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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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 10th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

Sunday March 11th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass } ◆ Pro-Populo

12:00 pm Mass

Monday March 12th

8:00am Mass

8:00pm Memorial Mass

◆ Frank Galluzzo

Tuesday March 13th

7:00pm Mass

Wednesday March 14th

12:10pm Mass

† Guseppe Niro

† Dante & Gina Landi

Thursday March 15th

8:00am Mass

Friday March 16th

7:00pm Healing Mass

Saturday March 17th

9:00am Mass

Sanctuary Lamp

March 11-March 17

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the health Krista Turco

(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, 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 Papisodaro, Carla Tamburri, Jose Meneses, George Chabrzynski, Bonifacio Bertumen

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



This season is given to us for our spiritual growth and ongoing conversion. Today's readings remind us that God has shown mercy throughout history. An understanding of Israel's painful exile and God's ongoing fidelity are important for us and our own review of how God's mercy has been reflected in our personal lives. Today, we have another chance to make this story our own. (by Joan DeMaerchant)

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.

God is Love - boundless, faithful, incomprehensible love. God is slow to anger, compassionate and merciful towards us despite our weakness, sinfulness and inability to love fully. In Christ, we see God's love in its most complete form. Jesus was willing to give up his life for us so that we might live fully in this life and the next. For our part, however,

we can take God's love for granted and fail to spend the time that is needed to fulfil our part of the relationship. How often have we found ourselves in times of trouble asking God for help only to realize how little we gave thanks and praise in times of bounty and blessing. How often have we engaged in building our own small kingdoms of power, influence and comfort rather than engage in building the Kingdom of God where the least of our brothers and sisters are cherished, fed and loved. And how often have we neglected to place God at the centre of our lives rather than make a small space at the periphery. This week let us make attempts to reconcile with God and add a ribbon to our Tree of Reconciliation to represent each of these attempts.



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

CWL News



Our next general meeting will be **March 20** following the **7:00 pm** Mass. We welcome Brandon and Vicky from the Chippewa band of Georgina Island as they will explain and demonstrate a "smudge ceremony". This will be followed by Vicky giving us a glimpse of their culture from the viewpoint of women, including the importance of water. Everyone is welcome to attend this special presentation.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a \$3,000 scholarship to St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. This scholarship is open to any Catholic young woman, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in

one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Science or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2018. For further information email Sue Lubowitz at justlubowitz@gmail.com.

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. follow [Facebook.com/kofc6643](https://www.facebook.com/kofc6643) for further information.

Mass of Anointing

(Healing Mass)

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



Celebrating the Scrutinies


On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of lent, we celebrate the Scrutiny Rites with the people preparing for initiation at Easter. The three weeks of scrutiny address three kinds of sin in our lives. The first week we hear the story of the woman at the well. In this story, Jesus confronts the woman with her sinful past - a history of broken relationships. This is a story of the healing of a woman from individual

sin. The second week we hear the story of Jesus healing the man born blind. Because he is blind, the community around him assumes he has sinned in some way and, for that reason, excludes and judges him. In curing the man, Jesus not only heals his physical blindness, but challenges the attitudes of the community. This is a story of the healing of a community from social sin. In the third and final week we are told the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The ultimate consequence of our sin is death and this week we are reminded that in Jesus even death is overcome. As St. Paul tells us, death has no real sting for Christians. Because of Jesus, we need not fear any kind of sin - even the sin that leads to death. This is a story of the healing of all of humanity from radical sin and death. The celebration of these scrutinies is not only for the people joining our Christian community for the first time. It is an opportunity for each and every one of us to examine the kinds of sin which prevent us from living fully as followers of Jesus.

Day of Confession

The Archdiocese has again planned a day of confession, and it will take place at St. John's on **Thursday, March 23**. A priest will be available to hear confessions from **8:30am to 11am** and from **6pm to 9pm**.

Penitential Service

 A communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation 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

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a

decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

Share Life Sunday



Next weekend, **March 17 & 18** there will be a second collection after communion. Please give generously.

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.

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 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

Drivers Needed

The family that we sponsored three years ago has expanded to include six children. This means lots of appointments to the dentist, doctor, grocery store, etc. And this with no vehicle. If you could help drive members of the family to appointments, please contact Teresa at 905-806-7560.



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).

Pray for Vocations

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call us at 416-968- 0997 or email us at 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: _____

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.

<p>Email Addresses</p>	<p>Fr. Efen: ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com Fr. Norbert: norbertoeyule06@gmail.com Christine Way Skinner: cway@neptune.on.ca Deacon Gary Johnson: deacongary.saintjohns@gmail.com</p>
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