



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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Don Smart
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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

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 29

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 30

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

Pro Populo

New Year Mass Schedule

New Years Eve

5:00 pm Mass

New Years Day

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, Jan 2

12:10 pm Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Jan 3

8:00 am Mass

Friday, Jan 4

7:00 pm Mass

† Michael Joe Hennessy

Saturday, Jan 5

9:00 am Mass

Sanctuary Lamp

December 31-January 5

The Vigil Lamp burns

For Intentions of

Our Parish Community

Requests can be directed to our
Parish office or via email

We ask for your prayers

For the sick:



Ronnie D'Mello, Cathy
Bajinski, Vicky Agius,
Antonietta Papasodaro,

Neda Turco

For the deceased:

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



Today's readings speak to us about living as a family and a community. They confirm that both require work, generosity, patience and openness to the unexpected. We look to the Holy Family as a model for ourselves, and we learn — with some relief — that Jesus' parents were as challenged and confounded as we often are. We can be like them because they were like us in so many ways. (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.

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.

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 week- end 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.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

"Your kindness and generosity enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program to support 165 families, including 393 children, in our community this year. The Giving Tree provided 1,213 gifts for over 700 people supported by various agencies and group homes. These are people who are in need in so many different ways. It is a busy time of year for all, and your donations helped to bring joy to many who would have had very little to celebrate this Christmas. The Society of Vincent de Paul would like to wish all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a very blessed new year."



Faith Embodied Yoga

Hatha Yoga classes will be offering a 2019 session free of charge for parishioners beginning Monday, January 10-March 4 from 2-3:30 pm, excluding Family Day, Holiday Monday, February 18. Remember to bring your yoga mat and water.

First Eucharist Preparation



Classes begin this January for First Eucharist. The first class will be on **January 10, 12 or 13** depending upon which day you signed up for. You should have received an email indicating which class your child has signed up for. If you have not received an email, please email Christine (address on cover). The complete schedule is available on the parish website.

Confirmation Preparation Update



There will be a training and organizational meeting for all facilitators for the Confirmation programme on Wednesday, **January 16** at 7:30 pm. Classes will begin the week of **January 20**. You will receive a call after the 16th indicating which class your son or daughter is in. The complete schedule is available on the parish website.

Learn more about the Mass



If you would like to learn more about why we do what we do at mass, you are welcome to attend a teaching mass on Thursday, **January 24** from 7 pm – 8:30 pm in the church. Children from the sacramental programmes are especially invited, but this is open to anyone in the parish who is interested.

Epiphany Take-Down

The Feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. You are invited to come to the church on Sunday, **January 6** from 1:30pm–3:30pm to help us undecorate the church and move into Ordinary Time. Please bring vacuums, brooms, compost bags, saws.

Lectionary Readings



We are happy to announce that thanks to a partnership between Novalis and the Archdiocese of Toronto, Canadian Catholics can now access the readings from the Canadian lectionary. The Daily Readings tab can be found under the Our Catholic Faith drop-down menu on the archdiocesan and parish websites.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Bulb



Advent was a time which we spent 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. Now that the light of Christ has come at Christmas...there are still 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."

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. Please refer to the cover page for website address.

Pray for Vocations



By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. 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
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.

Our Offertory Collection

December 15-16

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

\$14,181

Total collected

\$11,636

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



This is the third time I have had the occasion to address you at the close of one year and the opening of another. The passage of time leaves its mark on every sphere of our lives. We ourselves get older, our families change, people move on either through death or when someone leaves to earn their living or study in another part of the country or even the world. Change is inevitable and necessary for us all to move forward and grow just a bit more. With best wishes for your spiritual and temporal welfare, I pray that this new year will bring peace and health to you all...affectionately,
 Fr. Efren Alvarez Pelayo.

Happy New Year



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