

# St. John Chrysostom

Roman Catholic Church - Established 1841

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## Weekend Masses

**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 pm  
**Sunday**  
9:00 am &  
12:00 pm (Spanish)  
(available live streamed)

## Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday 12 noon  
Thursday 9:00 am  
Friday 9:00 am  
(available live streamed)

## Communion Services

live streamed only  
Monday & Saturday  
9:00 am  
Exposition  
Friday  
(1pm to 7pm)

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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](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 Gismondi

Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 13

5:00 pm Mass

♦ Pro-populo

#### Sunday, March 14

9:00 am Mass

♦ Pro-populo

12:00 pm (Spanish)

† Esmeralda Alvarado Yanez

† Amalia Franco de Cruz

† Penilla Segura

♦ Marina Cruz de Morales

♦ Eduardo Castaneda &  
Edelmira Ramirez

#### Tuesday, March 16

7:00 pm Mass

† Edward James Moore

♦ Justin Panganiban Halifax

#### Wednesday, March 17

12:00 pm Mass

♦ Escolastica Furtado

♦ Justin Panganiban Halifax

#### Thursday, March 18

9:00 am Mass

♦ Reynaldo & Agnes Aquino

♦ Justin Panganiban Halifax

#### Friday, March 19

9:00 am Mass

† Josefina Aquino

♦ Justin Panganiban Halifax

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

MARCH 15-20

The vigil lamp burns for  
all souls in purgatory

*Parishioners are welcome to  
book the Sanctuary Lamp.*

*Please contact the parish office.*

#### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

##### For the Sick:

Jennifer Fantasia

Justin Panganiban Halifax

##### For the Deceased:

Harold Way

Bernard Kuiack

Jack Follows



We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping others to carry their heavier crosses.

#### A PLACE TO WORSHIP CAMPAIGN



Throughout the pandemic, places of worship have followed provincial restrictions and their own strict health and safety protocols. The most recent announcement eases the rules for retailers, allowing 25% capacity while places of worship are restricted to 10 people, whether they can accommodate 100 or 1,000 people. Please visit [aplacetoworship.ca](http://aplacetoworship.ca) and ask your MPP and Premier Ford to address this inequity today. For extensive details please read the letter from Cardinal Collins on **page 8** of today's bulletin.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A reminder that 2021 membership fees are due. Fees are \$25 and can be dropped off in the rectory mailbox, in the collection box in the church, or mailed to the church at 432 Ontario Street, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 2K4. Remember to include your name with the fee and indicate CWL membership on the envelope to ensure that it is properly directed.



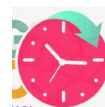
#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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 ON, L3Y 2K4.

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to move your clocks forward by ONE hour when you go to bed on Saturday, **March 14**.



#### URGENT CALL FOR 11AM SUNDAY MASS VOLUNTEERS

Beginning Palm Sunday, and hopefully going forward, we hope to add an **11am** mass on **Sundays** but we can't do it without YOU! At least 7 screening/ushering volunteers are needed to make this happen. Sanitizing after this mass will be performed by our Spanish Community. Please contact the office to volunteer, before March 20th, so we can arrange training.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



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.

#### 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 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 days 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.

**CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES**



Join the Filipino faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto for the virtual Inaugural Mass celebrating the 500th

Year Anniversary of the Arrival of Christianity in the Philippines, on Tuesday, **March 16** at **11am**. It was on March 16, 1521 when Christianity first came to the Philippines, making it the only predominantly Catholic nation in Asia. We encourage you to follow, join, and share the many other activities lined up for the celebration. Visit the website for details and watch the Inaugural Mass Tuesday **March 16** online at [www.ph500toronto.com](http://www.ph500toronto.com) or on YouTube: **Gifted to Give - Toronto 2021**. Maraming Salamat!

**MASS OF ST. PATRICK**



Watch the livestream annual Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral on **March 17** at **10am**. Celebrant and homilist will be Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. The livestream can be accessed at:

[www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

**CHAT WITH CARDINAL COLLINS**

Join Women of the Word Toronto on **March 18 - 7pm-8pm** for this rare opportunity to speak with one of the successors of the Apostles. We ask that you send your questions in advance to:



[mary@wowblessingstoronto.com](mailto:mary@wowblessingstoronto.com) Names will not be used when questions are being addressed. Registration is required at:

[www.wowblessingstoronto.com](http://www.wowblessingstoronto.com)

**ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY MASS**



Friday, **March 19** at **7pm** livestreamed from Holy Cross Family Ministries, St. Ann Parish

<http://bit.ly/hcfm-youtube>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us via Live Stream or in person for the Stations of the Cross every **Friday** during Lent at **7pm** up to and including **Friday, March 26**. Registration is mandatory.



