



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

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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

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Sacred Heart H.S. 905-895-3340
Chaplain: Erica Gismondi
Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 8

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 9

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

Pro-Populo

Monday, Dec 10

8:00 am Mass

◆ In Thanksgiving by L. Halifax

Tuesday, Dec 11

7:00 pm Mass

† Colleen Wheeler

† Guadalupe Aguirre

Wednesday, Dec 12

12:10 pm Mass

† Stephanie William

† Peter Ennamorato

Thursday, Dec 13

8:00 am Mass

◆ In Thanksgiving by L. Halifax

Friday, Dec 14

8:00 am Mass

† Fely Pascual

Saturday, Dec 15

9:00 am Mass

◆ In Thanksgiving by L. Halifax

† Phillip Gomez

Sanctuary Lamp

December 10-December 15

The Vigil Lamp burns for the repose of the souls of

Tony & Mary Kielbiski

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.



God's word is a message of hope, and it has long been proclaimed in difficult times of exile, imprisonment and political turmoil. For those of us weary of dark news, the message may be a momentary relief on this Sunday. But do we believe it? What will it take for this word to settle deep in our hearts and even motivate us to take hopeful action on behalf of those for whom hope is meaningless? If not us, then who? (Joan DeMerchant)

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: Tuesday,

December 11 after the 7pm

Mass, there will be a Multi-

lingual Rosary. We are look-

ing 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:** Wednesday,

December 12, we will celebrate the Feast

starting with the **12:10pm Mass** followed

by the Rosary and procession inside the

Church.



Welcoming the Stranger



A few months ago, our Regional Bishop, Wayne Kirkpatrick approached our parish with a request to host a mass in Mandarin and Cantonese for the Chinese Catholics who live in our area. After consulting with some parishioners and members of committees and councils, we have agreed to accept this invitation. The priest and pastoral staff from Chinese Martyrs will be taking responsibility for the pastoral ministry for this community. The mass will take place on Saturdays at 7pm except at times when the church is needed for special feasts (i.e. Easter Vigil, etc.). It will begin this Saturday, December 8th, during the season of Advent - a time of waiting and hoping and welcoming the stranger into our community. You are encouraged to make our new community feel welcome here at the parish of St. John Chrysostom.

Flowers "In Memoriam"

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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Day of Confession: 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. **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.



Nativity Play News

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 as long as you sign up no later than **Monday, December 10th before 9pm**. You can visit the parish Website for more information, call the parish office (see bulletin cover page) or email us at: ChristmasPlay@stjohnsnewmarket.ca



Singing for Christmas

We are still inviting those who wish to sing at our **10pm Christmas Eve Mass** and/or our **Christmas Community Concert on Sunday, December 23** at 7pm. The commitment will be for a maximum 5 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 contact the office for rehearsal schedule.



The Sign of Peace



During the cold and flu season, some people have asked to express the sign of peace in a manner other than shaking hands. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* does not specify a particular manner of offering a sign of peace. Thus, if because of medical conditions or personal sensibilities, you wish for an alternate method of exchanging peace, you are welcome to choose instead to either make a reverential bow of your head to the people around you and say, "Peace be with you." Or simply say "Peace be with you" without any gesture.

Lectors & Communion Ministers

Parishioners interested in joining either of these ministries are invited to contact the parish office (see cover page) for more information.



Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2019 are ready for pick up starting this weekend before and after mass. There will be 3 stations divided by last name. Find the letter range of your last name so that you can find your box quickly (i.e. A-H, etc.). Stations will be located (1)stained glass room, (2) Gathering room and (3) by the Holy Family statues. If you are presently donating by Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) or Credit Card (CC) and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office for options. Parishioners who would like to use PAG or CC donating methods can register using the forms available at each station. If you need assistance with this, please call the office. It is important that no one uses 2019 envelopes in 2018. Any donations submitted using the wrong envelopes will be credited for the assigned year on the envelope.



CWL News

Our Christmas dinner is on Dec 18 at 6:00 pm. Tickets: \$25.00, call Madeleine at 905-716-1528. Come enjoy a lovely dinner and entertainment. We will be collecting women's and men's socks and underwear as well as Tim cards for Inn from the Cold. Membership fees (\$25.00) are due for 2019 and can be paid that night.

Knights of Columbus

We are still collecting your pop can tabs in the bucket in the church entrance. Our next breakfast will be in February 2019.

Pray for Vocations

"Prepare the way of the Lord". If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997; visit www.vocationstoronto.ca or email vocations@archtoronto.org.



Filled with Gratitude!

We cannot thank enough all those who helped out in putting together the Volunteer appreciation dinner/dance. Especially those who although, volunteers themselves, helped plan in the committee as well as those who donated gifts, helped with cooking, serving and cleaning up. It is truly inspiring to see such level of service in our parish. Thank you for giving so much to our community.



Save the Date

Sunday December 16 we will be setting up our Christmas Trees in the church from **1pm to 9pm**. Everyone is welcome to help. Hot chocolate and activities will be included.



St. John Chrysostom Parish Bulletins: Take a moment to visit the parish website. New material is being added regularly - most recently we've posted Advent resources. You can also sign up through the website to have the bulletin sent to you. Please let us know if you see any errors or things to which we need to attend. If you would like to receive the parish bulletin weekly on-line, visit our parish website and look for the link to sign up:



<https://stjohnchrysostomne.archtoronto.org/>

Christmas - New Year Mass Schedule

Monday December 24th
Christmas Eve

4pm, 6pm, 8pm & 10pm
(carols before the 10pm mass)

Tuesday December 25th
Christmas Day

8:30am, 10am & 12pm mass

Wed-Thurs-Fri
Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 29th
5pm (English)
7pm (Chinese)

Sunday, December 30th
8:30am, 10am & 12pm

Monday, December 31st
New Year's Eve
5pm

Tuesday, January 1st
New Year's Day
10am

Wed-Thurs-Fri
Regular Mass Schedule

Last Week's Collection

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

\$14,181

Total collected last weekend:

\$12,630

This Week's Short Fall

\$1,551

Our sharing in the Paschal mystery brings us to see that our sacrifices represent our gratitude, praise, and trust in God. Therefore, stewardship is not about money. Stewardship is about receiving all of God's gifts gratefully, cultivating them responsibly, sharing them lovingly in justice with others, and then, returning them with increase to the Lord.

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