



# St. John Chrysostom

Roman Catholic Church - Established 1841

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## Weekend Masses

live streamed only

**Saturday Vigil**

5:00 pm

**Sunday**

9:00 am &

12:00 pm (Spanish)

## Weekday Masses

live streamed only

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9:00 am

Friday 9:00 am

## Communion Services

live streamed only

Monday & Saturday  
9:00 am

Exposition

Friday

(after service)

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.  
Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
Please call to make an appointment.

## Pastoral & Office Staff

### Pastor

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Most of the activities listed below have been put on hold or have been adapted to observe COVID-19 regulations. Please contact the parish office if the contact information below does not provide you with the communication you need.

Thank you for your patience.

## 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 the parish office a minimum of three months before the desired date of Baptism.

## First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation & Christian Initiation-RCIA

Adults wishing to become Catholic, please contact the parish office and ask to speak to the Pastor.

## Marriage

Contact the parish office at least one year in advance of the desired date.

[weddings@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto: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.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Postponed until further notice.

## Visiting Ministry

To arrange for a visit and/or to receive Holy Communion to someone at home, contact the parish office.

## Volunteer Screening

[screening.stjc@gmail.com](mailto:screening.stjc@gmail.com)

## Catholic Women's League

President—Madeleine Burke

[cwl@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:cwl@stjohnsnewmarket.ca)

## Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight—Vince Scarfone

[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

Canadian Martyrs 905-895-8530

Notre Dame 905-895-5001

St. John Chrysostom 905-895-7411

St. Nicholas 905-895-3777

St. Paul 905-895-4122

Sacred Heart H.S. 905-895-3340

Chaplain: Erica Gismond

Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

## Epiphany of the Lord

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 2

5:00 pm Mass

♦ **Pro-populo**

#### Sunday, January 3

9:00 am Mass

♦ **Pro-populo**

12:00 pm (Spanish)

#### Tuesday, January 5

7:00 pm Mass

† Darrel Kiel

† Jose & Epifania

Fernandez

#### Wednesday, January 6

12:00 pm Mass

† Luigi Gallo

#### Thursday, January 7

9:00 am Mass

#### Friday, January 8

9:00 am Mass

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

January 4-9

#### For the Repose of the Soul of Allison Morrison

*Parishioners are welcome to book  
the Sanctuary Lamp.*

*Please contact the parish office.*

#### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

##### For the Sick:

Anne Klinoski, Ilmar Kutt,

Cathy Ricciuto

Marta Ternenyova

and Bob Egan.

##### For the Deceased:

Luigi Gallo, Joseph Chaisson

Christopher Quinn, Vanessa

Di Pasquale, Una Walshe,

Fredil Callo, Feliciana Laza-

ro, Ludivico Lazaro Sr.,

Ludivico Lazaro Jr., Deanna

D'Aoust, Nicole Gabriel Fer-

rrier, Jose Fernandez,

Epifania Fernandez, and

Peter Ennamorato



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ. St. Leo the Great said that this revelation "came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ."



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
We find ourselves once again in a  
lockdown, and, since I have not been able to meet  
all our parishioners, I wanted to greet you and wish you  
and your families a Merry Christmas!

This Christmas was different. It was quieter, simpler, and humbler, like the very first Christmas in Bethlehem. It is my hope that the pandemic brought us to search for Christ more eagerly. During this Christmas time, it is God who comes to us and gives us the perfect gift: his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. The mystery of the Incarnation shows us that God is with us, Emmanuel. Jesus experienced fully our human condition, together with all the joys and sorrows of life. We are not alone. He is not indifferent, and he has not abandoned us. He comes to meet us in our daily life, with all its struggles. Once again, Christ is looking for a place or someone to welcome him, as we hear in the words of the Gospel; we just need to open the doors of our hearts to let him in. The challenges that await us may not go away, but I am confident that, together with Christ and all united in prayer, we will overcome them.

May the birth of our Saviour fill you with joy and peace!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Landorff Garcia



#### SCAM ALERT!



Attention Parishioners, please be advised that scammers have created Gmail accounts in various pastors' names and are continuing to email people asking for iTunes gift cards for a sick friend in the hospital. The people being targeted are parish staff or parishioners who are in key volunteer positions at the parish where there is a known published email address. One scammer has created a Gmail account in Fr. Landorff's name and is emailing people asking for three \$100 iTunes gift

cards for a sick friend in the hospital. If you receive this email, do not open the link, do not respond and please help us by forwarding the message to the Help Desk at [helpdesk@archtoronto.org](mailto:helpdesk@archtoronto.org). If in any doubt, call the parish office.

