



# 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  
fr.efren@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

### Deacons

Gary Johnson  
deacon.gary@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Don McMillan

deacon.don@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

### Lay Pastoral Associate

Christine Way Skinner  
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## Parish Staff

### Main Office

Louisa Steele  
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Joan Turco | Mirella Lupo

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### Accounting

Maria De Ruyte  
accountant@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

### Property Management

Dan Christante - Manager  
property@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

### Custodian

Leo Lopez

### St. John's Cemetery

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](mailto:theologyontap@stjohnsnewmarket.ca)

## Catholic Women's League

President — Madeleine Burke  
[cwl@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:cwl@stjohnsnewmarket.ca)

## Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight — Dean Yeats  
[facebook.com/kofc6643](https://facebook.com/kofc6643)  
[knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto: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](http://sjcses.blogspot.com)

## Community Bread

For information, to volunteer or to donate, contact [communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca)

## Catholic Schools

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St. Paul 905-895-4122  
Sacred Heart H.S. 905-895-3340  
Chaplain: Erica Gismondi  
Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 15**

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

**Sunday, February 16**

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

Pro Populo

◆ Myriam Elia Lanuza

**Tuesday, February 18**

7:00 pm Mass  
† Mary Meade

◆ Intentions of the CWL

**Wednesday, February 19**

12:00 pm Mass  
† Mary Hatcher  
† Willy Cuypers

**Thursday, February 20**

8:00 am Mass  
† Rev. Liborio Tavares

**Friday, February 21**

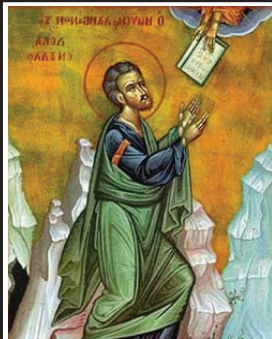
8:00 am Mass  
† Marie Theresa McConville

**Saturday, February 22**

9:00 am Mass  
† Concetto Cultraro  
† Josephine Cultraro

**Sanctuary Lamp**

February 17 - February 22  
The intentions of  
His Holiness Pope Francis



IF we choose to keep the commandments, they will save us! But God will not force a choice on us. God places before us all that we need for a fulfilling, joyful, peaceful life. We have been given laws and commandments, stories of wisdom and guidance, the examples of saints. We have everything we need to create a just and peaceful world. It is clear what will bring us, individually and communally, fulness of life. The question is before us. Will we choose kindness and compassion? Will we choose to forgive and ask for forgiveness? Will we choose fidelity and obedience? Will we choose courage and honesty? Our choices will make all the difference for us and for our world. CWS

**SEASON OF LENT**

Each year, the Church provides us with the opportunity to renew our commitment to live as a follower of Christ. This happens at the Easter liturgies when we renew our baptismal promises. Do we actually still believe in the message of Christ with all our hearts? Do we still reject evil and sin with our whole being? If we take this renewal seriously, we know we have fallen short. We must repent of attitudes and behaviours which keep us from being faithful disciples. We are in need of conversion. Jesus taught us what we need to enable

this conversion when he spoke about prayer, fasting and giving. Each year, on Ash Wednesday, we read about these disciplines and how to engage in them in a healthy and fruitful fashion. Prayer connects us to the Source of Life where we are challenged to grow and where we experience God's merciful love. Fasting and almsgiving help us realize our dependence on God and help us to develop compassion for those who have less than we do. Almsgiving also helps us to make a very real difference in people's lives. In the parish, we offer a number of opportunities

for you to pray, fast and give. During the Fridays of Lent, we invite you to join us for Solidary Soup in which we eat a simple meal together as a community and donate the budget of our dinner to the poor. This begins **Friday, February 28 from 5pm to 6:30pm**. Lots more ideas for praying, fasting and giving in Lent have been posted on our website under Celebrating the Liturgical Year—Lent, Easter & Pentecost <http://bit.ly/2SZzKdF>.



**We ask for your prayers for**

**The Sick:** Madaleine Anta, Maria Guadalupe Pelayo, Judy Soltzy, Citas Elvina, Alan Douglas Ritchie, Indy Llew Jones, Sylvia Sumargi, Vic Aguila.

