



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

Rev. Efrén Alvarez Pelayo
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Don Smart
cemetery@stjohnsnewmarket.ca
Fax: 905-884-0477

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

Epiphany of The Lord

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan 4

5:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Mass (Chinese)

Sunday, Jan 5

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Tuesday, Jan 7

7:00 pm Mass

† Jim Boniface

† Ephraim Guytingco

Wednesday, Jan 8

12:00 pm Mass

† Judy Halsey

† Francis Hickey

Thursday, Jan 9

8:00 am Mass

† Rita Vecchiarelli

† Nick Vecchiarelli

Friday, Jan 10

7:00 pm Mass

† Maria Laura Vecchiarelli

† John Vecchiarelli

Saturday, Jan 11

9:00 am Mass

† Luca Vecchiarelli

**Sanctuary Lamp
Pro-Populo**

We ask for your prayers for

The Sick

Noah Delle Cese,

Rocco Morra,

Alan & Nancy Botham

The Deceased

Dorothy Pipe, John Legere,

Wihelmina Cuypers



SALVATION FOR ALL The Lord Jesus has come to save all humankind, Jews and non-Jews alike. Today we feast in the revelation of that great mystery. God's grace-filled covenant is opened up to all. The "wise men," and all wise women and men seeing with a child's eyes, discover the star-marked babe in the arms of his mother, Mary. Humbly offering their gifts, they receive the Gospel, the good news of the Lord's arrival amongst his people. God shows himself to us in Jesus and so begins his saving work for each of us. Come let us adore him!

New Year's Wishes

We look back on the year 2019 with gratitude for the good things that took place and regret at the disappointments and failings, aware that every year brings both. But, as people of faith, we believe that our God is a God of new beginnings: that the Word of God is constantly being reborn, that the light of Christ dawns anew every morning. We can bring God to birth every day despite the failures of the day before, no matter how dark and painful the day before was. We have begun our journey through the New Year, 2020. It is both a gift from God and a challenge to continue the work begun by Jesus, the building of the kingdom of God. And, God knows, that's hard. But, "that's what makes it great." The stones that build God's kingdom – compassion, patience, forgiveness, justice and sacrificial giving– are all "hard." But that's what makes us determined for a new year and new lives. For me, 2020 will mark an important moment in my life as a priest and it is at St. John's that I get to celebrate this milestone. This coming May 13th I will have been a priest for 25 years and it is a time to remind me that with you, I am a Christian, and for you I am a priest. I enter this year with gratitude and hope and pray that you do the same. Let us welcome this new year with minds and hearts willing to stretch a bit to grow in faith and in holiness. On behalf of our parish pastoral team and office staff, we wish you all a Blessed and a **Happy New Year!!!**



Fra. Efrén Alvarez Pelayo

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Our next general meeting will be held on **January 21** after the 7pm Mass. We will enjoy a social evening as we welcome our new executive.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Through your kindness and generosity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program supported 161 families with a total of 373 children in our community this year. The Giving Tree provided over 1,200 gifts for over 700 people supported by various agencies and group homes. These are



people who are in need in so many different ways and not only at Christmas time. Your donations helped to bring them joy when they would have had very little to celebrate this Christmas. Your continued support throughout the year enables us to provide food for these and other families, through grocery gift cards and the fresh food box. The Society of Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity and wishes you a very blessed new year.

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.

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2020 will be taken to the parish office on **Monday, January 13**. We will make every effort to contact you to verify that boxes not collected by the end of January are in fact not going to be used again. 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.



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.



BLESSING YOUR HOME

On Epiphany Sunday we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world and the coming of the Three Kings. Because this was the day the Three Kings visited the house of Jesus, the custom of blessing homes on Epiphany Day developed. After the blessing, the initials of their traditional names, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were written in chalk on the back of the door. They were enclosed by the year and connected by a cross in this way. 20 + C + M + B + 20

Use the following prayer to bless your home as you make the inscription on your door. Have someone light and hold your Christmas candle during your blessing ceremony. This is a reminder that we are still in the Christmas Season.

Lord Jesus, the Three Kings followed the star that led them to your home. Help us to find you in this house through the love we share. Bless our home and all of us during this year ahead. Amen.

FAITH EMBODIED YOGA



Hatha Yoga classes is offering a 2020 session free of charge for parishioners beginning **January 6 - March 2** from **2pm-3:30pm**, excluding Family Day. Call the parish office to register.

EPIPHANY TAKE-DOWN

The Feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. You are invited to come to the church on **Sunday, January 5** from **6pm-8pm** to help us undecorate the church and move into Ordinary Time. Please bring vacuums, brooms, compost bags, and saws.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? 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. December 21-22
- \$14,176. December 24-25
- \$21,234.19 December 28-29
- \$10,187.

Thank you for making Stewardship a way of life.

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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