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## 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) live streamed available

**Office Hours:** 

Call the office to book

your appointment.

Weekday Masses	
Monday	9:00 am
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	12 noor
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am
live streamed available	

Communion Service Saturday: 9:00 am live streamed only

**Exposition** Friday's: **1pm-7pm** Registration is mandatory

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. In-person visits available by appointment only.

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.

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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 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		

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **Mass Intentions** Saturday, August 14 5:00 pm Mass Sunday, August 15 9:00 am Mass 12:00 pm (Spanish) • Emma Martinez • Esmeralda Alvarado Yanez Rafael Villarroel Ruiz Otilio Molina Rodriguez Monday, August 16 9:00 am Mass Noel de Iuan **Tuesday, August 17** 7:00 pm Mass Bernard Kuiack Francesco Garofolo Wednesday, August 18 12:00 pm Mass All Souls resting in St. John's Cemetery Thursday, August 19 9:00 am Mass Ann Asbreuk Bill McDonald Ernesto Siciliano Friday, August 20 9:00 am Mass Ivan Munoz Lourdes Halifax We ask for your prayers For the Sick: Giuseppe Di Capua Sandra Plaus Escolastica Furtado **Rosemary Verhoeven** Lorna **Richard Bromley** Sean Coen Maureen Gallacher For the Deceased: Doris Nocolson Francesco Garofolo Anne & Steven Gallacher Mary & Jim McQuillan Maria & Reginald Hodder **Gladys Shewell**



The last enemy to be destroyed is death. This feast certainly breaks the rhythm of Ordinary Time! Something astonishing happens to Mary. Its only precedent is the Resurrection of Jesus himself. The Book of Revelation rhapsodizes: "a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." Incredibly, the same destiny awaits us, says Paul; this is just the "first fruits." But Mary did not start in the sky. She started in the hills, going "in haste" to Elizabeth, barely catching her breath before her prophetic "Magnificat." Do I see Mary in my own life, as mother and model? Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Since I arrived in August 2020, we have had a modified Mass Schedule due to COVID-19. In the last couple of months there has been some changes and relaxation of protocols. Starting on the weekend of **September 4 and 5**, we will have some changes to the Mass Schedule. Saturday Mass will return and will be celebrated at 9 am, followed by Confessions for about an hour. We will continue to hear Confessions by appointment, as well.

## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 8:30 am 10am 12pm in Spanish **(Registration is mandatory for all weekend Masses only)** 

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: 8am Tuesday: 7pm Wednesday: 12pm Thursday: 8am Friday: 8am

On the First Friday of the Month: Mass at 7pm, after Benediction. There will be no morning Mass on the First Friday of every month.

Saturday: 9am

## (followed by Confessions)

The Stain Glass room (aka crying room) will be open, once again, with social distancing in place. One of the relaxations of procedures from the Archdiocese is that we are no longer required to sanitize the church, including washrooms, between Masses on the weekends. However, regular cleaning will continue. After consulting many medical experts, they have found that the transmission of the virus from touch points is unlikely. The evidence points towards airborne transmission. For that reason, the requirement of masks remains in place.

We are opening slowly and gradually, but I hope these changes help to bring back a sense of normalcy.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Landorff

## ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have completed the AODA/OHRC Training and the SurveyMonkey as well as updating your volunteer files. We are only halfway through having our many wonderful volunteers screened and trained and most of you have been contacted. The hard deadline for compliance to required screening and AODA training is August 31, so please contact: screening.stjc@gmail.com if your volunteer file is not complete and to confirm

when you have completed the AODA training and SurveyMonkey.

As per Archdiocesan Volunteer Screening Requirements, only screened and AODA trained parishioners will be eligible to resume a volunteer role.

Don't forget to select St John Chrysostom Newmarket in the SurveyMonkey pulldown menu as this is the only way you will appear on the parish list. AODA Online Training Modules Please complete all three (3) steps.

"If you do not have a computer, please contact the parish office at extension 202 and our Screening Coordinator will provide you with a manual training package and a screening package if your file is not complete." Thank you.

#### **ANNUAL MASS FOR THE** FAITHFUL DEPARTED

St John's invites parishioners to attend in person or livestream, the **12pm** Mass on August 18 in honour of our faithful departed now resting in St. John's Cemetery.



