



# 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  
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Don McMillan

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### Lay Pastoral Associate

Christine Way Skinner  
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## Parish Staff

### Main Office

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Dan Christante - Manager  
property@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

### Custodian

Leo Lopez

### St. John's Cemetery

Don Smart  
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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

## Knights of Columbus

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](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

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 14**

5:00 pm Mass

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

**Sunday, March 15**

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

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

**Tuesday, March 17**

7:00 pm Mass

◆ Intentions of CWL

**Wednesday, March 18**

12:00 pm Mass

† Patrick Shibley

† Rita Shibley

**Thursday, March 19**

8:00 am Mass

† Kazik Stalski

◆ Zosia Panek

**Friday, March 20**

8:00 am Mass

† Kirkie McGirr

**Saturday, March 21**

9:00 am Mass

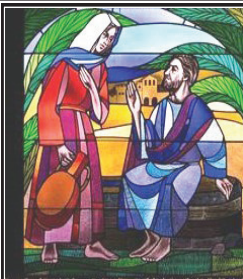
† Mary Quigley

#### Sanctuary Lamp

March 16 - March 21

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
**The Repose of the Soul of  
Nicole Ferrier**

Pro Populo



There is nothing so compelling as thirst. Thirst demands attention. When you are thirsty you can think of nothing else. You will risk anything for a drink. You will return to slavery. You will brave the heat of the noon-time sun. You will travel to hostile territory. The readings this weekend remind us that our spiritual thirst should compel us as strongly as our physical thirst does, for ultimately, it is only God who satisfies. 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.

### 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** contact Madeleine Burke as soon as possible. 905-716-1528.

### FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Next weekend, **March 22**, there will be a collection for Easter flowers so that we may decorate our sanctuary for Easter. This practise provides us with an opportunity to express gratitude or a way to remember someone in a special way. An envelope has been included in your box of offertory envelopes, if you do not use envelopes, a special Easter Flowers' envelope can be found at the entrance of the church.



### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a formation opportunity on **Saturday, March 21** from **9am to 12pm** at St. David's Parish in Maple. The workshop is free, but we ask that you register at: <http://bit.ly/EMHCFormation-Mar2020>. If you have any questions contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



### We ask for your prayers for

**The Sick:** Madeleine Anta, Maria Guadalupe Pelayo, Yvonne Way, Phyllis Lyn, Julie Livingstone

**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.

### SUPPORTING SHARELIFE

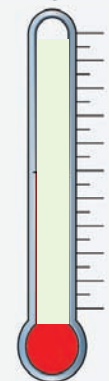
Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility." **March 29 is ShareLife Sunday**. Please give generously. Our goal this year is \$106,000. which our parish takes on with courage, especially since our parish is one of the leading supporting parishes. Join us in Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife. Thank you for your generosity.



**GOAL**

**106,000**



**COVID-19**

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures: At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or “Peace be with you” to your neighbour is appropriate. For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time. Parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion. Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or



mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.

**WISH LIST**

Are you cleaning out your children's toy cupboards? The Early Catholic Family Life Program could use some things. We would love to have: a puppet theatre, animal puppets, a play kitchen, pretend medical items, a sturdy but not too heavy coffee table - a square one would be especially helpful. Please contact Christine if you can help.

**EASTER HOSPITALITY**

We are looking for 2-4 people who can help us with a small reception following the Easter Vigil on **April 11th**. If you could help with this, please call the office.



**VOCATION'S EVENTS**



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

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? Is God calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux.



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**.

**MARCH 7-8**  
**\$13,392.**

(All masses, including Chinese and Spanish)

**BENEVOLENT FUND COLLECTION**  
**\$755.**

Our sharing in the Paschal mystery brings us to see that our sacrifices represent our gratitude, praise, and trust in God. Therefore, stewardship is not about money. Stewardship is about receiving all of God's gifts gratefully, cultivating them responsibly, sharing them lovingly in justice with others, and then, returning them with increase to the Lord.

**St. John Chrysostom**  
**Pray for us**  
**Thank you for making**  
**Stewardship a way of**  
**Life.**

**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. Join us again, this **Friday, March 20** 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:** 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 attach a rib-

bon 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>.

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