



St. John Chrysostom

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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 Mass)

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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.

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

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

Catholic Women's League

President—Madeleine Burke

cwl@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight—Vince Scarfone

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

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 Gismondi

Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

Second Sunday in Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm Mass

♦ Pro-populo

Sunday, February 28

9:00 am Mass

♦ Pro-populo

12:00 pm (Spanish)

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 pm Mass

† Darrel Kiel

♦ Justin Panganiban
Halifax

Wednesday, March 3

12:00 pm Mass

♦ Barbara Martin
♦ Justin Panganiban
Halifax

Thursday, March 4

9:00 am Mass

♦ Justin Panganiban
Halifax

Friday, March 5

9:00 am Mass

† Frank Aquino
♦ Justin Panganiban
Halifax

SANCTUARY LAMP

March 1-6

The Vigil Lamp burns

**For the Repose of the Soul
of June Kavanagh**

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Sick:

Harold Way
Marie Dumas and
Justin Panganiban Halifax

For the Deceased:

Bernard Kuiack
Jack Follows
Anne Marie Klinoski
Marcel Strobbe
Theresa Peets
Maria Mandjke



The transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' transfiguration, the gospel gives us a glimpse of the heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting faith in Him. The primary purpose of Jesus' transfiguration was to allow Him to consult his heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and resurrection.



LENT

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its conversion as a whole in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens (unbaptized adults) to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the us for Easter as we recall our baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty day of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to remember the social consequence of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, as we pray and do penance for sinners. Some of those practices are: Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence.

Fasting and Abstinence are valuable practices to help us in our conversion, which leads us to charity towards our neighbour. All Christians are bound to practice abstinence and fasting. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence. Fasting means that we have one simple meal during the day. Abstinence means that we do not eat *meat* on that day. Abstinence is for those who are 14 years of age or older and fasting is for those from 18 to 59 years of age.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us via Live Stream or in person for the Stations of the Cross every **Friday** during Lent at **7pm** starting **Friday, February 19, -Friday, March 26**. Registration is mandatory.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



The Archdiocese has again planned a day of confessions over a two week period in March.

This is to allow for more opportunities for Confessions while avoiding large crowds in our parish during this time of pandemic. St. Johns Lenten Day of Confession will be on **March 17** and **March 24-2pm to 6pm** and **7pm to 9pm** on both days. Registration is mandatory. Call the parish office or register online.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fellow Knights, the council membership dues for 2021 are due. Please send the \$45 payment by mail to: Knights of Columbus Council 6643 432 Ontario Street, Newmarket Ontario, L3Y 2K4.

FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Registration is now closed for the Spring 2021 programs. Please follow us on our Parish Website, bulletin and at weekend and weekday



Masses for updates on the programs beginning in the Fall of 2021



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LOVE-SHARE LENT

Weekly Virtual Events Continue
Week 2 **February 27-11am.**

Humanitarian Aid

Week 3: **March 2-7pm.**

Long Term Development

Contact: elukasik@devp.org

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR KIDS



Tune in to Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping from home due to the pandemic or just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life, you won't want to miss this new series!

Friday's-9:30am

Saturday's- 4pm

Sunday's 7am and 2:30pm

On demand: www.slmedia.org/yeslord

LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE IN LOVE

This Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a skill building enrichment program where together husbands and wives learn to be the best couple they can be. No group discussion. Based on Cath-



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE



We invite parishioners to register online or call the parish office to register for the mass you would like to attend. The weekend mass schedule is listed on the cover page of the bulletin. Worship Safe Guidelines will be observed.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Listed on the bulletin cover page Registration is not required, however, we ask that you **keep a log at home** of the weekday masses you are currently attending.

PRIVATE PRAYER

Fridays **1pm to 7pm.** Call, email the parish office or register online through Eventbrite on our parish website.



