



St. John Chrysostom

Roman Catholic Church - Established 1841

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:00 am

12:00 pm (Spanish)

live stream available

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

First Friday

Mass at 7:00 pm

No morning Mass on
First Friday

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass
or by appointment

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Office Hours:

Call the office to book
your appointment.

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

In-person visits available Tuesday through Friday 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.

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

ScreeningSTJC@archtoronto.org

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 12

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Monday, December 13

8:00 am Mass

† Peter & Mary Ennamorato

† Josephine Khashmanian

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 pm Mass

† Gerald Hearty

♦ Lourdes Halifax

Wednesday, December 15

12:00 pm Mass

† Giovanna Chimienti

♦ Escolastica Furtado

Thursday, December 16

8:00 am Mass

† Gerald Hearty

† Giuseppe Di Capua

1:30 pm Funeral Mass

† Paul Gregory Kelly

Friday, December 17

8:00am Mass

♦ Erin & Brandon Caruana

Saturday, December 18

9:00 am Mass

† Pamela Gingras

† Patrick & Rita Shibley



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS



To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. This year, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions in all parishes during the week of December 12-18. In our parish, confessions will take place on **Wednesday, December 15** from **3pm - 6pm** and **7pm - 8:30pm**. Registration is not necessary; walk-ins will be accepted, and confessions heard on a first-come, first-served basis.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Christmas Food Drive

December 18/19, before and after all weekend masses parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable and non-expired food items or cash to our Christmas Food Drive. All donations going to the Newmarket Food Bank. CWL members will be on hand in the parking lot beside the church to accept your donations. Please be generous with your gifts, Thank you. The general meeting for December is cancelled. Please remember the annual membership fees of \$25. are now due. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm

7:00 pm Spanish

10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm (Spanish)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm (Spanish)

OFFICE HOURS

Friday, December 24

9:00am – 12Noon

December 25, 26, 27 & 28 — Office Closed

Friday, December 31st

9:00am – 12Noon

January 1, 2, & 3, 2022 — Office Closed

Attendance is fully booked for Christmas Eve 5:00pm & 10:00pm and Christmas Day 10:00am.

Livestreaming will be available for all Christmas and New Year's Masses

Registration is mandatory for all remaining Christmas & New Year's Masses



SANCTUARY

LAMP

December 12-18

For the Health of
Ying Fong Lee

We ask for your prayers

For the Sick:

Jake Tallon, Bill Jonkman,
Jennifer Fantasia, Ann Allen,
Brian Allen, Lani Lat, Paul Jennas,
Neil Thomas Brochu

For the Deceased:

Vito Dellino
Paul Gregory Kelly

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2022 EXTENSION GRANTED

Attention!

Due to the overwhelming number of requests that continue to be made for the 2022 First Communion and Confirmation Programs, the Registration date has been extended to **5pm on Friday, December 17, 2021**. Anyone contacting the parish office after 5pm on Friday, December 17, 2021, will be deferred to the following year, 2023.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

If your child is registered in the 2022 First Communion or Confirmation Program you are required to attend an Orientation Session. Call the office asap if you have not been contacted to schedule your Orientation Session. The next available Orientation date is **December 22**, call the office, registration is mandatory.

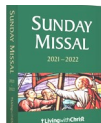


FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We welcome your help by making donations toward the cost of flowers this Christmas. These donations may be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" or "In Thanksgiving". For those of you using offertory envelopes, there is a special envelope included in your box of envelopes. For those of you who do not use envelopes, there are 'Flowers For Christmas' envelopes available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office.

SUNDAY MISSALS

2021-2022 Sunday Missals are available Tuesday to Friday from **9am to 5pm** at the cost of **\$6.00** per missal. Call the parish office to make your purchase.



