



St. John Chrysostom

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Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:30 am
 10:00 am
 12:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 am
 Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Wednesday 12:10 pm
 Thursday 8:00 am
 Friday 8:00 am
 Saturday 9:00 am

First Friday Mass

7:00 pm
 (no morning mass)

Healing Mass

3rd Friday of the month
 7:00 pm
 (no morning mass)

Office Hours: Monday—Friday: 9 am to 5 pm (closed 12 pm—1 pm)
 Monday—Thursday: 6 pm to 9 pm

Pastoral Team

Pastor

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Welcome New Parishioners

New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office where you can also learn how you can share your time, talent and treasure in the parish.

Baptism

Contact us a minimum of three months before the desired date of Baptism to sign up to attend an information session.

Christian Initiation

Adults wishing to become Catholic, please contact Deacon Gary Johnson. For Baptism of children over 7 years of age contact Christine Way Skinner.

First Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Contact Christine Way Skinner.

Reconciliation

Every Saturday after 9 am Mass, on First Fridays during Adoration or by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least one year before the desired date.
weddings@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Anointing of the Sick

For home visits, call the parish office. From the hospital, ask for a priest directly at the nursing station.

Visiting Ministry

To arrange for a visit and/or to receive Holy Communion to someone at home, contact the parish office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Available at the 5pm mass on Saturday and at the 10am mass on Sunday

Catholic Women's League

President – Gwen Hearty
cwl@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight-Dean Yeats
facebook.com/kofc6643
knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

St. Vincent de Paul

To volunteer, make a donation or if you require assistance call 905-898-4264.

Community Bread

For information, to volunteer or to donate, contact
communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Catholic Schools

Canadian Martyrs	905-895-8530
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St. John Chrysostom	905-895-7411
St. Nicholas	905-895-3777
St. Paul	905-895-4122
Sacred Heart H.S.	905-895-3340
<i>Chaplain: Erica Gismondi</i>	
<i>Trustee: Theresa McNicol</i> 905-898-2210	

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 1

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 2

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

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Monday, Dec 3

8:00 am Mass

◆ In Thanksgiving by Lourdes Halifax

Tuesday, Dec 4

7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, Dec 5

12:10 pm Mass

† Ronald Steer

† Jimmy Hayes

Thursday, Dec 6

8:00 am Mass

◆ In Thanksgiving by Lourdes Halifax

Friday, Dec 7

7:00 pm First Friday Mass

Saturday, Dec 8

9:00 am Mass

† Loretta Romero

† Joseph & Matilda Viric

Sanctuary Lamp

December 3-December 8

The Vigil Lamp burns for the health of

Maria G. Pelayo de Alvarez

Requests can be directed to our Parish office or via email

We ask for your prayers



For the sick:

Charles Culligan,
Denise Scaglione,
Rosa Maria Santos,
Ronnie D'Mello,

Cathy Bajinski.

For the deceased: Elizabeth McNeill, Josie Toporoski, Abdifatah Abdirashid, Millie Dorothy Dowson, Virginia-Lee Woods, Ted Smykiel, Stephanie William, Joe Tressler, Helmut Jedan.



Has there ever been a time when someone has not yearned for God — or anyone — to bring about justice? The signs of the times still clearly reflect the pain of those who suffer. This season calls us to the same awareness as those who walked before us. We demonstrate Christ's presence by courageously advocating for justice, security and peace for all people. (Joan DeMerchant)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind you that they would like to receive the donations for the Christmas Program by **Sunday, December 2nd**. The donations can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the parish centre. Blue envelopes are available at the back of the church. Also, the Christmas Giving Tree has been setup. Please take a couple of stars and **return these gifts unwrapped by Sunday, December 9th**.

Knights of Columbus



Thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas cards, unfortunately we are now sold out. Please remember we are still collecting pop can tabs in the bucket in the church entrance. Our next breakfast will be in **February 2019**. If you are interested in joining the Knights or just want information, please email us at knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/KofC6643](https://www.facebook.com/KofC6643)

CWL News



THANK YOU to everyone who donated items and/or worked so hard to make our Snowflake Bazaar so successful. We appreciate the great effort that went into it. Winners of our raffle were as follows: 1st prize -Gwen Hearty, 2nd prize- Linda Mei and 3rd prize- Meryllyn Dowling. The CWL Christmas dinner is on **December 18**, tickets: \$25.00.

Call Madeleine at 905-716-1528. A reminder: 2019 Membership fees are now due, these can be paid at the dinner.

Flowers "In Memoriam"

Our parish places a great deal of thought into how we prepare the environment for worship. We welcome your help by making donations toward the cost of flowers this Christmas. These donations may be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" or "In Thanksgiving". You can do this by placing their name and your name on the envelope and submit it to the office or place it in the collection basket during mass. Envelopes will be available at the entrance of the church.



