



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

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St. Vincent de Paul

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

Community Bread

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Catholic Schools

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 21
 5:00 pm Mass
 7:00 pm Mass (Chinese)

Sunday, Dec 22
 8:30 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Mass
 5:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Christmas Eve
 4:00 pm Mass
 6:00 pm Mass
 8:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)
 10:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day
 8:30 am Mass
 10:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Mass

Thursday, Dec 26
 Mass is Cancelled

Friday, Dec 27
 Mass is Cancelled

Saturday, Dec 28
 9:00 am Mass
 † Peter & Mary Ennamorato

Sanctuary Lamp
December 23-28
For Parishioners struggling with illness
Requests can be directed to our Parish Office or via email.

Pro Populo



If we want to be the saints we were made to be, we will have to listen to the voices that speak to us in dreams. We will have to follow the example of St. Joseph and be willing to take some risks – to trust when there is no evidence. To believe in the impossible. When we do this, God will break into human history. Our lives will become the place where God’s love becomes manifest. CWS

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all the people who came out last Sunday to help put up trees and wreaths, who sawed and swept and vacuumed, who put up bulletin boards and mangers, who served hot chocolate and carried lights. It was an Advent preparation event, as chaos turned to peace and beauty. A truly chaotic, yet wonderfully inclusive, experience of young and old and those in between.



ADVENT RESOURCES

This weekend we celebrate the fourth 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.



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.



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.



We ask for your prayers for

The Sick

Noah Delle Cese,
Michael Steven Doyle,
Rocco Morra,
Alan & Nancy Botham

The Deceased

Cirilita Minoza, Nella Amato,
Dorothy Pipe, John Legere

New Friday Mass Times

First Friday— **7pm**
 Followed by
 Confessions

All other Fridays- **8am**



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.

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.). Offertory envelopes are located in the Stained Glass 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.

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.



FLOWERS "IN MEMORIAM"

Although our official collection was last weekend, we welcome your help by making donations toward the cost of flowers, decorations and other needs we have that make our celebrations not only liturgically 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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? 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.

Due to bulletin printing scheduling, the collection received on December 14-15 will be published on December 28-29

Thank you for your Generosity

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

Stewardship



Not a program, but a way of life. Our sharing in the Paschal mystery brings us to see that our sacrifices represent our gratitude, praise, and trust in God. The offering of a significant portion of our time, talent and treasure is also a sign of giving the whole of our lives to God. Then our lives are transformed by this action. No matter what age we are, if we are to fulfill our mission, our personal vocation, stewardship must be an integral part of that role. Therefore, stewardship is not about money. Stewardship is about receiving all of God's gifts (time, talent, and treasure) gratefully, cultivating them responsibly, sharing them lovingly in justice with others, and then, returning them with increase to the Lord.

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December 25 & 26



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