Vocations News

VOCATIONS



If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call: Fr. Matt McCarthy-416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

VIRTUAL ORDINANDI DINNER

You are invited to meet our ordinandi from St. Augustine's and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries who, with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in 2021. Hear about their unique faith journeys that led them to this most noble commitment. Join us on Tuesday, **March 2 at 7pm** on the archdiocese's YouTube channel. There is no cost to view, however donations are welcome, visit:

<http://bit.ly/OrdinandiDinner>

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE ABANDONMENT OF THE SAINTS

This retreat will explore the thought of Jean-Pierre de Causade who unveils the secret of how the saints encounter God by surrendering to His action in each present moment. Presented by Rev. Charles Anang. **March 13-9:30am-1pm.** Contact St. Augustine's Seminary at 416-261-7207 or register at:

[http://bit.ly/
RegisterLentenRetreat](http://bit.ly/RegisterLentenRetreat)



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on
February 20-21

Weekly Offertory

\$ 7,402.

Thank you

MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION

We remind everyone that next weekend, **March 6/7** we have our collection to help maintain our church property.

STEWARDSHIP

CONQUERING ALL THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST



In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

olic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship. Available in **English: Friday, March 5 at 7pm to Sunday, March 7 at 3pm.** Available in **Spanish: Friday, March 19 at 7pm to Sunday, March 21 at 2pm.** Contact Gerard & Marge 905-792-1925 or visit: www.wvme.org

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



A Catholic faith-based program consisting of a five-week grief support workshop. The online via ZOOM sessions will be every Tuesday starting **March 2, until March 30, from 7pm to 8:30pm.** There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required.

<http://bit.ly/BS-RegisterMar2021>
Your registration confirmation email will include details on how to join the online Zoom sessions.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for **2021** are available at the entrance of the church or call the Parish Office to arrange to pick up a box. 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

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.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, your **2020** donation tax receipts will be mailed out to you. Please notify the Accounting Office by email or by phone at ext. 206 if you have changed your contact information.

SHARELIFE IMPACT REPORT



So many of our parishioners gave generously to the ShareLife Campaign in 2020, despite COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of masses for much of the year. The difference you've made through your gift is detailed in ShareLife's 2020 Impact Report. From mental health services, to support for seniors, to assistance for young mothers: the report includes inspiring stories of real people you've helped during the pandemic. The 2020 edition adopts a new interactive format, providing a fresh, engaging way to learn about the work of ShareLife and Catholic Charities agencies. To view the interactive report online, visit sharelife.org/impact. To request a printed copy, take a moment and email: slife@archtoronto.org. Thank you for living the Gospel!

COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE



Monday, February 22, 2021, York Region returned to the Covid-19 Response Framework and as now in the **Red (Control) Zone**. A reminder that

Red Zone restrictions for places of worship are as follows: 30% capacity (observing social distancing) for liturgical and sacramental celebrations (Mass, Weddings, Funerals, Reconciliation). Parish Offices with limited operating hours (1-2 days/week maximum), only essential visitors **by appointment only**. Office staff will continue to work from home where possible. While we apologize for the confusion, we want to ensure we can maximize capacity at mass wherever possible. For now, our weekend and weekday mass schedule will remain as is and we ask everyone to adhere to the rules and guidelines that are outlined weekly in our bulletins and on our parish website. Please review the Worship Safe Guidelines. Thank you for your support during this time of pandemic.

WORSHIP SAFE GUIDELINES

The Eventbrite link to register is on the parish website. Click on: **“Register for Mass”** and complete the registration.

- ◆ Each person in your household, who will be attending needs to be registered individually.
- ◆ Registration does not apply to the weekend Spanish Mass.
- ◆ Capacity remains at 30%
- ◆ Registration is required for the celebrations of Solemnity and Feast Days.
- ◆ If you do not have access to the internet, please call the office, before 5 pm on Thursdays and we will register for you.
- ◆ There is absolutely **no singing** other than by the cantor. Singing potentially spreads airborne contagion a distance of 10 feet. **Please do not sing.**
- ◆ Everyone must continue to wear a face mask when inside the church. Masks must be in place when receiving the host and not removed till 6 feet away from the priest or deacon.

