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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 24th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

Sunday February 25th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass } ◆ Pro-Populo

12:00 pm Mass }

Monday, February 26th

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, February 27th

7:00pm Mass

† Alfonsus Lambe

Wednesday, February 28th

12:10pm Mass

† Maxwell & Ruth Broughton

† Maria Viola

Thursday, March 1st

8:00am Mass

Friday, March 2nd

7:00pm First Friday Mass

Saturday, March 3rd

9:00am Mass

◆ Barbara Martin

Sanctuary Lamp

February 25-March 3

In many places of worship a lamp signifies our constant prayer. The sanctuary lamp is an opportunity to let it burn for a particular prayer or intention. Call us if you wish to make an offering for your intentions.

We ask for your prayers

Please pray for the sick:

Deacon Michael Miranda, Caitlin Grace McDonald, Rita Trance, Salvina Pace, Madeleine Ante, Frank Turco, Barbara Lechner, Madeleine Anta, Maria Mora, Anne, Brian & Vince Allen



Please pray for the deceased:

Marietta Abrasosa, Ron Steer, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Joseph Hennessy, Allison Morrison, Mary Fenech, Onofrio Papasodaro, Carla Tamburri, Jose Meneses, George Chabrzynski

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



We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to “descend the mountain” and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. - Pope Francis.

Cleansing the Temple—Church Cleanup

The season of lent coincides with spring cleaning time! In our homes and in our hearts, we look at the areas in which dirt or sin need to be cleansed away. Our church also needs a little spring cleaning. We invite parishioners—men and women—to help clean up the church on **Saturday, March 10** from **10am to 2pm**. As we prepare our hearts for the Easter season, we can also prepare our worship space.

CWL News



Dates to mark on your calendar: **March 20** -General Meeting "An experience of the culture of the Chippewas of Georgina Island; **April 29—2 pm** - Nygard Fashion Show at Parish Centre; **May 3-4**—Toronto Diocesan Convention. Most events are open to all parishioners, not only CWL members.

Knights of Columbus

\$1723.00 was raised at the Valentine's Dance for Community Bread. Thank you all again for your generosity. Our next event will be in **April** and it's our Community Breakfast. For details follow our Facebook page [Facebook.com/kofc6643](https://www.facebook.com/kofc6643)

Faith Embodied Yoga

We will be offering another session beginning **March 19 to April 30** from **2pm to 3:30pm**, excluding Easter Monday 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 the featured 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. The guest speaker will be Chris Ballard, Ontario's Environmental Minister.

Tax Receipts

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



◆ They will be available after all the masses

this weekend at the back of the church. Tax receipts not picked up will be mailed after **Wednesday February 28**.

- ◆ **In line with privacy law, we will not give out receipts for third parties**, including family members. These are sensitive 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 requires the work of an accountant which incurs additional cost to the parish. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Second Collection

We remind everyone that next weekend **March 3-4**, there will be a second collection for the Capital Campaign. If you do not use envelopes and wish to use them for this purpose, please contact the office for instructions. Thank you for your continued support.

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, this **Friday March 2**, all are welcome to pray with the community by attending **First Friday Mass & Devotions at 7pm** in the Church.

Reconciliation Tree



In the sanctuary of the church during the season of lent, we have placed a barren tree. Each week of lent, you are invited to focus on an area in your life in which you are in need of reconciliation. When you forgive or are forgiven, or when you recognize a place in which forgiveness is needed even if you are unable to reconcile at this time, you are invited to tie a white ribbon on the tree. Last week we focussed on reconciliation in our families. This week, we focus on reconciliation in the Church.

The Church of God is a sacrament of Christ's presence in the world. It is a community of saints and prophets and humble servants of God who witness Christ's love to humanity. It is also a church of pilgrims - full of sinners. It is a great scandal that we who are "God's holy people" often fall so very short of what we hope and long to be. Instead of showing God's inclusive, welcoming heart to the world, we make the borders of our community small. We show the world pettiness, exclusivity, and judgement. We feel anger and resentment towards our brothers and sisters in Christ. Sometimes we cannot make peace with one another even with our best efforts. Thus, we need reconciliation even within our Christian community. This week let us make attempts at reconciliation within our parish and larger Church community and add a ribbon to our Tree of Reconciliation to represent each of these attempts.

Living the Gospel



"Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life," shares Matthew Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptorist Mater Seminary. "The seminary could not

run without the generous support of ShareLife donors." By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God's call. **March 18** is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Lenten Worship on Main Street

United at the Cross- Ecumenical
7 pm - 8 pm - Wednesdays of Lent

This lent, the Christian congregations on Main Street are joining together for Lenten prayer around the theme of the cross. The prayer will be in the tradition of the particular congregation and will be followed by refreshments & social time.

- February 28** St. Paul's Anglican—The Cross - Key to the Nature of God
- March 7** St. John Chrysostom—The Cross - Key to the Mystery of Iniquity
- March 14** Trinity United—The Cross - Key to our Hope and Salvation
- March 21** St. Andrew's Presbyterian—The Cross - The Way of Life through Death

Development & Peace

"You Make a Difference"

In **2014**, many parishes signed petitions calling for justice in the mining industry, including the establishment of an independent ombudsperson. On **January 17, 2018**, the Federal Government announced the creation of the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE). This office will help to ensure that the voices of people in the Global South who allege their human rights are violated by Canadian companies are heard. It will investigate allegations of abuse and make its findings public. The mandate will expand beyond extractives, like mining, oil, and gas, to include the garment industry, and eventually cover all business sectors operating internationally. Through Development and Peace, the Catholic Church exercises her voice for justice. Many St. John Chrysostom's parishioners participated in the 2014 campaign. **IF YOU SIGNED THAT PETITION YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!**

Food Drive

Please remember to bring non perishable food items next weekend. Items can be left at the back of the church and will be donated to the Newmarket Food Bank.



Pray for Vocations

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. Call us at 416-968-0997 or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca for further information.



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 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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