



# 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

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## 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

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## Confessions

Saturday: 9:30 AM  
and by appointment

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## Marriage & Baptism

by appointment

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday January 27th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

### Sunday January 28th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass } ◆ Pro-Populo

12:00 pm Mass

### Monday, February 5th

8:00am Mass

† Rev. Father Alexis F. Kirsten

### Tuesday, February 6th

7:00pm Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, February 7th

12:10pm Mass

† Elizabeth Skinner

### Thursday, February 8th

8:00am Mass

† Msgr. Gregory Haddock

### Friday, February 9th

8:00am Mass

### Saturday, February 10th

9:00am Mass

### Sanctuary Lamp

February 4-February 11

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of the Turco Family  
(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 Trance, Salvia Pace, Christina Bieber, Frank Turco

**Please pray for the deceased:** Marietta Abrasosa, Ron Steer, Terrence Cowderoy, Michael Joseph Hennessy, Allison Morrison, Mary Fenech, Onofrio Papasodoro

### 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 community of the followers of Jesus has a calling to bring healing to this world full of suffering. They are to go about this by means of service: just as Simon's mother-in-law did, they are to use their healing from Jesus as an opening to serve others. They are to be like Paul, making themselves all things to all people, the slaves of all. The Catholic Church challenges us to hunger and thirst for what is right so that, like God, we might fill the hungry with good things.

### 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

### Catholic Women's League



**February 20, 2018**, following the **7pm** Mass, founder and director, Casandra Diamond, of Bridge North Women's Services will be speaking on the subject of "human trafficking" in the Newmarket area. What should you be aware of? This is a topic we should all be concerned about. All are welcome to attend. Sponsored by the CWL. Following this presentation, the CWL will continue with the annual general meeting; discussing and voting on the budget.

### Healing Mass

We invite all who suffer illness of any kind to a healing mass on **Friday, February 16 at 7pm**. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to anyone wishing to receive it.

### 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. 416-921-1163.

### Valentine'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, all in support of Community Bread. Tickets are \$45 per person and are being sold at the back of the church following each mass. Follow our Facebook page [Facebook.com/kofc6643](https://www.facebook.com/kofc6643) for details on this and other upcoming events.

### 2018 Offertory Envelopes

Parishioners who did not find their assigned box of envelopes and parishioners who would like to start using offertory envelopes can pick up a new box at the office during regular office hours. **We continue to ask that you only use envelopes that reflect the year 2018.** We ask for your help to keep our records updated.

### 1st Communion Meetings



This is a reminder for families with children enrolled in the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion program. Your options for the next preparation meetings are; **Wednesday, February 7 at 7 pm-8pm, Saturday, February 10 at 3:45pm-4:45pm, or Sunday, February 11 at 1:15pm - 2:15pm.**

### Rite of Calling to Confirmation

Confirmation preparation is underway and next weekend, **February 10 & 11**, we will be welcoming this years' confirmation candidates during the Rite of Call to Confirmation at all the masses. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they make the journey into adulthood.

### 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 3p.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 hon-

oured. Registration for milestone couples runs through February 6, 2018. For more information call (416) 934-0606.

### Canada Summer Jobs Program

Reach Out to Your Member of Parliament. The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust. Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit [www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs](http://www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs) for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the door, you will not find him in the chalice."  
*St. John Chrysostom*

### Pray for Vocations



Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon call Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or Email him at : [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### Sing Praises to the Lord!



It has been nearly the parish last purchased hymnals. In consultation with the choir and the community, we have decided to purchase 300 copies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Important things to remember...

#### Sacrament of the Sick

In cases where there is an urgent need for a priest at the hospital, the Archdiocese has implemented a system which ensures that those who need the Sacrament of the Sick are able to get it in a timely fashion. If you are in urgent need of a priest, **do not** call the priest directly. Rather, speak to the nurse on duty. The nurse will speak to the hospital Chaplain or contact the person in charge. All the priests in the area take turns being on call. They are assigned a 24 hour pager through which they can be contacted immediately. Often times, valuable time is wasted with families trying to get in touch with a specific priest. This puts our loved one in danger of not receiving the Sacrament of the Sick. We appreciate you following this pro-

cedure in helping us serve those who are ill and in urgent need of the Sacrament of the Sick.

#### Catholic School Supporter Declaration

Tax time will be here in no time! To help us nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, we ask for the support of every member of our Catholic Community. Please verify that your tax support is directed to the English-Language Separate District Board. Call the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722, or visit [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca). If needed, you may get an Application for Direction of School Support by calling the York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office at 905-713-2711, or visiting [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca).

#### I am interested in donating towards the new hymnals

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hymnals: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**We will be in touch with you to arrange the dedication of your choice.**

EMAILS

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