



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Mass (Chinese)

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

† Alfredo Torres

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 pm Mass

† Rev. Robert Morrissey

Wednesday, March 25

12:00 pm Mass

† Emilia Alfano

† Jack Coffey

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am Mass

† Chelsea Little

Friday, March 27

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, March 28

9:00 am Mass

† Hilda Paredes

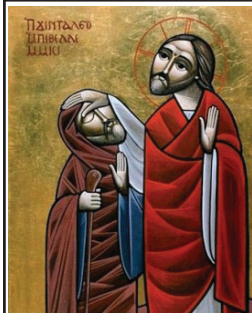
† Mary Meade

Sanctuary Lamp

March 23- March 28

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for
**The Repose of the Soul of
Rev. Robert Morrissey**

Pro Populo



The human looks on the outward appearance. God looks on the heart. This is why, time and time again, God seems to choose the most unlikely of servants. This is why we often miss the wisdom that is right before our eyes. However, we simply CANNOT see as God sees. Thinking we have perfect sight feeds arrogance which leads to judgment which results in pain. The way for us to live as children of the light, is to recognize our blindness and depend upon God to guide us so that we may approach all people with love and all of life's experience with wonder and gratitude. CWS

KEEPING EVERYONE INFORMED

Dear parishioners: So many of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world are deprived of the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Eucharist for many reasons. Due to this health emergency we also will now experience their suffering. Perhaps this sacrifice will help us to cherish more profoundly the great gift of the Holy Eucharist. There is no substitute for personally participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the source and summit of our life in Christ, and we pray for the time when this may be universally available once more. It is important to follow carefully the provisions of the health authorities, but it's also essential that our spiritual life be enhanced and strengthened all the more during this crisis. At this time, when we are reminded of the brevity of life and of our own mortality, we are called to go deeper to our spiritual foundations. In light of our present state of emergency, we receive directives as they are available to us and this leaves us no choice but to assume that all events are cancelled until further notice. Therefore, all events published herein are to be seen as pending. Should the circumstances change and we are given direction to proceed with any parish events, we will let you know as soon as we are able. Please refer to our website for all new updates and other initiatives that we are putting in place to maintain our community united in faith in this time of crisis. Please visit us at:

<https://stjohnchrysostomne.archtoronto.org/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Reconciliation Service was scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31** at 7pm. However, given the present situation we are in, we are now CANCELLING it unless we are instructed to do otherwise. Please call the parish office if you need to go to confession, you must book an appointment first through the parish office.

Lenten Day of Confessions:

On **Wednesday, April 1st**. St. John's is supposed to celebrate a day of confession but ONLY if we are given permission to do so. If we are given permission to proceed, confessions will be heard as follows: **9am to 10:30am in English and Spanish; 11am to 12pm in Italian and English; 6pm to 8pm in English and Spanish.**

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Every year we are given the opportunity to express our gratitude or to remember someone in a special way by decorating the sanctuary for Easter. If you wish to contribute, envelopes are available to you at the parish office. And at the entrance of the church. Donations will be accepted any time during this season of Easter.

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.

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The Sick: Madeleine Anta, Maria Guadalupe Pelayo, Ross Bethune, Phyllis Lyn, Julie Livingstone

The Deceased: Nicole Ferrier

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.

out to those looking for spiritual guidance and human growth. "I wholeheartedly endorse and encourage you to support them in keeping the Gospel on the airwaves of our city". Cardinal Thomas Collins

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If you think God is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life, Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux.

vocations@archtoronto.org or vocationstoronto.ca

SCAM ALERT

Please be advised that we are receiving calls from parishioners that they are receiving requests, purportedly from the pastor, for iTunes gift cards, either by text or email. In addition, there are reports of a variety of COVID-19 scams cropping up, including one where people call or visit homes trying to sell "COVID-19 testing kits." Think before you click or open attachments, and always verify suspect messages by phoning the sender on a known phone number (not the phone number in the suspect message).



The schedule below is to be confirmed

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday, April 4, 2020

5:00 pm

7:00 pm Chinese

Sunday, April 5, 2020

8:30 am, 10:00 am &

12:00 pm

5:00 pm Spanish

HOLY THURSDAY

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S
SUPPER

April 9, 2020

7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 10, 2020

11:00 am Spanish

1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

English

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL

April 11, 2020

7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

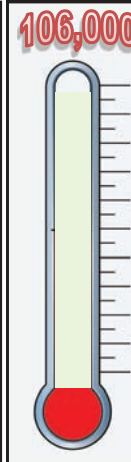
5:00 pm Spanish

SUPPORTING SHARELIFE

How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?



Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign. Next Sunday, **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.



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.

❖ **Solidarity Soup:** Due to the restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 virus, the Friday Lenten Soup evenings have been cancelled.

❖ **Stations of the Cross:** We encourage you to include this devotion in your private prayer during the times when the church is open for private prayer.

❖ **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 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

Please remember us in this time of crisis. Our Parish will still need your support as much as always. If you are willing to continue your support you can drop off your offertory envelopes at the parish office or, if you are visiting the church for private prayer, in the assigned location (signs will be posted). Note that the church will be open during office hours. (see office schedule on the bulletin cover and our parish website).

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