



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:cwl@stjohnsnewmarket.ca)

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, Dec 22**

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, Dec 23**

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

**Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Mass

8:00 pm Mass

0:00 pm Mass

**Christmas Day**

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

**Wednesday, Dec 26**

12:10 pm Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, Dec 27**

8:00 am Mass

♦ In Thanksgiving by L. Halifax

**Friday, Dec 28**

8:00 am Mass

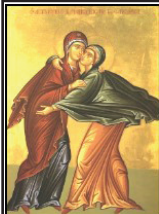
† Jose Evangelista Flores

**Saturday, Dec 29**

9:00 am Mass

† Mary & Peter Ennamorato

Pro Populo



These two short days before Christmas remind us of God's powerful promises on the brink of fulfillment. We are not the only ones waiting and wondering what is yet to come, especially in these uneasy times. We have the perspective of history on how earlier promises bore fruit, as well as our own yearnings. Do we believe that there are promises still to be fulfilled, and if so, how do we demonstrate that? (Joan DeMerchant)

At Christmas we celebrate the miracle of God becoming one with us in Jesus Christ, our "Emmanuel." Let us openly welcome the Christ child into our hearts. At this time, I pray that the grace of the Christmas message will brighten our lives, renew our faith and strengthen the bonds of friendship among us. We would also like to acknowledge that during this season of family celebration, there are people who welcome Christ into broken hearts. In their home there is an empty spot at the dinner table and around the Christmas tree. It is hard to feel the joy of the season. For you, know that even in these darkest hours, there is still light, which will take us to the place where we need to be. This light will take us to the heart of Christ who will heal our brokenness, remove our anger and hurt and fill us with the peace and strength we need to not just move forward but to reclaim the life that is ours as a community in Christ Jesus. For those who are blessed to be surrounded by children, spouses and good friends, perhaps a prayer could be offered before gift opening for those who are suffering and lonely. Finally, this is a time for gratitude and so we give thanks for all of you, the people of the parish. It is a privilege for us at St. John's to serve you and we are continually encouraged and edified by you. We wish you, and all who are visiting with us this season, a happy and peaceful Christmas.

### 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.

### 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 at [atchristmasplay@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:atchristmasplay@stjohnsnewmarket.ca)



### 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". Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church and you can place them in the collection basket during mass.

### 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, 12pm

**Wed-Thurs-Fri**

**Regular Mass Schedule**

### Sanctuary Lamp

December 24-December 29

The Vigil Lamp burns

For Intentions of

Sr. Servita & colleagues

Requests can be directed to our Parish office or via email

### We ask for your prayers

#### For the sick:



Rosa Maria Santos,  
Ronnie D'Mello, Cathy  
Bajinski, Vicky Agius

#### For the deceased:

Josie Toporoski, Millie Dorothy Dowson, Virginia-Lee Woods, Ted Smykiel, Joe Tressler, Helmut Jedan, Michael Licuanan, Denise Scaglione, Isidro Gastala, Diogenes Ealdama, Mike Lopus, Harold Kloosterman.

### 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 mass will take place on Saturdays at 7pm except at times when the church is needed for special feasts (i.e. Easter Vigil, etc.). You are encouraged to make our new community feel welcome here at the parish of St. John Chrysostom.

### Altar Servers In Training



The parish community welcomes children preparing for First Communion to start training as Altar Servers. We ask that you bring your child and introduce them to the priest. The first 3-4 Sundays, these children will be just part of the procession and observe during mass. Gradually, the more experienced altar servers will give them small tasks if they are ready to take on the responsibility as altar servers.

### 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.

### 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**.

### Offertory Envelopes



Offertory envelopes for 2019 are ready for pick this weekend before and after 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.

### Twinkle, Twinkle Little Bulb

Advent is a time in which we spend pondering the darkness and waiting for the light to come. You may have thought that the burnt out bulbs in the ceiling of the church were an intentional liturgical choice to evoke the spirit of the season. Not so. When the light of Christ comes at Christmas...there will still be quite a few bulbs which fail to shine. The reason for this is that we are switching to a more energy efficient system in the new year. As responsible stewards of your money, we do not want to waste funds replacing lights twice. In the meantime, they can help us think about our need to be "enlightened."



### Pray for Vocations



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? 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: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### 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.

**Thank you for funding the many services, ministries and programs our community depends on.**  
(Last weekend's collection will be posted next week)

### Thank you for your Generosity

With your help we have been able to provide food and gifts for those who would otherwise do without.



### 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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