



# St. John Chrysostom

Roman Catholic Church - Established 1841

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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  
cwayskinner@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

## Parish Staff

### Main Office

Louisa Steele  
Office Administrator

Joan Turco | Mirella Lupo

Brenda O'Donnell  
parish.office@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

### 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, March 7**

5:00 pm Mass

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

**Sunday, March 8**

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Mass **(Spanish)**

Pro Populo

**Tuesday, March 10**

7:00 pm Mass

**Wednesday, March 11**

12:00 pm Mass

† Giovanni Novielli

† Judy Silver

**Thursday, March 12**

8:00 am Mass

**Friday, March 13**

8:00 am Mass

**Saturday, March 14**

9:00 am Mass

† Miriam Hubbard

♦ Eric Jacobs

### Sanctuary Lamp

March 9 - March 14

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for

**The health of**

**Our Parishioners**

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

### We ask for your prayers for

**The Sick:** Madeleine Anta, Maria Guadalupe Pelayo, Alan Douglas Ritchie, Indy Llew Jones, Sylvia Sumargi, Vic Aguila

**The Deceased:** Nicole Ferrier, 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 on our website.



Blessings can become temptations if we do not understand their purpose. Gifts from God are not meant to be hoarded for ourselves but to be shared with the world for the building of the Reign of Justice. Israel was made a great nation not for the sake of being great, but to be a light to the world. We are given a holy calling not to hoard salvation for those we agree with but so that we may spread the Good News of salvation to the world. We are beckoned to the mountain and given visions not so that we can built tents and live in exclusivity but so that we may proclaim God's beauty and light to the world. CWS

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



#### Communal Celebration:

a communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation will take place at St. John's Church on **Tuesday, March 31 at 7pm**. A number of priests will be available for individual confession during the liturgy.

#### Lenten Day of Confessions:

On **Wednesday, April 1st**. St. John's will celebrate a day of confession as follows: **9am to 10:30am in English and Spanish; 11am to 12pm in Italian and English; 6pm to 8pm in English and Spanish**. The "Day of Confessions" for Lent throughout the Archdiocese will be held during the week of **March 22-27**. If you miss ours, check churches near you for their scheduled day.

### SHARELIFE



Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago – it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation. **March 29 is ShareLife Sunday**. Please give generously.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Join us for the next General Meeting **March 17** after the **7pm** Mass. If you are



interested in attending the Toronto Diocesan Convention **April 30** and **May 1** or the Banquet on **May 1** please contact Madeleine Burke as soon as possible. 905-716-1528 .

### 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, email us at [knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto: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](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) or call 416-921-1163 ext. 2225.



### EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE

**August 12-25, 2020**. Cost is \$3,573 (US\$). Flight to and from is not included. More information, including a detailed itinerary, is available on posters at the entrance of the church. Contact: Fr. Stephan Kappler [skappler@southdown.on.ca](mailto:skappler@southdown.on.ca)



### EARLY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

There is still room for a few more families, if you are interested, email Christine Way Skinner. There is more information about this program on our website:



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



### THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING IN YOUR PARISH

Registering in your parish is an important first step to becoming an active member in the local church community. Registration brings with it tangible benefits that can help a person become more fully engaged in the local church and may help immigrants in future immigration law-related matters. Please note that parish and diocesan leadership will not share the registration information with anyone and it is completely confidential. The benefits include: **Establishes evidence of presence; provides proof of sacramental participation; demonstrates community involvement; demonstrates financial commitment, empowers the Pastor to support you when recommendations are needed,**



provides you with a Tax-Receipt and allows us to plan for the parish's needs in all aspects. To register, call the parish office.

### COVID-19

As you are aware, active cases of the coronavirus worldwide have led to some understandable concern among the faithful. Our goal is to act responsibly, based on credible information from reliable sources. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses. Regarding liturgical practices, local health officials have indicated that it is not necessary to alter current practices at this time. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus. Be assured that we will continue to work with local health officials and keep you updated as appropriate.

### 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



Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. Is God calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux.

vocations@archtoronto.org or vocationstoronto.ca

### 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 in-

vite 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. Join us again, this Friday, March 13 from 5pm to 6:30pm 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. On first Fridays, there will also be Mass and Adoration.

❖ **Reconciliation Tree:** The real work of conversion happens when we concretely address the areas in our lives where we are in most need of mercy and reconciliation. Once again this year, as a parish community, we have set up a tree of reconciliation in the sanctuary and each week we will focus on an area of our lives in which we are in need of healing and reconciliation. You are encouraged to at-

tach a ribbon onto the tree to indicate each instance of such mercy that you experience throughout the week. This can be times when you have been the object of mercy or when you have been merciful to others. At the end of Lent, when the tree is completely covered in white ribbons, we can rejoice knowing that we have experienced God's compassionate, forgiving love in our lives and brought that same healing love to others.

❖ **Resources:** We will place weekly reflections at the back of the church to help you in your family prayer during the season. Many ideas for praying, fasting and giving in Lent can be found on our website. This link will take you there:

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

### OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

In order to meet the operating expenses of the parish, we need a Weekly Average collection of \$13,320.

### FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 1

\$13,124.

(All masses, including Chinese and Spanish)

### 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.

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