



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 no mass
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 7:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am

First Friday Mass

Devotions & Confessions
After 7pm Mass

Reconciliation

Every Friday after 7pm
Mass or by appointment.

Office Hours: **Monday to Thursday: 9am to 9pm**
(closed 12 pm—1pm and 5pm—6pm)
Friday and Saturday: 9am to 12pm

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.

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.

Mass of Anointing

Celebrated quarterly.
Dates will be announced in the bulletin and on our website.

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

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facebook.com/kofc6643
knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

St. Vincent de Paul

To volunteer, make a donation or if you require assistance call 905-898-4264.
Blog: sjcses.blogspot.com

Community Bread

For information, to volunteer or to donate, contact communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

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Chaplain: Erica Gismondi
Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov 30

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

Sunday, Dec 1

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

Pro Populo

Tuesday, Dec 3

7:00 pm Mass
† Leonardo Pipitone
♦ Linda Santeramo

Wednesday, Dec 4

12:00 pm Mass
† Rita & Patrick Shibley
♦ Helen Bromley

Thursday, Dec 5

8:00 am Mass
♦ Mary Stewart

First Friday, Dec 6

7:00 pm Mass
♦ Brandie Shibley

Saturday, Dec 7

9:00 am Mass
† Valeria & Nicolae Iliescu

Sanctuary Lamp

December 2-7

For the health of
Tim Kuiack

We ask for your prayers for

The Sick

Noah Delle Cese,
Lawrence Lassaline,
Rose Naty Lansang

The Deceased

Rose O'Brien, Joseph Murphy,
Erminia Bugin, Charles Priest,
Cirilita Minoza

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH BULLETINS



If you would like to receive the parish bulletin weekly online, visit our parish website and look for the link to sign up (See the cover of our bulletin for the link)



Swords that have become plowshares. Spears that have become pruning hooks. War a thing of the past. Works of darkness replaced by honourable living in the light of day. Hearts full of hatred transformed into hearts full of love. This is the vision of Life that God wants for us. What is required of us for this to happen? To watch vigilantly. To wait patiently. To be prepared for the Son of Man who will come when we least expect him. Peace and love will come to us. The question is, "Are we open to respond?" CWS

FRIDAY MASS TIMES

Beginning **December 6** the Mass schedule for Fridays will change. The first Friday of the month will continue to take place at **7pm** in the evening followed by confessions. All other Friday Masses will take place at **8am**. Confession time will be offered on Saturday mornings after the **9am** mass. This change has been made in response to many requests from parishioners.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



We would like to remind you that there is an urgent need for donations for the Christmas Program. The donations can be placed in the collection baskets by **Sunday, December 1** using the special blue envelopes available at the back of the church. This year donations can also be made on-line through Canada Helps (see link below). Also, the Christmas Giving Tree has been set up at the back of the church. Please take a couple of stars and return these gifts unwrapped by **Sunday, December 8**. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/42029>.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The November general meeting has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, December 3**, at which time, we will have elections for the new 2020-2021 Executive. The CWL Christmas dinner is on **December 17**. Tickets; \$25.00, contact Mary Antonio at 905-717-9049. All ladies of the parish are welcome. A reminder: 2020 Membership fees are now due, these can be paid at the dinner.

CHRISTMAS PLAY



We were pleased to have such a large group of families interested in participating in this year's Christmas play. If interested mail ChristmasPlay@stjohnsnewmarket.ca and let us know the name and age of your child. We are especially looking for younger children to be sheep and older elementary and high school students for the more challenging parts. We will also be posting information on the parish website. This is a great way to pick up some of those passport stamps so many of you have been asking about. Here's the link: bit.ly/2qSjkGP

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Please join us for our Communal Advent Reconciliation Liturgy on **Tuesday, December 10** at **7pm**. We will follow the format that was very well received in Lent. We encourage you to take advantage and accept this invitation.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. This year, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions in all parishes during the week of **December 15-21**. In our parish, confessions will take place on **Thursday, December 19** from **8:30am to 10am- 12pm to 1pm and 6pm to 7:30pm**.



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS**

St. John's Parish will be celebrating the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe on **Thursday, December 12, 7pm** with Mass followed by a Multilingual Rosary. We are looking



for people to lead a decade of the Rosary in any of the following languages: English, French, Chinese, Polish, Spanish, Filipino, or Italian. Call the parish office to volunteer or email Fr Efen (see front of bulletin).

FLOWERS "IN MEMORIAM"



Our parish places a great deal of care into how we prepare the environment for worship. Fresh flowers are an important part of this. 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". You can do this by placing their name and your name on the envelope and submit it to the office or place it in the collection basket during mass. For parishioners who have offertory envelopes, there will be a collection for flowers for Christmas on **December 14/15**. For those who do not use regular envelopes, they are available to you at the entrance of the church.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Next weekend, **December 7/8**, we will be distributing the donation envelopes for 2020. Please consider donating by Pre-

Authorized Giving or Credit Card. Call the office for more information on these methods of making your donations. If you are already donating by either one of those methods and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office so that we may give you a box of envelopes containing only the special collection envelopes.

ST. JOHN'S LITTLE RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP

For many years, people have asked if it would be possible to offer items such as rosaries and prayer books for purchase. The religious stores which sell these are a good distance away so, thanks to some women in the parish who are very generous with their time, we are going to begin providing a few popular items for sale. This weekend, we have advent prayer books, calendars and candles. The "shop" will be open when there are volunteers to operate it. All proceeds will go directly to the parish.



ADVENT RESOURCES

Our new liturgical year begins this weekend with the first Sunday of Advent. We have posted a wealth of information and ideas on our website. There is something there for every age and personality and we will continue to add resources as we discover them. As well, we are providing print resources in both English and Spanish which will be available at the back of the church.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."



If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email at: vocations@archtoronto.org or vocationstoronto.ca

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

We inform everyone that the last two weekends and this weekend collections will be reported together next weekend.

BENEVOLENT FUND COLLECTION

We remind everyone that next weekend, **December 7-8** there is a collection for the Benevolent Fund. This is a parish effort to assist those in unusual yet legitimate occasional need. Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you to the parishioners of St. John's for making Stewardship a way of Life.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Italian Social Group
Wednesday, December 4
10am-3pm
St. John's Adult Choir
Wednesday December 4
7pm-8:30pm

Commitment Sunday: Honouring the Past-Building the Future



We continue to encourage those who did not have the opportunity to complete a commitment card to ask the ushers for one or visit our website for more information. We are grateful to all the pa-

rishioners of St. John's for their commitment to support and sustain our parish with gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure. If you wish to start using Pre-Authorized Giving, please indicate it on the Commitment Card or call the parish office to discuss this further.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2019-2020

Sunday Missals are available in the parish office during regular office hours. If you wish to purchase your own, the cost is \$5.00 per missal.



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