#### PRIVATE PRAYER

Our church will continue to be open for Private Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Registration is mandatory and limited to 10 parishioners per hour. Our schedule is: Mondays and Wednesdays **3pm to 7pm** and Fridays **10am to 7pm**. Register online or call the parish office to book your visit.

### COMMUNION SERVICES



Parishioners are invited to register online through Eventbrite, or call the parish office to register for a Communion Service, *in the church*, on either a Saturday or Sunday during the month of January. **This is not an invitation to attend a regular scheduled weekend Mass, but rather an invitation to attend a Communion Service ONLY.** You must be willing to adhere to the following rules.

- Register online or by calling the parish office.
- Maximum of 9 people per Communion Service.
- Seating will not be available
- Washrooms will not be available.
- Only people on the Registration list will be allowed entry.
- Walk-ins' will not be allowed.

### HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Saturday's, January

9, 16 and 23

3:00pm, 3:20pm, 3:40pm,  
4:00pm, 4:20pm, 6:20pm,  
6:40pm, 7:00pm.

Sunday's, January

10, 17 and 24

10:20am, 10:40am, 11:00am,  
11:20am, 1:20pm, 1:40pm,  
2:00pm.

### COMMUNITY BREAD



Recently, the Newmarket Supper Club presented Community Bread with an award for their dedication and commitment in serving the community. Since 2003, parishioners from St. John Chrysostom and St. Elizabeth Seton parishes have

been providing a free weekly hot meal every Monday evening at St. John's parish centre for anyone in the community who needs it. The guests are from all walks of life young and old, children and seniors. Volunteers who prepare and serve the food have continued this service throughout the pandemic whenever possible.

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

The sacrament of reconciliation is available to all parishioners **by appointment only.** Call the parish office to book your appointment.



### NEW BEGINNINGS



If you are struggling, you don't have to do this alone. Everyone is welcome. Online sessions available for 2021 include: Bereavement Support Group, Wednesday's beginning January 13, **7pm** and Separated and/or Divorce Support Group, Thursday's beginning January 14, **-7pm**. Information and registration contact: Arcangelo Limanni 921-1163 ext 2225

[alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com)

### "ABIDING IN CHRIST"

JOHN 15:1-17

Students ages 14-18 are invited to participate in the 2021 Friar's Student Writing Contest. Prizes include, First place: Lenovo Idea Pad 3 Laptop. Submission deadline, February 15, 2021. Contest rules and resources contact:



416-9343-3400 ext 527

1-855-441-4077 ext 401

[www.catholicregister.org/writingaward](http://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward)

<https://bit.ly/3gWk4R2>

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Listed on the bulletin cover page

*Available livestream only*

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Listed on the bulletin cover page

*Available livestream only*

Streaming is available for everyone with computer access, 7 days a week **8:30am - 7:30pm**. Visit the parish website, and click on the "Watch Us Live Here" icon and remember to unmute the sound bar.



### STAYING CONNECTED



Although the Parish Office is currently closed, we continue to work from the parish office and from our homes receiving and responding to incoming calls and emails. Office staff have been instructed, not to accept offertory envelopes, cards or packages brought to the parish office. The office must remain closed and personal contact avoided, as per COVID 19 lockdown restrictions. Visitors can drop all envelopes into the mailbox at the rectory door located at the rear of the church or into the white collection box inside the church if visiting for Private Prayer. We ask that you do not leave packages inside the church. By following these simple rules, we can all remain as safe as possible.

Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP BECOMING A STAR



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.

## OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on  
December 26-27

### Weekly Offertory

**\$9,771.**

Thank you for your  
Generosity

## OFFERTORY COUNTERS



We are still in need of more offertory counters. The commitment is for **4 to 5** hours each week on **Monday's**. Those interested please contact the accounting office. Volunteer Screening will be expected.

## MOVING?

When you move, please remember to let us know so that we can update our files. Also, if you are new to our parish, please register with us by calling or emailing the parish office.

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2021



Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of **February 13/14, 2021** as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto, however, due to COVID-19 and recognizing the vulnerable in our community, our traditional annual archdiocesan Mass will be cancelled in 2021. To celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community, our parish is participating in a program to offer a personalized, special blessing certificate signed by Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2021. To request a special blessing certificate for milestone wedding anniversaries in 2021, visit <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>.

