



St. John Chrysostom

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Sunday Masses

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

Sunday 8:30 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
(Spanish) 5:00 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 and Wednesday: 6 pm to 9 pm

Pastoral Team

Pastor

Rev. Efrén Alvarez Pelayo
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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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Available at the 5pm mass on Saturday and at the 10am mass on Sunday.

Visiting Ministry

To arrange for a visit and/or to receive Holy Communion to someone at home, contact the parish office.

Theology on Tap

Young adults ages 20-35 meet to discuss faith & justice in a safe space. For more information email us at theologyontap@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

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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St. Paul 905-895-4122
Sacred Heart H.S. 905-895-3340
Chaplain: Erica Gismondi
Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24

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

Monday, March 25

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 pm Mass
†Edward D'Souza
†Joseph & Violet Pereira

Wednesday, March 27

12:10 pm Mass
†Sam Arrigo
†Emilia Alfano

Thursday, March 28

8:00 am Mass

Friday, March 29

8:00 am Mass
†Thankachi Koilparampil

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am Mass
†The Vincentians

Pro Populo



As we enter the midpoint of Lent, our readings become more uncompromising and candid about how we are to live our lives. Through our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we must continue to cultivate good habits that will last long after Lent has ended. How is your Lenten journey going? *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.

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://www.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 Recon-

ciliation 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.



Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

Fr. Norbert is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on **November 17-26, 2019**. For more information, flyers are available at

Sanctuary Lamp

March 25-March 30

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of **Escolastica Furtado**

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:

Noah Delle Cese, Gillian McCormick, Elisa Palomo
Jerry Pelletier

For the deceased:

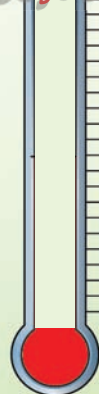
Nenita Molina, Fr. Jose Carrillo Delgado.

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.

Supporting ShareLife

GOAL!

89,000



Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next **Sunday, March 31**, is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign. Please give generously. Next weekend, we will have Mr. Harry McAvoy speak to us on behalf of one of ShareLife's agencies. Catholic Family Services is one agency that helps our community a great deal and Harry brings a personal connection with this agency. Our Goal this year is \$89,000 which our parish takes on with courage, especially since our parish is one of the leading supporting parishes. Join us in Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife.



the church entrance or call 905-715-1530 or norberto_eyule@yahoo.com.ph.

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, March 27** in the church: **5:30pm to 6:30pm**. To join, email us at 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 29** 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>.

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 pa-

tients 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.

Theology On Tap



St. John Chrysostom Parish invites you to join us for our second meeting on **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. The topic will be Responding to the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Church. To register or for more information, please email us at: theologyontap@stjohnsnewmarket.ca.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



The Archdiocese day of confession 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.

Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for Confirmation, Session 3 is scheduled for the week of **March 25-30**. For the entire schedule, visit the parish website. For information contact Christine Way Skinner (see cover page).

Food Drive

Thank you for bringing your donations of non-perishable food items to mass. Items can still be brought any weekend and will be brought to the Newmarket Food Pantry.



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

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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 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 16-17: \$11,106**. Thank you for funding the operation and ministries upon which our community depends.

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.**
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