



# 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

# First Sunday of Lent

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday February 17th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

### Sunday February 18th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass } ◆ Pro-Populo

12:00 pm Mass }

### Monday, February 19th

8:00am Mass

### Tuesday, February 20th

7:00pm Mass

† Giuseppa & Domenico Lostritto

### Wednesday, February 21st

12:10pm Mass

† Marie McConville

### Thursday, February 22nd

8:00am Mass

### Friday, February 23rd

8:00am Mass

† Jorge Pascual

### Saturday, February 24th

9:00am Mass

◆ Anne Allen

### Sanctuary Lamp

February 18-February 25

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
The sick of our parish

*(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,  
Barbara Lechner, Made-  
leine Anta, Maria Mora



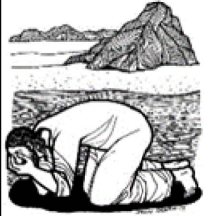
Please pray for the deceased:

Marietta Abrasosa, Ron Steer, Mi-  
chael O'Sullivan, Michael Joseph Hen-  
nessy, Allison Morrison, Mary Fenech,  
Onofrio Papasodaro, Carla Tamburri,  
Jose Meneses

### Attention Parishioners:

Requests for prayers can be submit-  
ted in the parish office to be pub-  
lished 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**



After Jesus was baptized, but before he began his years of public ministry, the Spirit "drove Jesus out **into the desert**," where he experienced tempta-  
tion. Throughout the Bible, the desert is often referred to as a place of **test-**  
**ing**, where we experience our weakness and dependence on God. Water  
and food are **hard to come by** there, and the temperatures and emptiness  
are **oppressive** to both the body and the mind. The desert is a place where  
our illusions of **self-sufficiency** and **comfort** fade away.

### Family Day on Monday

Please note that the office will  
be closed on **Monday, February**  
**19** for Family Day.



### Human Trafficking

**February 20**, following the **7pm** Mass,  
founder and director of Bridge North Wom-  
en's Services, Casandra Diamond, will be  
giving a talk on the subject of "human traf-  
ficking" in the Newmarket area. What should  
you be aware of? This is a topic we should all  
be concerned about. All are welcome to this  
informative talk. Sponsored by the CWL. Fol-  
lowing this presentation, the CWL will con-  
tinue with the annual general meeting ; dis-  
cussing and voting on the 2018 budget.

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank  
everyone who came out to the Valentine's  
Day dance. It was a great time and all the  
proceeds are in support of Community  
Bread. We also want to thank all the volun-  
teers who came out to help cook, serve and  
clean up from the event. Because of every-  
one, we had another successful year. Follow  
our Facebook page [Facebook.com/  
kofc6643](https://www.facebook.com/kofc6643) for details on this and other up-  
coming events.

### Faith Embodied Yoga

Our Hatha Yoga classes have been very pop-  
ular; therefore, we will be offering another  
session beginning **March 19 to April 30**  
from 2pm to 3:30pm, excluding Easter Mon-  
day on **April 2**. These sessions are free of  
charge for parishioners. Please contact the  
office to register or for more information.

### World Day of Prayer

Every year on the first Friday of March,  
"World Day of Prayer" is celebrated around  
the world in solidarity with the women of a  
particular country, this year that country is  
Suriname and this year's theme is "All God's  
creation is very good". Join us at St. Paul's  
Anglican Church on **Friday, March 2** at 7:30  
pm for an ecumenical service. Guest speaker:  
Chris Ballard, Ontario's Environmental Min-  
ister.

### Tax Receipts



What you need to know about your  
2017 tax receipts...

- ◆ They will be available after all the mass-  
es this weekend and next weekend at the  
back of the church and at the office dur-  
ing the week.
- ◆ If you switched to using your credit card  
to make your donations, those donations  
will be receipted by the Archdiocese.  
That amount is not included in your re-  
ceipt from St. John's.
- ◆ If you made a donation to St. Vincent de  
Paul, you will receive a separate receipt  
from them.
- ◆ If you made a donation to the Family of  
Faith campaign, you will receive your  
receipt from the Archdiocese.
- ◆ If you made a ShareLife donation to St.  
John's, the amount is included in your  
receipt. However if you used your credit  
card to make that donation, the Archdio-  
cese will send you a receipt for the  
ShareLife portion.
- ◆ **In line with privacy law, we will not  
give out receipts for third parties**, in-  
cluding family members. These are sen-  
sitive and confidential documents and  
only the people whose name is on the  
receipt can receive them, even if more  
than one person contributes under the  
same envelope.
- ◆ We remind every one that processing a  
replacement copy of a tax-receipt re-  
quires the work of an accountant which  
incurs additional cost to the parish.  
Thank you for your cooperation with  
this.

### 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 of-  
fice and pick up a box of weekly offertory  
envelopes.

## 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 encouraged to give up your dinner budget and donate it to the poor. In turn, you and your family are invited to join us for soup and bread from **5pm to 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. An alms-giving box will be set out to receive donations that will be used to feed the poor through Community Bread.

**Pray:** After the meal, all are welcome to pray with the community by attending the Stations of the Cross at **7pm** in the Church.

## 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. Last

year, we placed a tree in the sanctuary and invited people to tie ribbons on it in acknowledgement of acts of reconciliation. Parishioners found this to be a meaningful experience and so we are inviting everyone to do this once again. Every time you reconcile with someone, you may attach a ribbon to the tree. Each week, we will focus on a particular area in our lives where we are in need of reconciliation and healing.

## Living the Gospel

"As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel" in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For more than 41 years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!" Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. **March 18** is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



## New Beginnings Separated and Divorced Support Group

If you are separated or divorced and would like to meet with others for support, you are invited to join the New Beginnings Separated and Divorced Support Group which meets **Thursdays at 7pm** at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Newmarket. Contact Arcangelo Limanni - MRE, EET for more information or if you are interested in attending: [416\) 921-1162 ext. 2225](tel:4169211162) or [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com)

## Marriage Preparation Course

Couples who wish to get married in the Catholic Church must complete a mandatory marriage preparation course before their wedding. The course is being offered in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday, February 20** from 7pm to 10pm, **Thursday, February 22** from 7pm to 10pm and **Saturday, February 24** from 9am to 3pm. Please call the office to register and or for more information.

## Pray for Vocations

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think 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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



## Sing Praises to the Lord!



It has been nearly twenty years since 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.

### 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.

Email Addresses

Fr. Efren: [ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com](mailto:ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com)  
 Fr. Norbert: [norbertoeyle06@gmail.com](mailto:norbertoeyle06@gmail.com)  
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