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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

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 3rd

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

Sunday March 4th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass } ◆ Pro-Populo

12:00 pm Mass

Monday March 5th

8:00am Mass

◆ Anela Zmudzinska

Tuesday March 6th

7:00pm Mass

◆ Barbara Lechner

Wednesday March 7th

12:10pm Mass

† Giovanni Novielli

† Deofanes Orale Sr.

Thursday March 8th

8:00am Mass

Friday March 9th

8:00am Mass

Saturday March 10th

9:00am Mass

† Dilip Chainani

† Fidel Delos Reyes

Sanctuary Lamp

March 4-March 10

The lamp in the sanctuary burns constantly as a sign of Christ's presence and our prayers rising to heaven. If you would like to make an offering and have the lamp burning for your intentions please call the office.

We ask for your prayers

Please pray for the sick:

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



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

Prayer Requests:

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



God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us (Omnis Christi actio nostra est instructio). Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well. Our best instruction manual is Christ himself. - Eleonore Stump

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday

9:00am to 8:00pm

Office closed from 12noon-1:00pm and 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Fridays

9:00am to 5:00pm

Office closed from 12noon - 1:00pm

Cleansing the Temple—Church Clean Up

This Sunday we heard the story of Jesus cleansing the Temple. We, fortunately, do not have groups of dishonest money changers that need to be sent away. But we do have a few cobwebs and a bit of junk that needs to be cleared out of the church to prepare it for our Easter celebrations. We invite parishioners 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

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on **March 13 at 7:30pm** in the Bishop Clune Room of the Parish Centre. All members are encouraged to attend. 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.

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 Pray-

er, 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 9**, all are welcome to pray with the community as we pray the Stations of the Cross 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 the Church. This week we look at reconciliation in our world. Sometimes when we read the morning paper or watch the nightly news we can be overwhelmed with anger. It can make us feel like overturning a few tables. But more often than not we are also overwhelmed with a



sense of powerlessness in the face of the needs of the world. Disease, poverty, famine, violence and war. What can we possibly do from so far away? With so few resources? With so little understanding? We can pray. That is true. And pray we should for those who are living in a peaceful world. But God will not do for us what we refuse to do for ourselves. Our prayers must ground us so that we are strengthened to live lives that bring justice and peace to our own communities, to our own countries and to the global family. Peace in our world cannot be sustained without justice. So this week let us engage in acts of justice - feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, making an ethical purchase, standing in solidarity with a victim and add a ribbon to our Tree of Reconciliation to represent each of our attempts.

St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto

Senior Men's High School Retreat (grades 11 & 12) **Saturday, March 17 from 9am to 5pm.** This retreat will provide



time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. To register call 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Communal Celebration of The Sacrament of Reconciliation



As part of our preparation for Easter, it is good to look at the areas in our life where we are in need of God's mercy. The sacrament of Reconciliation

is an important tool to help us do this. A communal celebration of the sacrament will take place at St. John's Church on **Tuesday, March 20 at 7pm.** This is a joint celebration with St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and a number of priests will be available for individual confession following the liturgy.

Living the Gospel

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The



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ShareLife- supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own. **March 18** is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Lenten Ecumenical Worship United at the Cross

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.

- 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

Email List Sign Up

Cardinal Collins and the Bishops in Ontario are asking for an email address from Catholic families. This information will be used locally by the Cardinal and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times/year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community. If you wish to receive emails, you can register using this link: <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration>.

The Parish Needs your Help

Our parish is in need of volunteers to help with the counting of the offertory. This is a volunteer position that requires a generous commitment of time on Sundays. There are some requirements that need to be discussed with the pastor beforehand. If you wish to know more about this invitation, please contact the parish office and leave your contact information or email Fr. Efen as soon as possible. (see address below).

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts have been mailed out as of **February 28, 2018.**

Pray for Vocations

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. Call us at 416-968-0997 or visit : vocations@archtoronto.org.



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: _____
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(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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