



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 8:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

First Friday

Mass at 7pm
(followed by confessions)
No morning mass on First Friday

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am 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 — Madeleine Burke
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.
Blog: sjcses.blogspot.com

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 14

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

Sunday, Dec 15

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

Pro Populo

Tuesday, Dec 17

7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, Dec 18

12:00 pm Mass
♦ Carol Mendyka
♦ Mary Meade

Thursday, Dec 19

8:00 am Mass

Friday, Dec 20

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, Dec 21

9:00 am Mass
† Antonina Galea
† Maria Puccia

Sanctuary Lamp
December 16-21
For the Intentions of
Joannie Turco

We ask for your prayers for

The Sick

Noah Delle Cese, Lawrence Lassaline,
Rose Naty Lansang,
Michael Steven Doyle,
Rocco Morra

The Deceased

Rose O'Brien, Joseph Murphy,
Erminia Bugin, Charles Priest,
Cirilita Minoza, Nella Amato,
Dorothy Pipe

New Friday Mass Times

First Friday— 7pm

Followed by Confessions
All other Fridays- 8am

Christmas Office Hours

December 23, 9am –5pm
6pm-9pm

December 24, 9am—12pm

December 25-26, Office Closed

December 27, 9am—12pm



Not only peace, not only justice, but an end to suffering entirely! This is God's desire for us. When we see the majesty of our God, at the end of our lives and at the end of human history, this is what it will look like – the lame dancing, the blind seeing and flowers blossoming in the desert! Clearly, we are not there yet, but, as we wait, we are called to take heart and be strong. In the meantime, as we patiently wait, we do experience glimpses and tastes of restored humanity. These moments of healing, peace and goodness will sustain us until God's vision is finally realized. CWS

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS



This weekend we invite you to help us prepare the church for Christmas. On **Sunday, December 15** from **1:30pm - 4pm**, we need families to help us put up trees, lights and prepare the church for Christmas celebrations.

FLOWERS "IN MEMORIAM"



We welcome your help by making donations toward the cost of flowers this Christmas. These donations can be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" or "In Thanksgiving". Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church and you can place them in the collection basket during mass.

NATIVITY PLAY



The young people of our parish will be sharing their talents with our community at the **4pm Christmas Eve** mass. The mass will be preceded by a presentation of biblical scenes related to Christmas 15 minutes before Mass. We remind all those involved in the play that you can visit the parish website for more information related to updates made to our rehearsal schedule by using the following link: bit.ly/2qSjkGP.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



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. The 2020 Membership fees are now due, these can be paid at the dinner.

Christmas - New Year Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve

4pm, 6pm, 8pm (Bilingual), 10pm
(carols before the 10pm mass)

Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas Day

8:30am, 10am & 12pm mass

Thursday - Friday
No Masses

Saturday, December 28th
5pm (English)
7pm (Chinese)

Sunday, December 29th
8:30am, 10am & 12pm
5pm (Spanish)

Tuesday, December 31st
New Year's Eve—5pm

Wednesday, January 1st
New Year's Day
10am, 12pm

Thursday - Friday
Regular Mass Schedule



PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Take a break from the hectic pace of the season and join us on **December 22** at **7pm** for a celebration of Christ's birth in song, poetry and dance.

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**.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Offertory envelopes for **2020** are ready for pick up 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 please call or visit the parish office to complete the process. It is important that no one uses 2019 envelopes in 2020. Any donations submitted using the wrong envelopes will be credited for the assigned year on the envelope.

ADVENT RESOURCES



This weekend we celebrate the third 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.

Visiting Ministry



Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7pm in the parish centre. Our speaker for the meeting will be Andrea Ubell, director of Programs and Client Services at the Alzheimer Society of York Region. Andrea will speak about ministering to those with dementia. All visiting Ministry members should attend. Anyone interested in this very necessary ministry is welcome.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

At all times, but especially during busy seasons such as Advent, we are grateful for the many volunteers that keep the parish running smoothly. For the past few years, we have held a volunteer appreciation event at this time of year. We have heard from you that due to the busy-ness of this season, an alternate date would be preferable. Watch for a Mardi Gras Volunteer Appreciation event.



THE SIGN OF PEACE

During the cold and flu season, some people have asked to express the sign of peace in a manner other than shaking hands. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal does not specify a particular manner of offering a sign of peace. Thus, if because of medical conditions or personal sensibilities, you wish for an alternate method of exchanging peace, you are welcome to choose instead to either make a reverential bow of your head to the people around you and say, "Peace be with you." Or simply say "Peace be with you" without any gesture.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? 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

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

\$ 13,200.

Collection received on

December 7-8

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

\$13,174.

BENEVOLENT FUND

\$975.

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

ShareLife



ShareLife has released its annual Impact Report, detailing the results of the 2019 campaign and the many ways your generosity is improving the lives of those in need. Copies of the report are available at the parish or can be read online at www.sharelife.org

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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