The Office of Formation for Discipleship will be processing the orders – **the deadline to order is January 17, 2021**; we will be assisting in distributing the special blessing certificate to you.

## MARRIAGE PREP COURSES



Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, invites engaged couples to call or email for details on their **2021** course programs. Contact: 905-278-5229

[office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

There are several ways that parishioners can continue to support the parish at this time. Mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office or parishioners can contrib-

ute through pre-authorized giving. PAG forms are available on our parish website. If you have any questions please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Offertory envelopes for **2021** are available at the entrance of the church. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be assigning the numbered boxes as in previous years but encourage you to pick up a regular box of envelopes for your own use. Please consider donating by Pre-Authorized Giving or Credit Card. Call the Accounting office at ext. 206 for more information on these methods of making your donation. PAG and Credit Card donors are encouraged to pick up a regular box of envelopes to use for special collections.



A few things to remember before you start using the 2021 envelopes:

- **Use only 2021 envelopes for your donations.**
- Do not use your old envelopes from previous years, please destroy them as those numbers will be used by someone else.
- Fill in your name and address on each envelope for the first month when you start using your 2021 box of envelopes.
- The number on your box of envelopes is designated for **your** use only.
- Please do not give your envelopes to anyone else outside of your household.

## 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
  - ◆ Allows us to plan for the parish's needs in all aspects
- To register, call the parish office.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration begins **January 4, 2021** for the **2021-22** school year in all York Catholic elementary schools.

[www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions)

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.

*St. John Chrysostom*

## VOCATIONS



The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact:

Fr. Matt McCarthy

416-968-0997

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or  
[vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

## ST. AUGUSTINES SEMINARY THE SONGS OF THE ANGELS

After a brief introduction to the Book of Revelation, this talk will explore the hymns of the Apocalypse, their role and function, and St. John's message of hope in a time of crisis. To join this virtual event, **January 23, 9:30am-1pm**. Register at: 416-261-7207



<https://bit.ly/HymnoftheAngels>



## BLESSING YOUR HOME

The Church extends itself on Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. The custom

of blessing the home probably grew up on account of the words in the Gospel, "And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down they adored Him." The priest blesses the house if he can be present, but if not, the father of the family may do so. He leads the family (and any guests who may have been invited for the occasion) from room to room, blessing each and inscribing the initials of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) above the doors with chalk. The doors are inscribed with the following:

20 + C + M + B + 21

The initials are separated by crosses and the year above the door. The initials CMB also stand for the words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this house". This inscription above the entry of our house should be a reminder to us that we should be with and go to Christ in all our comings and goings. Use the following prayer to bless your home.

**Lord God of heaven and earth. You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of Your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins

December 11, 2020



To all clergy, staff and faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

As previously communicated, once again I wish to express my profound gratitude for the heroic work that has taken place following our June re-opening. Since that time, with attendance of more than 1.5 million, we have experienced an extremely small number of positive Covid-19 cases. To our knowledge, none of these cases have been directly traced back to the church as the origin of transmission. This is due, in large part, to the incredible work of clergy, staff and close to 10,000 volunteers, following our strict WorshipSafe protocols.

It is increasingly frustrating for all of us to see certain businesses open while others remain closed and that some, including places of worship, appear to be severely restricted with little evidence to suggest they are a cause of transmission. Earlier this week, I communicated these concerns directly to Premier Ford.

We must endeavor to balance this frustration with the fact that we are still in the midst of a pandemic, 13,000 Canadians have lost their lives to the virus and hospitals in many regions of the archdiocese are approaching or exceeding capacity. Our reverence for the sanctity of every life compels each one of us to follow the restrictions out of love for our neighbour, to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and to help us return to full ministry as soon as possible. I have said throughout this pandemic and will repeat once again that participation in the Mass and especially the opportunity to receive the Eucharist and other sacraments gives all of us the spiritual strength to not only endure the crisis, but also to reach out to serve, day after day, all of those who are suffering. In light of restrictions announced by the Province of Ontario earlier today, I must, once again, ask that these be followed as directed in this communication (details enclosed). I recognize the significant spiritual suffering that these restrictions have placed both upon our clergy and the faithful that look to us for guidance and direction. As we have demonstrated our ability to safely worship together, I trust that we will soon be able fully to resume public worship. Let us redouble our efforts to enter more deeply into prayer, to be mindful of those who are sick and those who have died as we make every effort to reach those who are isolated in creative and profound ways.

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Thomas Card. Collins*

Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto

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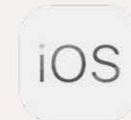
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