#### **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

Due to COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass has been cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. will celebrate and livestream a special Mass on Wednesday, August 18, at 7pm St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Please visit us at:

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

#### 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.

#### LIVING THE GOSPEL

"ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people ShareLife since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve. "We can help alleviate the suffering of those whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. Let us say yes to Jesus' call to live the Gospel by providing for those in need." Cardinal **Thomas Collins** 

Our next 2 collections will take place in **October.** Our parish goal this year is **\$106,000**. We are at **76.1%** of our goal with a total of **\$80,666,** collected.

> *Congratulations to the* parishioners of St. John's

**OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION** 

Collection received on

August 7-8 Offertory

**\$9.233**.

Thank you for your generous support.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**



Offertory envelopes for **2021** are available at the en-

trance of the church or call the Parish Office to arrange to pick up a box.

#### **Mysterious Persons**

Envelope users # **242** and **252.** We have neither your name nor your address. Please contact the parish office and we will reward you with an income tax receipt.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The next 50/50 jackpot draw will be September **30**. **2021**, tickets available at: https://bit.ly/32Gy5fa

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE We thank all the women of our parish who continue to

participate and support our organization and our parish community. Thank you.

#### **SACRAMENTS 2021-2022**

First Eucharist and Confirmation Pre Registration for the year **2021-2022** will be announced in the next few weeks. Be sure to follow the parish bulletin. website and our Facebook page to stay informed.

## Together We Pray



For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance.

Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen.

#### VOCATIONS

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". Perhaps the way Christ has called you to magnify the Lord is through the priesthood or religious life. If you think this might be the case, call: Fr. Matt McCarthy

416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org

#### PRIVATE PRAYER



Private Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays **1pm** to **7pm**. Registration is mandatory.

St. John Chrysostom Dray for us

#### SANCTUARY LAMP August 15-20

All Souls in Purgatory

MARRIAGE PREP COURSES Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, call or email for details on their **2021** course programs. Contact: 905-278-5229 or email:

#### SUMMER RETREAT SERIES

Endorsed by the Archdiocese of Toronto, Catholic Land in Holland Landing: Aug. 21-9am-12pm: Loving the Liturgy -Being Nourished by the Mass: a reflection on the importance of the Mass for our spiritual lives and Who Do You Say That I Am? and other questions Christ asks us. Sept. 18 -9am-12pm: A contemplation of the questions that Christ asks us in the Gospels and how they are relevant to our everyday lives. To ensure the health and safety of participants, Covid-19 retreat protocols similar to those of the Archdiocese will be enforced. Details and registration at: catholicland.com/register or call: 647-834-2046

#### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

You can register your children to attend a York Catholic elementary or secondary school for classes starting in **September**, by visiting:

www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

If you've been craving an opportunity to connect with others serving in parish ministry, to pray together, to learn together and to be re-energized, you won't want to miss this upcoming conference taking place from October 26-30. This years theme, "With Burning Hearts", is a virtual and interactive conference. Come and rediscover how every parish ministry is catechetical and how we can apply this learning in our pandemic and post-pandemic times. Registration opens August 7. Join our email list to receive conference updates:

https://bit.ly/OFDFlocknote-SignUp

#### **CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP**

Thinking of starting a Catholic Moms Group? You're invited to join our virtual Introductory Workshop from the comfort of your home or office. **September 8–10am-12pm.** To register contact:

https://bit.ly/HowTo StartCMG

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

If you previously subscribed to our Parish Bulletin through our old website, you will need to '**subscribe again'** through our New Parish Website to automatically receive a digital copy of the bulletin. Using the link below, scroll down the list and select "**Parish Bulletins**" at the very bottom. The bulletin will then be sent to you every Saturday morning.



https://stjohnchrysostomne.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/

## CCCB STATEMENT Delegation to the Holy See

Following the 10 June 2021 announcement regarding the delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing, the Catholic Bishops of Canada are pleased to announce that the delegation is scheduled to take place from 17-20 December 2021 in compliance with global travel restrictions.

Pope Francis is deeply committed to hearing directly from Indigenous Peoples, expressing his heartfelt closeness, addressing the impact of colonization and the role of the Church in the residential school system, in the hopes of responding to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma. The Bishops of Canada are deeply appreciative of the Holy Father's spirit of openness in generously extending an invitation for personal encounters with each of the three distinct groups of delegates – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – as well as a final audience with all delegates together on 20 December 2021.

This pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country, accompanied by a small group of Bishops and Indigenous leaders. Planning for the delegation is ongoing and further details will be announced when they are available.

The Bishops of Canada reaffirm their sincere hope that these forthcoming encounters will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada. 29 June 2021

For complete information and resources visit: www.archtoronto.org



#### June 3, 2021

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it." (1 Cor 12:26)

In recent days, the country has been shocked, saddened and angered by the discovery of the remains of 215 children in unmarked graves who attended a residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. We pray for the children who died in Kamloops and in residential schools throughout the country – they must not be forgot-

ten. We must also recognize the betrayal of trust by many Catholic leaders who were responsible for operating residential schools, abandoning their obligation to care for young and innocent children. We all seek the truth and this tragic discovery provides yet another opportunity for us to learn more about this dark chapter in our history and the painful journey experienced by so many of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

There is much more work to be done. Since the 1990's, many of the Catholic entities responsible for the operation of residential schools have apologized publicly for their actions and have journeyed together with victims on the path to truth and reconciliation. This includes the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the religious order that operated the residential school in Kamloops, which over the weekend again apologized for its role in the residential school system. Pope Benedict XVI also had the chance to meet with Indigenous leaders in 2009 to personally express his sorrow and anguish.

These actions do not erase our history; they acknowledge our past, force us to face the consequences of our behaviour and compel us to ensure that our sins are not repeated.

While the Archdiocese of Toronto did not operate residential schools, we join with the Indigenous peoples, the Catholic community and Canadians from coast to coast to coast in a period of collective grief for those who are physically, emotionally and spiritually wounded. This Sunday, I will offer Mass for those who died or were abused at residential schools and for all those who deal with the intergenerational trauma caused by this system. We must also continue to build on the tangible initiatives present throughout the country, like the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, where bishops and priests, women religious, laity and Indigenous peoples are committed to walking together on a path to reconciliation.

As I have stated previously when speaking of abuse in the Church, the real scandal is when evil festers in the darkness. Once in the open, evil can be rooted out. That must happen. Then new life can begin. Let us journey together to find light through the darkness once again. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Thomas Collins

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Archbishop of Toronto

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Residential Schools – June 2021

There has been considerable media coverage and discussion in recent days following the discovery of children's remains at the former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. The discovery has reopened a painful wound for many in our country and has identified the need for all Canadians to learn more about our history, the role of residential schools as part of that journey and to seek the truth regarding all those who suffered and continue to do so to this day.

The abuse of Indigenous peoples is a dark chapter in the history of Canada and the Catholic Church. While the Church has cared for and served Indigenous people in many ways, it is undeniable that some members of the Church undermined the dignity of First Nations people. There is evidence that much of this abuse occurred at residential schools, which were largely operated by Christian denominations. This communication is intended to provide some context and address some frequently asked questions about this important issue. We must all join in the collective efforts on the path to healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

## 1. I am deeply troubled by the discovery of children's remains in Kamloops on the site of a former residential school. Who operated the school?

The discovery of 215 unmarked graves in late May 2021 will require further investigation to help seek the truth of who these children were, how they died and how they were buried so far from home. The school was built and initially operated by the federal government, opening in 1890. In 1892, the federal government asked a Catholic order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, to take over operations, which they did until 1969. The federal government resumed operations of the school from 1969 until its closure in 1979. The religious order issued a formal apology in 1991 in addition to paying settlements to residential school survivors. An excerpt of the apology reads as follows: "We wish to apologize in a very

particular way for the instances of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in those schools...Far from attempting to defend or rationalize these cases of abuse in any way, we wish to state publicly that we acknowledge they were inexcusable, intolerable and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically, apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing."

## 2. Is the Catholic Church assisting with the efforts to seek the truth in Kamloops and elsewhere?

Father Ken Thorson, current Superior of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, has reached out to the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc Chief Rosanne Casimir to offer assistance and to express sympathies following the discovery of the remains of 215 children on the grounds of the former school. Father Thorson has communicated that records from the Kamloops Indian Residential School are with the Royal British Columbia Museum and has indicated the order will assist in sharing any information regarding records at this and other locations where the order operated schools.

