



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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Don Smart
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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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Grand Knight — Dean Yeats
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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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Sacred Heart H.S. 905-895-3340
Chaplain: Erica Gismondi
Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

Mass Intentions

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

We ask for your prayers for

The Sick

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

The Deceased

Nella Amato,
Dorothy Pipe, John Legere,
Wihelmina Cuypers

New Year Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve—5pm

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

10am, 12pm

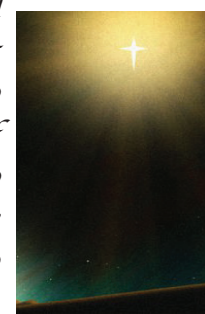
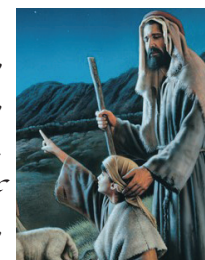
Thursday - Friday

Regular Mass Schedule

**OFFICE CLOSED
December 25 & 26**



Each person approaches the long-anticipated celebration of Christmas from a different direction. From our individual vantage point, we can look upon the manger scene and see ourselves reflected in the characters. We might identify most closely with the Virgin Mary. Exhausted physically and spiritually from the work of a difficult labour, we are eager for some rest and a chance to simply gaze with joyful contentment upon the Gift that has come to be in our midst. We may feel more like Joseph. We are background figures - the caregivers - who have been looking for venues, preparing sleeping quarters and doing a disproportionate share of the worrying. Perhaps we are surprised we are even here - like the shepherds. We are not typically the kind of folks who find themselves blessed with great joy in our lives. Life mostly seems like a struggle. We feel like we are on the outside looking in at what we can only dream of having. We are, despite our circumstances, asked to join the festivities. There are gifts for us. On the Eastern side of the manger, there are those of us who are well-placed in the world. We consort with the powerful. We have prestige and treasure. But we are called to give it away and choose a different path than we what we had intended. And we are asked to do this at the risk of our lives. Maybe, we are people who identify with the star. We are the ones who bring music and beauty and energy to the festivities. People love to look at us. It is tempting to soak in the attention, but our job is to shine our light on Another. So, we must deflect, deflect, deflect. Each time we hear the story and look at the images of the nativity, we bring to it the unique joys, sorrows, hopes and fears of our circumstances and we see ourselves anew in the story. This may bring comfort to us if we are suffering at this time of the year or it may bring a deep sense of gratitude if we are particularly blessed. The story may lift us out of desperation or knock us off a pedestal. Let us offer each of our unique life circumstances to the Christ Child, who once came to the world in a stable in Bethlehem and continues to come anew into our homes, our churches and our world. As we celebrate this season of the birth of Love and Light into the world, the Pastoral Team and Staff of St. John's wishes each of you peace, joy and love. We are grateful to all of you who were able to share their time, talent and treasure to make the celebration of the seasons beautiful. We are grateful, also, for those who have come to be with us to pray and rejoice. We are blessed to be called to serve you.



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.



What does a holy family look like? It looks like a single mother trying her best to raise three children on a limited income. It looks like a couple with no children but two elderly parents to be cared for. It looks like a single elderly man who comes to daily mass and prays for his estranged siblings. It looks like a family of seven who have just arrived in the country from a refugee camp. In other words, a holy family comes in all shapes and forms. What constitutes a holy family is the desire to imitate THE Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and their holy child - Jesus. What makes us holy as families is striving to live in faithfulness and love, in peace and kindness. Holiness is found wherever people strive to be disciples. CWS

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 will be available 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. **Offertory envelopes will not be available in the Stain Glass room on**

December 24-25 but will return to the Stain Glass Room on December 28th.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

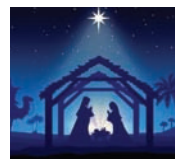
During the cold and flu season, some people have asked to express the sign of peace in a manner other than shaking hands. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal does not specify a particular manner of offering a sign of peace. Thus, if because of medical conditions or personal sensibilities, you 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preparation for First Eucharist and Confirmation begins in **January**. Please check the parish website for schedules and look for reminder emails. If you would like to assist with these programmes, especially as a Confirmation Facilitator, please contact Christine Way Skinner.

CHRISTMAS CRECHE DISPLAY

Over 100 Nativity scenes from around the world are on display in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. You are invited to come and see them anytime the office is open.



Mass Intentions

Thursday, Jan 2

9:00 am Mass

Friday, Jan 3

† Erminia Bugin

7:00 pm Mass

Saturday, Jan 4

9:00 am Mass

† Michael Joe Hennessy

Sanctuary Lamp

December 30-January 4

For the Intentions of
Our Parish Community

ST. AUGUSTINE'S REFLECTIONS ON CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Marylake Monastery announces a 12 wk. course for adults beginning **January 7** taught by Fr. Robert Dodaro, OSA. **Tuesdays** from **10am – 11am** and repeats in the evening at **7:30-8:30**. A \$60 donation is suggested. The course will cover St Augustine's reflections on the Church as the Body of Christ and the meaning of Christ's passion for the Church's growth in grace. Contact Nathan Fernandes for information and to register: isnfern358marylake@gmail.com.

PARISH WEBSITE



Take a moment to visit the parish website. Here you can do all the following:

- ◆ donate to the parish.
- ◆ find schedules for Mass, Sacramental preparation and other events.
- ◆ learn about parish programs.
- ◆ learn about your faith.
- ◆ subscribe to receive the parish bulletin.

New material is being added regularly. Please refer to the cover page for website address.

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