**PRIVATE PRAYER**

Fridays **1pm** to **7pm**.



Call, email the parish office or register online through Eventbrite on our parish website.

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Registration mandatory: online or call the parish office to register.

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Registration is not required, however, you will be asked to sign in with name and phone number so please arrive early.

**VOCATIONS**

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call: Fr. Matt McCarthy: 416-968-0997



**COME & SEE WEEKEND**



Single men who are 17+ years of age, are invited via Zoom **March 26-27** to experience deeper prayer and reflection on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciple's as a Catholic priest. For information and to register contact:

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on  
March 6-7  
**Offertory**

**\$ 9,985.**

*Thank you*

### WHO ARE YOU?

If you are currently using Envelope # **195** or # **160** please call the parish office immediately to give us your contact information.

### STEWARDSHIP CARRYING OUR CROSSES



In the first reading from 2 Chronicles we hear about how God's messengers were persecuted and despised for listening to God. As stewards, we will often also face difficulties in our ministry which is a share in the cross of Christ. To suffer for Christ is a great dignity so the next time we encounter sufferings in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."

### EASTER FLOWERS

Every year we welcome your generous contributions in order to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. This practice provides us with the opportunity to express gratitude or a way to remember someone in a special way. For those of you who do not have a box of envelopes, Easter Flower Envelopes will be available at the entrance of the church next weekend to facilitate your contributions. Thank you.



### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR KIDS

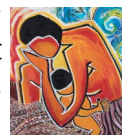


Tune in to Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping from home due to the pandemic or just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life. **Friday's-9:30am, Saturday's-4pm, Sunday's 7am and 2:30pm.** Visit us On demand:

[www.slmedia.org/yeslord](http://www.slmedia.org/yeslord)

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021-VANUATU

This years' service, traditionally held on the first Friday of March, is avail-



able virtually now, anytime until March 15. To view the video which includes prayers, hymns, readings, and background about the islands of Vanuatu NE of Australia, you can join women across Canada by going to: [wicc.org](http://wicc.org) and click on the "One Hour Service Video" button. All are welcome!

### DEEPEN YOUR FAITH SHORT COURSES

Introducing: a nine-course, scaled-down version of the curriculum offered at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology. Focusing on Scripture, doctrine, and the Christian life. Become a student of theology at your own pace. Cost \$23/month. For information: <https://bit.ly/38b2aGR>



### CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Online counselling services available for individuals, couples or families. Leave a message with your name, email and phone number and a staff person will contact you. Call 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048 email at:

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



### SHARELIFE 2021 CAMPAIGN



The pandemic has significantly impacted the needs of those suffering within our community, creating an increased demand for the work of our agencies. It is the greatest need we have ever witnessed, and we are being called to rise to the challenge to support them. We thank you in advance for all that you currently do and all that you will do to promote the work of ShareLife-funded agencies this year. Due to the pandemic the collection dates for the **2021** campaign have shifted to the weekends of **April 17-18, June 19-20** and **October 2-3**. We recognize that any parish with ShareLife envelopes in their parish envelope boxes will have different dates on them; if parishioners contribute funds on the previously scheduled collection dates, that is appreciated, and we thank them for their support. Yours in Christ, Arthur Peters-Executive Director.

## 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.

## 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%, Eventbrite registration limited to 80 people/Mass
- ◆ 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, with Eventbrite Registrations at 80 people/Mass, 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 from **9am to 5pm.**

## Feast Of Saint Joseph

The season of Lent is interrupted by the Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of Mary. With exception of Our Lady, there is no greater saint in Heaven than St Joseph. This feast originated in the 15th century and was extended to the whole Church in 1621. In 1847 Blessed Pius IX named St Joseph Patron of the Universal Church.



