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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 February 10th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

Sunday February 11th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass } ◆ Pro-Populo

12:00 pm Mass }

Monday, February 12th

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, February 13th

7:00pm Mass

† Joe Bergin

Wednesday, February 14th

12:10pm Mass

† Fiorino Zuccaro

7:00pm Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 15th

8:00am Mass

† Maria Rosa Caballaro Felices

Friday, February 16th

7:00pm Healing Mass

◆ Vennie Chittenden

Saturday, February 17th

9:00am Mass

† Elizabeth Skinner

Sanctuary Lamp

February 11-February 17

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for
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: Deacon

Michael Miranda, Caitlin

Grace McDonald, Rita

Trance, Salvina Pace, Mad-

eleine Ante, Frank Turco

Please pray for the de-

ceased: Marietta Abrasosa, Ron

Steer, Michael O'Sullivan,, Michael

Joseph Hennessy, Allison Morrison,

Mary Fenech, Onofrio Papasodaro,

Carla Tamburri

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 message in the Scriptures for this Sunday contains the Christian teaching on the need for social acceptance even when people are different from us. They also tell us that it is purity or holiness of soul coming from God that cleanses our lives. Today's gospel describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust and inhuman social isolation and ostracism to which the lepers were subjected.

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.

Mass of Anointing



We invite all who suffer illness of any kind to a Mass of anointing (Healing Mass) on **Friday, February 16 at 7pm**. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those who are in need of it. Please note that the Stations of the Cross will not be part of our evening Lenten practice. Also, the morning mass will not be celebrated this day. We remind you that if you are in urgent need of a priest for the Sacrament of the Sick while in the hospital, **do not** call the priest directly. Rather, speak to the nurse on duty who will contact the hospital Chaplain and arrange for the priests on call to assist you.

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at the **12:10 mass and again at 7:00 pm**. Ashes are a symbol of repentance. They remind us of our own mortality and our limitedness as creatures. With ashes we remember how much we are in need of God's grace and mercy and how much we need to come back to the ways of our loving God.



Rite of Calling to Confirmation

Confirmation preparation is underway and this weekend we will be welcoming this year's confirmation candidates during the Rite of Call to Confirmation at all masses. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they make the journey into adulthood. Please remember the next parent meeting takes place in the church on **Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:30pm**.

Catholic Women's League

February 20, following the **7pm** Mass, founder and director of Bridge North Women's Services, Casandra Diamond, will give a talk 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.

Women's Lenten Retreat Weekend

A beautiful way to begin the season of Lent. For information and registration contact Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, **February 16-18**. For information & registration call 905-278-5229.

The Three Pillars of Lent

In the season of lent, the church provides us with three disciplines to help us grow in the spiritual life. These "pillars" of lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Jesus teaches us that to give alms, means to make the needs of others our own. We are especially called to provide for the most vulnerable people in our world: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, next-door neighbours and people in lands faraway. Whatever we give should be something of ourselves, **something that costs us**. We follow in the example of Christ who gave his life for us that we might live.

This is why fasting and almsgiving go together. We fast to recognize our privilege. We fast to recognize the suffering of our brothers and sisters who have less than we. And we fast to remind ourselves of our hunger for God. As we fast, we hope to nurture a spirit of gratitude and a spirit of generosity. However, we cannot do any of this without strengthening our relationship with God in prayer which grounds us and strengthens us. This Lent, we invite the parish community to join in the practice of these pillars of Lent:

Give and Fast: During the Fridays of Lent, you are invited to give up the budget of your dinner and give it to the poor. In turn, you and your family can join us for Soup and Bread starting **Friday, February 16** from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

Pray: After soup and bread, you may join us for prayer. On the first Friday of Lent (**February 16 and March 16 at 7pm**) we will celebrate a healing mass. On all other Fridays we will pray the Stations of the Cross and have Benediction.

Reconciliation Tree



The call to conversion makes perfect sense when we embrace it with concrete actions. We can pray, fast and take care of the poor, but these are essentially easy tasks to perform. The real work of conversion happens when we take steps towards reconciliation with those whom we have not forgiven or have not asked to forgive us.

As a parish community, we are invited to seek new ways of reconciliation. Every time you reconcile with someone, encourage others by attaching a ribbon onto the tree by the Cross standing in the sanctuary area, in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Would it not be a great sign for us to see this tree covered completely with ribbons by the end of these forty days? Encourage your children to be proud when they learn what forgiveness can do in their lives. We can begin by giving them an example by doing it ourselves.

From the Accounting Office

We ask that registered parishioners please do not use the PINK visitor envelopes for offertory. These are meant to be used by visitors only. If you do not have envelopes, we encourage you to come to the parish office and pick up a box of weekly offertory 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 **suitied 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.

Comforting the Bereaved

Feeling very depressed, Theresa attended a walk-in counselling clinic provided by Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County. During the session, Theresa said her symptoms started ten years ago after the tragic loss of several family members. The clinician helped her understand how grief was still impacting her. Together they developed a plan to provide her with additional services. At the end of the session, Theresa felt for the first time she could get through her depression. ShareLife-funded agencies are helping people like Theresa find happiness again.



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Married Couples' Prayer

Father of life and love,
You created us in your image –
woman and man.

We rejoice and thank you
for the gift of each other.

Sustain us in our love
and lead us to a deeper understanding
of your love.

Jesus, we come before you,
seeking your guidance and direction
in our relationship.

In marriage you call and challenge us to a
permanent, exclusive
and sacred friendship.

Be our strength and support,
therefore, as we continue
this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards
a lasting, honest commitment
united in love.

Give us your strength
to carry each other in times of darkness,
your joy in times of happiness,
and your gift of awe in the uniqueness
and sacredness of each other.

May our love be a reflection
and a sign of your love in the world.

Amen



Pray for Vocations

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. 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: 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 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: _____

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.

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