Offertory Envelopes



Next week, **December 8/9**, we will be distributing the donation envelopes for 2019. Please consider donating by Pre-Authorized Giving or Credit Card. Call the office for more information on these methods of making your donations. If you are already donating by either one of those methods and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office so that we may give you a box of envelopes containing only the special collection envelopes.

Save the date

On Sunday **December 16** we will be setting up our Christmas Trees in the church from 1 pm to 9 pm. Families are welcome.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas

St. John's parish will be celebrating the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe as follows:

Vigil Celebration: On **Tuesday, December 11** after the 7pm Mass, there will be a Multilingual Rosary. We are looking for people to lead a decade of the Rosary in any of the following languages: English, French, Chinese, Polish, Spanish, Filipino, Italian. Call the parish office to volunteer, or email Fr Efren (see cover page).

Feast Day Celebration: On **Wednesday, December 12**, we will celebrate the Feast starting with the 12:10 pm Mass followed by the Rosary and procession inside the Church.





First Christmas Play Rehearsal

We were pleased to have such a large group of families interested in participating in this year's Christmas play. If you are still interested, there is room for you. We need to hear from you before **December 8** if you wish to be involved. Please email ChristmasPlay@stjohnsnewmarket.ca and let us know the name and age of your child. We are especially looking for younger children to be sheep and older elementary and high school students for the more challenging parts. We will also be posting information on the parish website. We will have our first practice this coming Sunday, **December 2, at 2 pm**. Those who have already signed up and those who have not yet, are equally welcome.

Pray for Vocations

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact :
Fr. Chris Lemieux at: 416-968-0997 or visit/email:



www.vocationstoronto.ca
vocations@archtoronto.org

Ministers of the Word

We invite those who have the gift of public speaking to join our Ministry of the Word. Training and support will be provided. If interested, please contact us at: lectors@stjohnsnewmarket.ca



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Parishioners who have shown interest in becoming Ministers of Communion during the mass are invited to contact us at the parish office (see cover page)



Catholic School Support

To help us nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, we ask for the support of every member of our Catholic community. Please verify that your tax support is directed to the English Language Separate District Board. Call the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-888-296-6722 or visit www.mpac.ca If needed, you may get an Application for Direction of School Support by calling the York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office at 905-713-2711 or www.ycdsb.ca

Day of Confession

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all. From December 18-22, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. In our



parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows: Wednesday, **December 19** from **11am to 12noon** and **1pm to 2pm**. Thursday, **December 20** from **8:30am to 9:30am** and from **7pm to 8:30pm**.

Singing for Christmas

Once again, we invite those who wish to sing at our 10 pm Christmas Eve Mass, without having to commit to singing at the 10 am Mass every Sunday. We are looking for all voices. The commitment will be for a maximum 10 rehearsals starting this week. This can be a great opportunity to live out your Advent spirit in preparation for Christmas. If you are able to share your talent, please come to a audition meeting with Fr. Efen and hear more about this invitation on **Tuesday, December 4** at 7:30pm in the Rectory.



Christmas Cake Sale

Traditional aged Christmas Cakes made by the monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey will be on sale after all masses next weekend, **December 8/9**. All proceeds will go to the Campaign for Life Coalition. Cake Loaves \$20. Round Cakes \$27. For information please contact Jennifer McAvoy 905-853-5009.



Communal Reconciliation Service

We will hold our Communal Advent Reconciliation Liturgy on **Monday, December 10 at 7pm**. We will follow the format that was very well received in Lent. We encourage you to take advantage and accept this invitation.



Last Week's Collection

In order to meet the operating expenses of the parish, we need a Weekly Average collection of:

\$14,181.00

Total collected last weekend:

\$10,049.00

This Week's Short Fall

\$4,132.00

Stewardship:

Not a program, but a way of life
Our sharing in the Paschal mystery brings us to see that our sacrifices represent our gratitude, praise, and trust in God. The offering of a significant portion of our time, talent and treasure is also a sign of giving the whole of our lives to God. Then our lives are transformed by this action. No matter what age we are, if we are to fulfill our mission, our personal vocation, stewardship must be an integral part of that role. Therefore, stewardship is not about money. Stewardship is about receiving all of God's gifts (time, talent, and treasure) gratefully, cultivating them responsibly, sharing them lovingly in justice with others, and then, returning them with increase to the Lord.

Salt + Light TV

In celebration of our 15th anniversary, enjoy free previewing from participating cable and satellite providers until the end of December 2018. To find your provider's channel call 416-971-5353 or 1-888-302-7181 or online www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe

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