- ◆ The host must be consumed before you return to your seat.
- ◆ **Do not carry the host to your pew or outside of the church.**
- ◆ Volunteers are not required to register as they will not be occupying the pews.
- ◆ We ask parishioners to self-assess before coming to all masses. Simply copy and paste the link below, into your browser, for complete self-assessment information.
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>
- ◆ For your safety, washrooms are closed till further notice.
- ◆ arrive 30 minutes or more before mass begins so our volunteers have time to welcome, screen and direct you to your seat.
- ◆ doors will be locked when mass starts and you will have to register for another mass if you arrive late.
- ◆ Anyone with mobility issues will be moved to the front of the line and seated in designated pews.
- ◆ Seating is not optional and will be assigned. Parishioners are **asked to remain in the seat assigned to them** to respect the safety of others.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

As we return to 30% capacity, we need more screening and seating volunteers for the weekday masses. Please contact the parish office to volunteer, especially if you regularly attend any weekday masses, (must be 18+).



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is now open, **by appointment only** on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's form **9am to 5pm**.

SUBSCRIBE



February 24, 2021



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent is a penitential season in which, each year, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter by following the call of Jesus to engage in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This past year of pandemic has itself been a kind of penitential season, forcing us to consider our human fragility, and the stark fact of sickness and death. Many people have experienced great privation, which has come uninvited, and not as a penitential choice. And yet, just as the voluntary penances of Lent can lead us to a deeper appreciation of our human frailty – the fact that we are dust and to dust we shall return - and of our need for God, so too we pray that these involuntary privations may be experienced in a way that will lead not to fruitless anger, but to a deeper self awareness, and to compassion for our neighbours who are suffering. Especially in a time of crisis, our sacramental life is essential. Here is an update on the operation of churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto. As of this writing, the following restrictions remain in effect for places of worship in the archdiocese:

Durham Region, Simcoe County, Orangeville and York Region churches – these areas have returned to the “Red” (Control) designation, as determined by the Province of Ontario. This permits churches in these regions to operate sacramental celebrations at 30% capacity.

Toronto and Peel Region churches – the province, in consultation with local medical officers of health, has extended the stay-at-home order in these regions until at least March 8, 2021, restricting places of worship to no more than 10 people (including the celebrant) in the church at any given time.

I am heartened that public Masses have returned to more than 35% of our parishes. Where this is not yet possible, I have asked all parishes to remain open each day for a period of private prayer. Permission has also been granted to parishes in these regions to continue to offer Holy Communion services on the weekend. Please check with your local parish regarding their current schedule.

I am grateful for the many sacrifices that you have made over the past 11 months. Throughout the pandemic, out of love for neighbour, in an effort to minimize the transmission of Covid-19, we have followed the health authorities’ direction on significant restrictions, limiting the ability of the faithful to gather. This has resulted in great spiritual sacrifice and pain for all of us, and especially for those who are isolated and vulnerable.

Despite temporary restrictions, we need to worship together, and to return to our full sacramental life as soon as is possible. We continue to urge that places of worship be treated equitably by the province; for example, it is only fair that there be a consistent approach to restrictions as they relate to retail businesses and to places of worship. Recently, a coalition of faith leaders has written to Premier Ford, highlighting the essential nature of in-person communal worship and spiritual support. If the government does not address these issues sufficiently, we will be asking for your assistance in contacting our elected officials to amplify our voices.

Once again, thank you for the sacrifices you have made. We pray for those who have died and for those who are sick, as we pray that this pandemic may soon come to an end. May God continue to bless you. Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas Cardinal Collins

† Thomas Card. Collins

Archbishop of Toronto

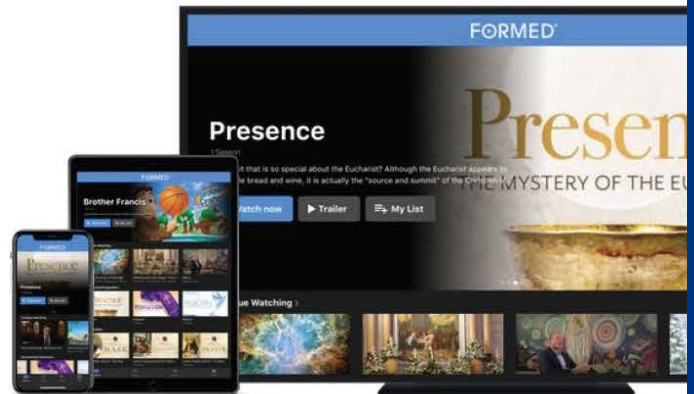
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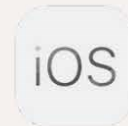
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