



# 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

Rev. Efren Alvarez Pelayo  
fr.efren@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

### Associate Pastor

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### Deacon

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### Deacon

Gary Johnson  
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### Lay Pastoral Associate

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## Office Staff

### Main Office

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### St. John's Cemetery

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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, Mar 16

5:00 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Mass (Chinese)

### Sunday, Mar 17

8:30 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
12:00 pm Mass  
5:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

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### Monday, Mar 18

8:00 am Mass  
†Nenita Molina

### Tuesday, Mar 19

7:00 pm Mass  
♦Intentions of the CWL

### Wednesday, Mar 20

12:10 pm Mass  
†Craig Boland  
†Dante & Gina Landi

### Thursday, Mar 21

8:00 am Mass

### Friday, Mar 22

8:00 am Mass

### Saturday, Mar 23

9:00 am Mass

## Sanctuary Lamp

March 18-March 23

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of **Jose Furtado Raposo**

*The sanctuary lamp is an opportunity as expression of prayer for a particular prayer or intention. Call us if you wish to make an offering for your intentions.*

### We ask for your prayers For the sick:

Meg Gomes, Dyla Ristevski, Christina Ardill, Jerry Pelletier, Noah Delle Cese

### For the deceased:

Lilia Perdomo, Craig Boland, Nenita Molina.

*Names must be submitted by family members and will be kept for a period of one month. For the sick, we require a monthly resubmission of the name, and if the condition of the individual changes sooner, please let us know.*



Our readings today remind us to keep our eyes fixed on heaven. God asks Abram to look up at the sky and count the stars. Philippians reminds us our citizenship is in heaven. Peter, James and John's eyes are fixed heavenward as they climb the mountain and witness Jesus' transfiguration. Where are our eyes fixed? On our electronics, on what others have? Today, let us ask for the grace to fix our eyes and hearts heavenward (by Sue Robb).

## Deacon Michael Miranda

We extend our gratitude for Deacon Michael's contribution to St. John's and wish him the very best as he continues to serve the people of God through his diaconate. Deacon Michael will be serving at the **5pm mass on Saturday, April 6** in which he will say his farewell. After mass, a reception will follow in the parish hall where we will have the opportunity to wish him well. On **Sunday, April 7**, Deacon Michael will be present at all masses for those who may not be able to attend the Saturday event.



## Catholic Women's League

Our next general meeting is Tuesday, **March 19** in the Parish Centre following the **7:00 pm** Mass. Join us for an art lesson, as we welcome guest speaker and artist, Anne West. No special talent required, just come out and have fun.



## Knights of Columbus

Thank you to everyone who attended our Pub Night, it was a great time. Mark your calendar now, our next event is a Mother's Day Breakfast on **May 12**. Details will be published in the bulletin as soon as they are available. Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/KofC6643](https://facebook.com/KofC6643)



## Reconciliation Tree

The real work of conversion happens when we concretely address the areas in our lives where we are most in need of mercy

and reconciliation. Once again, this year, as a parish community, we have set up a Reconciliation Tree in the sanctuary of the Church. Each week, we will focus on an area of our lives in which we are in need of healing and reconciliation. You are encouraged to attach a ribbon onto the tree to indicate each instance of such mercy that you experience throughout the week. This can be times when you have been the object of mercy or when you have been merciful to others. At the end of lent, when the tree is completely covered in ribbons, we can rejoice knowing that we have experienced God's compassionate, forgiving love in our lives and brought that same healing love to others.



## Stations of the Cross

On the evening of Good Friday, the youth of the parish will lead us in a dramatic presentation of the Way of the Cross. We are looking for young people in elementary and high school who would like to participate. Practices will begin after March Break. If you are an older student (Grade 7-12) and would like a larger role, we may meet earlier. Visit our website or email us at [stations@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:stations@stjohnsnewmarket.ca).



## Children's Choir

The children's choir has become a welcome addition to the noon Mass, and we hope to see more of our talented youth consider this ministry. Children who have the talent to sing and the ability to read, are welcome to our next rehearsal on **Wednesday**



## Supporting ShareLife

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called Rose of Sharon. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behavior. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it." **March 31** is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.