### Novena to St. Joseph – Starting March 10th

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph,  
faithful follower of Jesus Christ,  
to you do we raise our hearts and hands,  
to implore your powerful intercession  
in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus  
all the helps and graces necessary  
for our spiritual and temporal welfare,  
particularly the grace of a happy death,  
and the special favour we now implore  
*(Mention your petition. Then say the following seven times  
in honor of the seven sorrows and joys of St. Joseph)*

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph,  
through the love that you bore to Jesus Christ,  
and for the glory of His Holy Name,  
deign to hear our prayers  
and obtain for us our petitions.

O Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
come to our assistance. Amen (7 times)

### Act of Consecration to St Joseph – Recited on March 19th

O Blessed St. Joseph! I consecrate myself to thy honor,  
and give myself to thee, that thou Mayest always be my father,  
my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life.  
After thy example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God,  
in union with the divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate of Mary!

And do thou, O Blessed Joseph, pray for me,  
that I may experience the peace and joy of a holy death. Amen

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul;

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony;

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, May I breath forth my soul in peace with you.

St. Joseph, model and Patron of those who love the Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
pray for us.

## Feast Of Saint Patrick

### Saint Patrick, Apostle of Ireland

#### Feast Day: March 17th



The field of St. Patrick's labors was the most remote part of the then known world. The seed he planted in faraway Ireland, which before his time was largely pagan, bore a rich harvest: whole colonies of saints and missionaries were to rise up after him to serve the Irish Church and to carry Christianity to other lands. We know of a certainty that Patrick was of Romano-British origin and born about the year 389. His father, Calpornius, was a deacon, his grandfather a priest, for at this time no strict law of celibacy had been imposed on the Christian clergy.

Patrick died about 461, and was buried near the fortress of Saul, in the vicinity of the future cathedral town of Down. He

was intensely spiritual, a magnetic personality with great gifts for action and organization. He brought Ireland into much closer contact with Europe, especially with the Holy See. The building up of the weak Christian communities which he found on arrival and planting the faith in new regions give him his place as the patron of Ireland. His feast day is one of festivity, and widely observed.

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity.

(The term breastplate refers to armor worn in battle.)



### St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through a belief in the Threeness,  
Through a confession of the oneness  
Of the Creator of Creation.



March 5, 2021

My dear friends,

A few days ago, a movie scout contacted one of our churches to inquire whether the basement hall could be used to feed a crew of 50 people. “We have dispensation from the province and strict protocols will be enforced.” Later in the week, the priest presided at a funeral in the same church, limited to 10 people inside (including himself).

Which of these do we consider more essential?

I have been providing updates to you throughout this period of pandemic. We have also been working closely with the Government of Ontario to ensure that restrictions are respected as we collectively fight a virus that has, thus far, taken the lives of more than 22,000 Canadians.

I do not believe that our elected officials and medical officers of health consciously intend to suppress religious freedom; I realize that they are in an extremely difficult position. We do, however, ask to be treated equitably. In recent days, it is becoming more difficult to believe that is happening.

It is now appropriate for us to respectfully amplify our concerns. I am asking you to take two minutes to write to your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP). A copy of your letter will also be shared with Premier Ford.

The province has relaxed restrictions in Grey (Lockdown) regions, with retailers permitted to operate at 25 per cent capacity. Yet places of worship, regardless of whether they seat 100 or 1,000 people, must remain at a hard cap of 10 people. Next week, a funeral at St. Michael’s Cathedral (capacity 1,500) will be capped at 10 people, while around the corner dozens can enter the local liquor store and thousands will visit the Eaton Centre. This makes no sense.

I encourage all of you, whether you are in the Grey Zone (Toronto and Peel Regions as of March 8) or an area where churches can open at greater, but still greatly limited capacity, to respectfully request that any restrictions for places of worship use a percentage of capacity as opposed to an arbitrary number. This is an interfaith initiative with participation from many faith communities.

We are still in the midst of fighting a pandemic and we must be prudent in our actions. Our strict WorshipSafe protocols in our churches have proven to be effective. It’s time to address the growing inequities facing our faith communities. I hope you will take a moment to share your concerns with your MPP. I am grateful for your patience and perseverance during these most challenging days.

May God continue to bless you now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

*† Thomas Card. Collins*

Thomas Cardinal Collins

Archbishop of Toronto



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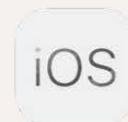
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