



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

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

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 29

5:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Mass (Chinese)

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 pm Mass

† Fidel Delos Reyes

Wednesday, March 4

12:00 pm Mass

† Craig Boland

◆ Barbara Martin

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am Mass

Friday, March 6

7:00 pm Mass

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Mass

† Mary Meade

Pro Populo

Sanctuary Lamp

March 2- March 7

The intentions of

Meliana Gunawan

*Requests can be directed to our
Parish Office or via email*

We ask for your prayers for

The Sick: Madeleine Anta, Maria Guadalupe Pelayo, Judy Soltz, Citas Elvina, Alan Douglas Ritchie, Indy Llew Jones, Sylvia Sumargi, Vic Aguila

The Deceased: Charles Henry Macoun, Rose Naty Lansang

Names must be submitted by family members and will be kept for a period of one month. For the sick, we require a monthly resubmission of the name, and if the condition of the individual changes sooner, please let us know.

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.



“Evil always comes disguised as a good,” taught St. Thomas Aquinas. What is wrong with knowledge? Food? Safety? Power? These things are all good. They only become bad when they keep us from choosing a greater good to which God calls us. When Eve and Adam were tempted to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they chose something other than what God wanted for them. They refused to choose humility, obedience, trust and gratitude. Christ, on the other hand, chose the greater good of a trusting and loving relationship with God over immediate gratification, wealth and power. The things of this world are good and given to us by God for our enjoyment. But we must listen carefully to the voice of God in our hearts to choose the Good that God wants for us at any given moment in our lives. CWS

SEASON OF LENT

We continue to ask for God’s grace to help us as we take on the Lenten disciplines of PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING which assist us in our conversion. 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 many opportunities for you to pray, fast and give.

❖ **Solidarity Soup:** During the Fridays of Lent, we invite you to join us for a simple meal of bread and home-made soup and to donate the budget of your dinner to the poor. **Friday, March 6** from **5pm to 6:30pm** we gather in the parish hall for this simple meal.

❖ **Stations of the Cross:** On **Fridays** at **7 pm**, we gather in the church to pray the Stations of the Cross. These will be led by different parish groups each week. On first Fridays, there will also be Mass and Adoration.

❖ **Reconciliation Tree:** Once again this year, we will place a tree of reconcil-


iation in the sanctuary and reflect on the various ways in which we need to heal and be healed.

❖ **Resources:** We will place weekly reflections at the back of the church to help you in your family prayer during the season. There are Lenten resources available for purchase at the Religious Goods “store” and, finally, we have also provided many ideas for praying, fasting and giving in Lent on our website. This link will take you there:


<http://bit.ly/2SZzKdF>.




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

 Attention members, 2020 dues are now due. Contact us at 905-898-4137 x216, to find out how to submit your dues, message us on by email (knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca) or Facebook (see bulletin cover page).

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 or call 416-921-1163 ext. 2225.

EARLY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

We had a wonderful turnout for our first gathering of our Early Catholic Family Life programme. Teachers  Marilyn & Jen did a wonderful job of engaging our toddlers and their parents. We learned all about God’s Wonderful Creation. The program runs on Tuesdays 9am—10:30am. The gatherings include time for parents and young children to engage in interactive activities as well as adult discussion time. There is still room for a few more families, so if you are

interested, email Christine Way Skinner. There is more information about this program on our website: <http://bit.ly/2WpzeCP>.

SHARELIFE



Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings. "The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins.

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously. Parishioners who participate in our parish's Pre-Authorized Giving Program (PAG) will soon receive a letter from ShareLife. If you are not currently making your ShareLife gift via PAG, you are encouraged to sign up. And if you already use PAG for ShareLife, please consider increasing your gift to help those who rely on your generous support. For information call 416-934-3400 ext. 562

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Parishioners who did not find their assigned envelope box and those who would like to start using offertory envelopes can pick up a new box at the office during regular office hours. Please do not use 2019 envelopes as numbers have been reassigned. We need you to use envelopes that reflect the year 2020.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



This year's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated around the world in solidarity with the women of Zimbabwe. The theme of this year's ecumenical service is, "Rise, Take Up Your Mat and Walk".

Join us at Trinity United Church, **Friday March 6, at 2pm.** Guest speaker Blende Meyer, a parishioner of St. Paul's Anglican Church will share her experiences growing up in Zimbabwe and her life here in Canada.

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE



This will take place **August 12-25, 2020.** Includes: Oberammergau Passion Play, stops in Lisbon and Fatima (Portugal), Compostela (Spain), Munich, Salzburg, and Verona. Cost is \$3,573 (US\$). Flight to and from is not included. More information, including a detailed itinerary, is available on posters on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church. Contact: Fr. Stephan Kappler:

skappler@southdown.on.ca

OFFICE FOR REFUGEES

The Office for Refugees is launching a program to assist parishioners who would like to sponsor a family member overseas who is a refugee. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor **prior to March 31, 2020.** The Office for Refugees will look to the sponsoring family to provide the necessary funds for sponsorship. A separate program is available to assist non-parishioners and friends of parishioners. Further information about this program will be announced on the Office of Refugees website in April 2020 at www.archtoronto.org/. Click on "About us", then choose department "O to Z", and select "Office for Refugees".



FOOD DRIVE



Thank you for bringing your donations of non-perishable food items to Mass. Items can still be brought next weekend and will be taken to the Newmarket Food Pantry.

VOCATION'S EVENTS

March 13-15. Come & See Weekend includes Holy Mass, Adoration and Confession.



March 21, 9:30am-3pm Lenten retreat led by Fr. Charles Anang: Lay Mission.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? Is God calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997; or visit/email us 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 **\$13,320.**

FEBRUARY 22-23
\$10,918

(All masses, including Chinese and Spanish)

MAINTENANCE FUND
\$523

BENEVOLENT FUND

We remind everyone that next weekend, **March 7-8** there is a collection for the Benevolent Fund. Thank you for your support.

2019 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for the year 2019 have been mailed out as of **February 28, 2020.**



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