**The Deceased:** Mary Meade  
Charles Henry Macoun

**Parish Bulletin On-line**

Visit our website and download the parish bulletin. Subscribe if you wish to receive it via email. Follow instructions in our website.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday, February 17** is Family Day and the parish office will be closed. Yoga classes are also cancelled.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

As a way of expressing our gratitude for the many hours of dedicated service that so many volunteers at St. John's contribute, we are hosting a Mardi Gras party on **Friday, February 21** in the Parish Centre. So, dig out your purple, gold and green clothing



(sequins and masks optional!) and drop in anytime between **7pm and 10pm**.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



Our next general meeting will be held on **February 18** after the 7pm Mass.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Attention members, 2020 dues are now due. Contact us at 905-898-4137 x216, message us on Facebook or at [knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca) to find out how to submit your dues.





**EARLY CATHOLIC  
FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM**

After a year of preparation, St. John's is excited to announce that registration is open for our Early Catholic Family Life. The program will begin on **Tuesday, February 25 at 9 am—10:30 am** and run for seven weeks. The gatherings will include time for parents and young children to engage in interactive activities as well as adult discussion time. If you are interested, email Christine Way Skinner. There is more information about this program on our website: <http://bit.ly/2WpzeCP>.



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our Parish SSVP Conference is looking for a volunteer experienced in creating Access database records and forms and to make some enhancements to our database. If you can help, please call 905-895-4264 and leave a message for Louisa including a number where we can reach you. This would only be on an "as-needed" basis. Thank you.



**NEW BEGINNINGS**

Separated, Divorced? If you are struggling, you don't have to do this alone. Join us **March 16 at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. For information and registration email Archangelo Limanni, MRE at: [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) or call 416-921-1163 ext. 2225.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

On Ash Wednesday, Catholics throughout the world begin our forty day preparation for Easter. We acknowledge that we have been given the gift of life and that we have a responsibility to live this life in love and justice in the world. We know we often fail to do so and find ourselves instead on paths of selfishness and sin. In Lent, we admit that we cannot turn our lives around without God's grace and mercy. And



so, we gather to mark our foreheads with ashes and listen to God's call to repent. Ash Wednesday Masses at St. John's will be on **February 26** at the **12pm** and again at **7pm**. Please join us!

**FROM THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE**

Beginning this weekend, tax receipts will be available in the Stained Glass Room at the entrance of the church for two weekends only, **February 15-16** and **February 22-23**, and available in the parish office Monday through Friday, during regular office hours until **February 28**. All tax receipts that have not been picked up will be mailed on **February 28** - the deadline date set by the government for mailing out tax receipts. Please make every effort to pick up your tax receipt so that we can save money that would otherwise be spent on postage.



**TAX RECEIPTS**

What you need to know about your 2019 tax receipts...

- If you switched to using your credit card to make your donations, those donations will be receipted by the Archdiocese. That amount is not included in your receipt from St. John's.
- If you made a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, you will receive a separate receipt from them.
- If you made a donation to the Family of Faith campaign, you will receive your receipt from the Archdiocese.
- If you made a ShareLife donation to St. John's, the amount is included in your receipt; however, if you used your credit card to make that donation, or made a donation directly to the Archdiocese, they will send you a receipt for the ShareLife portion.
- In line with privacy law, we will not give out receipts for third parties, including family members. These are sensitive and confidential documents and only the people whose name is on the receipt can receive them.
- We remind everyone that processing a replacement copy of a tax-receipt requires the work of an accountant which incurs additional cost to the parish. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND**



**March 13 - 7p.m. to, March 15 - 1:30 p.m.** St. Augustine's Seminary invites single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For registration & information contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, at the Office of Vocations: 416 968 0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

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**ST. JOHN'S**

**LITTLE RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP**  
February 22/23, we will be offering items for sale at all weekend masses in the Stained Glass Room. We have even more Lenten prayer resources as well as gifts for sacramental celebrations. All proceeds go directly to the parish.

**OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

In order to meet the operating expenses of the parish, we need a Weekly Average collection of:  
**\$13,320.**  
February 8-9 Collection  
**\$12,821.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

If you are in urgent need of a priest, while in the Hospital, do not call the priest directly. Rather, speak to the nurse on duty. The nurse will follow the present protocol. All the priests in the area take turns being on call. They are assigned a 24-hour pager through which they can be contacted immediately. Often, valuable time is wasted when this is not followed.



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