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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

2:10 pm 8:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am

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

First Friday Mass

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

Saturday

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

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Chaplain: Erica Gismondi

Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 15 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 16

8:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass Pro-Populo

Monday, Dec 17 8:00 am Mass

♦ In Thanksgiving by L. Halifax

Tuesday, Dec 18

7:00 pm Mass

1 Joe Tressler

Wednesday, Dec 19

12:10 pm Mass

† Sandra Graves

† Lina Anzalone

Thursday, Dec 20

8:00 am Mass

† Michael Licuanan

† Dolores Fule

Friday, Dec 21

8:00 am Mass

† Maria Vieira

Saturday, Dec 22

9:00 am Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamp

December 17-December 22

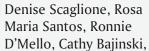
The Vigil Lamp burns

For parishioners struggling with illness

Requests can be directed to our Parish office or via email

We ask for your prayers





Vicky Agius

For the deceased:

Elizabeth McNeill, Josie Toporoski, Abdifatah Abdirashid, Millie Dorothy Dowson, Virginia-Lee Woods, Ted Smykiel, Stephanie William, Joe Tressler, Helmut Jedan, Michael Licuanan



Today's readings continue the themes of hope and expectation, adding the element of rejoicing — for Israel, for those awaiting the Messiah and for us. But there is also a summons to repentance and reformed conduct. The good news is tempered with a call to responsibility on our part. Like those before us, we are urged to hope and rejoice. In addition, we must ask the question: "What should we do?" (Joan DeMerchant)

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 submitting it to the office or placing it in the collection basket during mass. Envelopes will available at the entrance of the church.

Nativity Play News



The young people of our parish will be sharing their talents with our community at the 4pm Christmas Eve mass.

The mass will be preceded by a presentation of biblical scenes related to Christmas 15 minutes before Mass. We remind all those involved in the play that you can visit the parish website for more information related to updates made to our rehearsal schedule or email us at:

ChristmasPlay@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

CWL News



A reminder to all who are coming to our Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 18. We are collecting items for Inn from the Cold and would appreciate donations of women's and men's socks and underwear as well as coffee gift cards. Also, a reminder that 2019 membership fees are now due.

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.

Mass of Anointing Cancellation



Due to preparations for Christmas, the **Healing Mass** for Dec 21 is cancelled. Mass

will be at 8am that same day. Our Mass of Anointing will return in January as usual.

Christmas - New Year 122ass 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, 12pm

Wed-Thurs-Fri Regular Mass Schedule



Parish Christmas Concert

On December 23 at 7pm we will be holding a concert that will include the wide variety of talent of our parish in a presentation of seasonal music, poetry and art. Take a break from the busyness of preparation and join us.



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 began last Saturday, December 8th, during this 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.

Altar Servers Reminder



The parish community values your ministry, especially during Christmas and Easter. Please sign up for the mass that you are available to serve so that you

can be given special instructions.

Lectors & Communion Ministers

Parishioners still interested in joining one or both ministries are invited to contact the parish office (see cover page) for more information.

The Sign of Peace



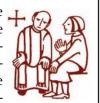
During the cold and flu season, some people have asked to express the sign of peace in

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 be-

cause 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you did not have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our last Reconciliation Service, we are offering this Sacra-



ment on the following days and times: 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.

Offertory Envelopes



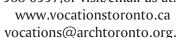
Remember Your Offertory envelopes offerings for 2019 are ready for pick this weekend before and Mass. Find the letter

range of your last name so that you can find your box quickly (i.e. A-H, etc.). Stations will be located in the Stained Glass Room and the Gathering Room. 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 2018 envelopes in 2019. Any donations submitted using the wrong envelopes will be credited for the assigned year on the envelope.



Pray for Vocations

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? 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 us at:





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.

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:

\$13,178

This Week's Short Fall

\$1.003

Thank you for funding the many services, ministries and programs our community depends on.

St. John Chrysostom Parish Website & Bulletins: Take a moment to



visit the parish website. New material is being added regularly - most recently we've posted Advent resources. Please let us know if you see any errors or things to which we need to attend. You can also sign up through the website to have the bulletin sent to you. 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/

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