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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 24th

5:00 pm Palm "Sunday Mass"

◆ Pro-Populo

Palm Sunday March 25th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass } ◆ Pro-Populo

12:00 pm Mass

Monday, March 26th

8:00am Mass

† Edward D'Souza

Tuesday, March 27th

7:00pm Mass

† Vito Froio

† Doy Tanedo

Wednesday, March 28th

12:10pm Mass

† Bob Anderson

† Angelo Santino Covello

Holy Thursday, March 29th

7:30pm Mass

Good Friday, March 30th

12:00pm Service

3:00pm Service

Easter Vigil, March 31st

8:30pm Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

Sanctuary Lamp

March 25-March 31

Pro-Populo



We ask for your prayers

Please pray for the sick:

Caitlin Grace McDonald,
Rita Trance, Rosemary

Richard, 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, 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



We open this most Holy Week continuing the theme of the cost of faithful obedience and the reality of suffering. It is easy to be enamored with the concept of love, but the truth is that love is costly. Revelation is the story of God's great love for us. Today, we remember the cost of that love in Jesus' passion and death, and we ask ourselves where we fit in all of this. The answer is profoundly humbling, no matter who we are. (by Joan DeMerchant)

Reconciliation Tree

If you look at the branches of our reconciliation tree you will see that some of the branches at the very top remain bare. No ribbon graces the wood. The branches are out of reach. Sometimes reconciliation can feel like these bare top branches - completely out of reach. Perhaps we have experienced the traumatizing violence of war or an unspeakable betrayal perpetrated on us by someone whom we loved and trusted. Our woundedness enrages or immobilizes us. Despite a deep desire and valiant efforts, these hurts are beyond our human capacity to forgive. Healing and reconciliation seem an impossibility. In these circumstances, our only hope is to surrender to a power far greater than ourselves. As we approach Holy Week, we walk with Jesus who also suffered such humiliation and violence. With God's power, however, he was able to forgive his perpetrators even as he was dying on the cross. This week, as we enter into his suffering, death and resurrection, let us offer our deepest wounds to the Crucified One who conquered sin and death and who can heal us, lift us up and bring forgiveness within our reach.

Please Remember!

On **Holy Thursday**, the collection taken on this evening is part of our ongoing sacrificial giving to support our parish. However, in obedience to Jesus' command to serve one another, we make an effort to help those who struggle to provide for themselves and their families. We invite you to bring non-perishable food to the church for **Holy Thursday**. This will be taken by volunteers to the Newmarket Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.



Pontifical Collection



On **Good Friday, March 31** a collection is taken in all churches for the purpose of supporting the needs of the Holy Land.

Envelopes have already been provided in your boxes. Thank you for your ongoing support. "Let us work for the good of all" (Galatians 6, 10)



PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 24, 2018

5:00pm

Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

March 29, 2018

7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 30, 2018

12:00 pm & 3:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL

March 31, 2018

8:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Easter Flowers

Every year we welcome your generous contributions in order to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. This practice provides us with an opportunity to express gratitude or a way to remember someone in a special way. There are envelopes at the entrance of the church and a collection box under the reconciliation tree to facilitate your contributions. Thank you.



CWL News



April 4 at 7pm in the Meeting Room-Parish Centre, we will be sewing pillows for heart patients at Southlake. We are in need of:

sewers, sewing machines and stuffers.

April 17 following the 7pm mass: CWL general meeting.

April 29 at 2pm Fashion Show -Parish Centre Hall, provided by Nygard fashions. Refreshments, door prizes & the opportunity to purchase clothing. Tickets available \$10.00. Call Judy: 905-895-6099 or Gwen: 905-895-

9805 or purchase at the parish office. All proceeds to ShareLife.

May 3/4 CWL Regional Convention. Contact Judy at 905-895-6099 for details.

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 jslubowitz@gmail.com.

Living the Gospel



Living the Gospel by supporting the deaf community. Imagine you were a deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families, so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice. **April 22** is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Workshop Invitation

How to Create Resilient Children in a Challenging World

Saturday, April 7: 9am - 11am Jean Vanier Catholic High School. Are your children feeling overwhelmed and stressed out? Kids face a complicated world that has a dramatic effect on their health and well-being. Times have changed, and resilience skills have become a critical skill set for success, well being and happiness. The Bounce Back & Thrive workshop by

Louisa Jewell, MAPP, will introduce you to the topic of positive psychology and help you build the skills to support the six pillars of well-being for your child.

For information & registration visit www.ycdsb.eventbrite.ca



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.

Knights of Columbus

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on **April 10 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.

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. Efren as soon as possible. (see address below).

Baptisms at St. John's

We would like to congratulate all parents who have recently been blessed with a new baby. If you would like to have your child baptized, we ask that you call the office to register for an orientation meeting and learn about this sacrament. Before setting a baptism date, certain canonical requirements must be met; therefore, we ask that you allow at least three months from the time of the orientation to the time of the baptismal ceremony.



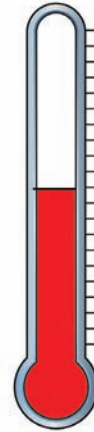
Pray for Vocations

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! 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!

GOAL!



Congratulations! With your generosity we have paid for just over 50% of our new Glory and Praise hymnals. We have placed the hymnal dedication bookplates in these hymnals and put them in the pews. Each time you open one of the dedicated hymnals, please offer a prayer for that which is mentioned in the dedication. It is a

wonderful way to support one another and give thanks to God. If you would still like to contribute to this project, please contact the office or watch for people at the back of the church to accept your donation. For a donation of \$30, we will provide you with a bookplate in memory of someone or in gratitude for someone or something.



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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