Among the groups of dioceses and religious communities that operated residential schools, there is a spirit of cooperation with Indigenous peoples with regards to personal records and information relating to the former schools. At the same time, there are also privacy rights, including those of Indigenous peoples who attended these schools, which need to be taken into consideration on a case by case basis.

# 3. Why aren't we hearing an apology from the Catholic Church in Canada?

There is no such entity as the Catholic Church of Canada. Each Catholic diocese and religious order is an independent legal entity. Despite this reality, in 1991, Canadian Catholic Bishops, along with leaders of men and women religious communities, issued a statement that "We are sorry and deeply regret the pain, suffering and alienation that so many experienced" at residential schools. Approximately 16 out of 70 Roman Catholic dioceses in Canada were associated with the former residential schools, in addition to about three dozen out of over one hundred Catholic institutes (commonly referred to as religious orders). Each diocese and institute is corporately and legally responsible for its own actions. Many of the dioceses or orders operating schools have offered apologies, dating back to the early 1990s. In recent days, many bishops throughout Canada have

offered statements and introduced other initiatives to continue our ongoing path to truth and reconciliation.

#### A listing of some of the numerous apologies and other resources can be found at:

www.cccb.ca/indigenouspeoples/ indian-residential-schools-andtrc/

## 4. Did the Archdiocese of Toronto operate residential schools?

The Archdiocese of Toronto did not operate residential schools yet we share the collective grief and sorrow as the result of any representative of the Catholic Church inflicting pain or abuse on an individual, especially vulnerable children.

# 5. Have Indigenous leaders met with the Pope?

Yes, in 2009, the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Phil Fontaine, along with other Indigenous representatives, had a moving encounter with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican. In describing the meeting, Chief Fontaine told the media he hoped the expression of regret would "close the book" on the issue of apologies for residential school survivors. Another attendee at the meeting with Pope Benedict, Edward John, Grand Chief of the First Nations Summit in British Columbia, said the Pope acknowledged the suffering of those who are still living with the effects of their experiences at the schools. In comments to the media he said, "I think in that sense, there was that apology that we were certainly looking for." The Catholic Church continues to work alongside and with Indigenous communities in order to foster an

ongoing culture of reconciliation. There have been, and continue to be, numerous initiatives by Catholic dioceses, institutes and organizations throughout Canada to assist with support the ongoing healing and reconciliation journey.

## 6. I understand there was a formal request in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report for the Pope to personally apologize in Canada?

The Holy Father has already been invited to Canada by the present and previous Prime Minister. The Catholic Bishops of Canada, including the current and past Presidents of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, have assured the Pope they would joyfully and gratefully welcome him in a visit to Canada. Likewise, in a number of instances, Canadian Bishops, individually and collectively, have formally invited Pope Francis to visit, including with specific reference to Call to Action #58 (a recommendation of the 2015 Truth & Reconciliation Commission asking the Holy Father to apologize on Canadian soil within one year of the report being issued). Pope Francis has encouraged the Bishops to continue taking leadership and assuming their proper role in pursuing their pastoral engagement and reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples, including ongoing conversations among the Bishops and Elders. This work builds on past apologies, dialogue and the desire to move forward together. A formal papal visit involves a number of steps from both government and church

leadership as well as significant logistical, financial commitments and other considerations. No papal visit has been publicly announced at this time.

## 7. Will the Catholic Church pay financial reparations to those harmed by residential schools?

The Catholic entities that operated residential schools were part of the 2006 Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA). The Holy See and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops were never involved in running the former schools. The "Roman Catholic Entities" named as parties in the IRSSA were legally deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of the settlement

agreement by a judicial review. Following this review, the former Conservative government released the entities from further obligations – a decision which the present Liberal government did not appeal.

The 50 or so individual entities which signed the IRSSA paid: i. **\$29 million in cash** (less legal costs);

## ii. more than the required \$25 million of "in-kind" contributions; and

iii. an additional \$3.7 million from
a "best efforts" campaign.
Those same entities, together with other dioceses, institutes and national Catholic organizations, continue to be involved in efforts across the country to provide inkind contributions, which go well beyond the scope of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement.