March 27 in the church: 5:30pm to 6:30pm. There will not be a rehearsal on March 20. For more information email us at [stjc.mainoffice2@gmail.com](mailto:stjc.mainoffice2@gmail.com).

### The Three Pillars of Lent



Each year, during Lent, we learn about the disciplines of Praying, Fasting and Giving and how to engage in them in a healthy and fruitful fashion. Prayer connects us to the Source of Life where we are challenged to grow and where we experience merciful love. Fasting and almsgiving help us realize our dependence on God and help us to develop compassion for those who have less than we do. Almsgiving also helps us to make a very real difference in people's lives. In the parish, we offer a number of opportunities for you to pray, fast and give. During the Fridays of Lent, we invite you to join us for Solidarity Soup in which we eat a simple meal together as a community and **donate the budget of our dinner to the poor**. Join us again, this Friday, **March 22** from **5pm to 6:30pm**. After the meal, join us in the church and together we will **pray the Stations of the Cross**. Lots more ideas for praying, fasting and giving in Lent have been posted on our website under Celebrating the Liturgical Year—<http://bit.ly/2SZz>.

### Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

Fr. Norbert is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on **November 17-26, 2019**. For additional information, flyers are available at the entrance of the church or Call 905- 715-1530

Email: [norberto\\_eyule@yahoo.com.ph](mailto:norberto_eyule@yahoo.com.ph)

### Visiting Ministry



Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, **April 1** from **7pm to 9pm** at the Parish Centre. Our speaker for the meeting will be Juliette Irish, Executive Director of Doane House Hospice. Her topics will include how to provide comfort and care to patients with life threatening illness and support methods to their families. All

visiting ministry members should attend. Refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in joining this ministry should contact the parish office for more information on how to get involved.

### Community Bread



In order to acknowledge the importance of the service of our Community Bread Volunteers to the marginalized and to empower them to continue to serve, we invite Community Bread volunteers to celebrate a Commissioning Rite at the **12 noon** mass on **Sunday, March 24**. The commissioning will be followed by a social in the parish centre. Please RSVP to the parish office (see address on bulletin cover page).

### Theology On Tap



St. John Chrysostom Parish invites you to join us for our second meeting : **Thursday, March 28 - 8pm** at the Grey Goat Pub & Grill, 74 Main St. South, Newmarket. Theology on Tap is a monthly meeting of young adults between the ages of 20-35 who are interested in discussing faith & justice topics in a **comfortable and safe space**. This meeting will be facilitated by : "Fr. Efen: "Clergy Abuse and the Impact on Human Sexuality in the Priesthood". To register or for more information, please email us at: [theologyontap@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:theologyontap@stjohnsnewmarket.ca).

### Sacrament of Reconciliation



The Archdiocese has again planned a day of confession, and it will take place at St. John's on **Wednesday, April 3** as follows:

- 8am to 9:30am (English & Spanish)
- 10am to 11:30am (English & Italian)
- 12:30pm to 2pm (English & Spanish)
- 7pm to 9pm (English & Spanish)

A communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation will take place at St. John's Church on **Tuesday, April 9** at **7pm**. A number of priests will be available for individual confession during the liturgy.

### Vocation's Events

**March 30, 9:30am-3pm:** Lenten retreat & workshop led by Fr. Charles Anang: 'Mary in the Heart of the Church.'



### Pray for Vocations



Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. Is God calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? 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).

### Our Offertory Collection

In order to meet the operating expenses of the parish, we need a Weekly Average collection of **\$13,200**. Total collection received on **March 9-10: \$9,927**. Thank you for funding the operation and ministries our community depends on.

### The importance of Registering in Your Parish

Registering in your parish is an important first step to becoming an active member in the local church community. Registration brings with it tangible benefits that can help a person become more fully engaged in the local church and may help immigrants in future immigration law-related matters. Please note that parish and diocesan leadership will not share the registration information with anyone and it is completely confidential. The benefits include:

- Establishes evidence of presence.**
- Provides proof of sacramental participation.**
- Demonstrates community involvement.**
- Demonstrates financial commitment.**
- Empowers the Pastor to support you when recommendations are needed.**
- Provides you with a Tax-Receipt.**
- Allows us to plan for the parish's needs in all aspects.**

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