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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 fr.efren@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

#### Associate Pastor

Rev. Norberto Eyule fr.norbert@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

#### Deacon

Gary Johnson deacon.gary@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

#### Lay Pastoral Associate

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## Office Staff

#### Main Office

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#### St. John's Cemetery

Don Smart cemetery@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

#### **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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Chaplain: Erica Gismondi

Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

## **Mass Intentions**

### Saturday, March 30

5:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Mass (Chinese)

#### Sunday, March 31

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

#### Monday, April 1

8:00 am Mass

#### Tuesday, April 2

7:00 pm Mass

₱Edna D'Silva

†Giuseppe Luciani

#### Wednesday, April 3

12:10 pm Mass

♦ Intentions of Dave Bolton

## Thursday, April 4

8:00 am Mass

### Friday, April 5

7:00 pm First Friday Mass

♦ Intentions of John MacFarlane

†Ted Smykiel

#### Saturday, April 6

9:00 am Mass

**†**Alvin Salvador

## **Sanctuary Lamp** April 1-April 6

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the recovery

#### **Yvonne Wav**

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, Jerry Pelletier, Sonja Kemmerth

#### For the deceased:

Nenita Molina, Fr. Jose Carrillo Delgadillo, Gillian McCormick, Elisa Palomo

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.



Today's readings focus on reconciliation, forgiveness and moving forward. Forgiveness is one-sided; one can choose to forgive, but reconciliation requires two people in the act of coming together. God offers us both forgiveness and reconciliation and does not hold our sins against us once we have asked for forgiveness. Are we able to do the same with one another?

#### Deacon Michael Miranda



Pro Populo

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**



From the Pub Knight, and everyone's generous support we were able to donate \$1500 to the SSVP.

Mark your calendar now, our next event is a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 12. Follow us on our Facebook page for the latest news of our upcoming events @ 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.

## Catholic Women's League

The CWL Diocesan convention will be held on May 2/3 at the Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel. If you are interested in going to one or both days or just the banquet on Friday night, please contact Mary at 905-895-3637.

#### **Stations of the Cross**



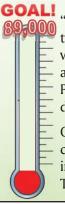
On the evening of Good Friday, the youth of the parish will lead us in a dramatic presentation of the Way of the Cross. We are looking for young people in elementary

and high school who would like to participate. Rehearsals have begun, however, if you are interested, there are still many parts available. The full schedule is posted on the parish website: http://bit.ly/2JIt8fv.

## **Visiting Ministry**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, April 1 from 7pm to 9pm at the Parish Centre. Our speaker will be Juliette Irish. Contact the office for more information.

## **Supporting ShareLife**



"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." Cardinal Thomas Collins.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

## **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.

## **Family Life Program**



St. John's is excited to participate in a pilot project of the Archdiocese for helping young families raise their children in faith. Parents

and young children come together for 7 sessions of 2 hour classes. The time includes interactive activities with parents and children as well as time for parents to spend with each other. If you are interested, email Christine (see cover page for address) There is lots of information about this programme on our website: http://bit.ly/2WpzeCP

# Multi-Year Strategic Plan Public Consultations

The York Catholic District School Board has begun to develop the next iteration of its Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The purpose of this process is to clearly identify what our goals will be within our strategic priorities for the next five years. Please join us to give your input on April 2 at 6:30 pm - 8 pm Sacred Heart CHS.

## **Cleansing of the Temple**

In preparation for Holy Week, we are having another "cleansing of the temple". This will take place on Sunday, April 14 from 3 pm – 4 pm. We will be cleaning pews, organizing cupboards, put

4 pm. We will be cleaning pews, organizing cupboards, putting away costumes, and miscellaneous other things. The whole family is welcome. There are jobs for all ages. An RSVP would be helpful so we know how many families to expect.

## **Celebrating the Scrutinies**

On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of lent, we celebrate the Scrutiny Rites with the people preparing for initiation at Easter. The three weeks of scrutiny address three kinds of sin in our lives. The first week we hear the story of the woman at the well. In this story, Jesus confronts the woman with her sinful past - a history of broken relationships. This is a story of the healing of a woman from individual sin. The second week we hear the story of Jesus healing the man born blind. Because he is blind, the community around him assumes he has sinned in some way and, for that reason, excludes and judges him. In curing the man, Jesus not only heals his physical blindness, but challenges the attitudes of the community. This is a story of the healing of a community from social sin. In the third and final week we are told the story of the raising f Lazarus from the dead. The ultimate consequence of our sin is death and this week we are reminded that in lesus even death is overcome. As St. Paul tells us, death has no real sting for Christians. Because of Jesus, we need not fear any kind of sin even the sin that leads to death. This is a story of the healing of all of humanity from radical sin and death. The celebration of these scrutinies is not only for the people joining our Christian community for the first time. It is an opportunity for each and every one of us to examine the kinds of sin which prevent us from living fully as followers of Jesus.

## **Attention Envelope Users**

Please do not use 2018 or any prior year's envelopes. Please do not put loose cheques in the collection basket. Place them in a 2019 donation envelope. If you do not have donation envelopes, please contact the office and we'll be happy to provide them.

## **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 the church entrance or call Fr. Norbert at 905-715-1530 or email him at norberto eyule@yahoo.com.ph.

## **Gratitude and Generosity**

"We make a LIVING by what we get

But we make a LIFE by WHAT WE GIVE"

-Winston Churchill

Our experience of gratitude and generosity is rooted in our experience of God. God fills the world with abundance and blesses us beyond our deserving. God's people recognize that all good things are gifts from God. As God's children and heirs, we respond first with gratitude and an acknowledgment of God's grace. When we respond generously with our gifts, we deepen our faith and participate in God's mission in ways that go beyond what our gifts can accomplish alone. This is one of the many ways we work together as a church in Mission for Others. (by the Lutheran Church)

## **Our Offertory Collection**

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

\$13,200.

Collection received on March 23-24 \$11.662.

Thank you for funding the operation and ministries upon which our community depends.

#### **Maintenance Fund**

We remind everyone that next weekend, **April 6-7**, we have our collection to help maintain our church property. If you have any questions regarding this collection, feel free to contact us at:

finance.council@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

## **Mysterious Persons**



There are a couple of mystery persons in our midst.

We know them only as

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