we adapt to the new sound in the area take turns being on call. They are as- the Church we may need to adapt to the area signed a 24 hour pager through which they can where we like to sit. We hope that your generbe contacted immediately. Often times, valuable osity to the Family of Faith Campaign betime is wasted with families trying to get in comes evident in this addition to our worshiptouch with a specific priest. This puts our loved ing space. one in danger of not receiving the Sacrament of the Sick. We appreciate you following this protocol in helping us serve those who are ill and in urgent need of the Sacrament of the Sick.

Sound System



"Let the proclaimed and sung Word be heard by all" Thank you for making this happen for our parish

Pray for Vocations

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Iesus. Can we



do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? if you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or Email him at:

> vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Sing Praises to the Lord!



It has been nearly twenty vears since the parish last purchased hvmnals. In consultation with the

choir and the community, we have decided to purchase 300 copies of the 3rd Edition of the Glory and Praise Hymnal. This will supplement (not replace) the Catholic Book of Worship which we are currently using and provide us with a wider variety of music to use in our praise and worship of God. If you would like to help contribute to the cost of the hymnals we will be offering you the opportunity to dedicate a book in memory of someone who has died or in thanksgiving for those who are still living. For a donation of \$30, we will provide you with a bookplate that will be placed in one of the new hymnals. Please watch for people at the back of the church to accept your donation and information.

I am interested in donating towards the new hymnals

Name:		
Phone:		
Email: _		
Numbei	r of Hymnals:	

(Submit request to the office or email info to the parish office email: see front of bulletin)

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