We'd like to remind everyone that we need your cooperation in maintaining a safe space for our weekend Masses. Please remember to Register for weekend Mass through Eventbrite or call the parish office before Friday and we will be happy to register for you. **Registering for Mass and arriving 15 to 20 minutes before the mass begins will help our volunteers to know how many walk-ins they have room to accept, after you are seated, so mass can begin on time.** Please help our volunteers as they continue to serve our parish community.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office continues to function on 'reduced public hours' as mandated by the Archdiocese of Toronto. The office is open to receive and respond to phone calls and emails from Monday through Friday **9am to 5pm**, and Saturday's **9am to 12pm**; however, in-person visits are only available Tuesday through Friday **9am - 5pm** and **by appointment only**. We thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate the rules surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

WRITING CONTEST 2022



It is time again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students ages 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500 word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2022. The theme of the contest is: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt,2:2). The deadline for your submission is Monday, **February 14, 2022 at 2pm**. For contest details visit:

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

VOCATIONS



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS



In 1910 Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America, and in 1945 Pope Pius XII declared Her to be the Empress of all the Americas. She appeared to an Indian convert named Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless and is kept in the shrine built in her honor, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe

MORNING OFFERING TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Heart of my Mother,
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
I unite to thy purity,
thy sanctity, thy zeal and
thy love, all my thoughts,
words, acts, and
sufferings this day,
that there may be nothing in
me that does not become
through thee, a pleasure to
Jesus, a gain to souls,
and an act of reparation
for the offenses
against thy Heart.



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on
December 4-5

Offertory

\$9,705.

Maintenance Fund

\$1,001.

Benevolent Fund Collection

We remind everyone that next week-end, December 18-19 there is a collection for the Benevolent Fund. This is a parish effort to assist those in unusual yet legitimate occasional need. Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you to the
parishioners of St. John's for
making Stewardship
a way of life.

STEWARDSHIP

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE



On this Gaudete Sunday we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all of His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

To find these inspiring reflections written in the light of the weekly Sunday readings please visit the stewardship website at:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3DEPKH9](https://bit.ly/3DEPKH9)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Offertory envelopes for **2022** 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 2022 envelopes:

- **Start using the envelopes on January 1, 2022.**
- For the month of January, fill in your name and address on each envelope.
- 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.

SCAM ALERT

We have received reports of fraudulent messages being distributed from the email accounts of members of the Archdiocese of Toronto. This is a reminder that we must be mindful of email scams that victimize members of our community. To protect against email scams, please change your email password regularly. If you receive a suspicious email from someone you know or from someone who is requesting money, please contact them on a trusted phone number to ensure they actually sent the message. No one from the Archdiocese of Toronto or from St. John Chrysostom Parish would ask you for **iTunes gift cards** or send a message with the subject matter: **"Have you got a minute?"**. If your email account has been hacked, please contact MIS at: 416-934-3400 ext. 311.



RENOVATION PROJECTS

Construction has begun with the installation of our new boiler system, a process that will take a few weeks to complete. You may find the church cooler than normal while we complete this work. We would've liked to have completed this sooner but we've had delays due to the impact of the pandemic. Please consider bringing or wearing a heavier coat to mass.

Monday, November 22 we saw the start of our brick renewal project on the bell tower (we've had the same delays with this too as with the boiler project.) The work involves checking and replacing a number of bricks that have been showing signs of deterioration. This will help keep our building watertight and safe. During this work the upper portion of the south parking lot next to the rectory will be closed to everyone Monday to Friday from 7am to 5pm. It will be open on weekends. The rectory mailbox will be unavailable Monday to Friday from 7am to 5pm. During this time, all items for the rectory mailbox should be brought to the parish office

Also, in the near future, we will be replacing the ovens in our Parish Hall.

All these projects will use the Family of Faith funds to complete. They are part of the infrastructure maintenance and renovations to the Parish Hall. The Parish Building Committee, Finance Council, the Pastor, and our Regional Bishop have been consulted, and they have approved these projects.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work through these very important projects. Dan Christante - Property Manager

Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Provide an Update on Delegation to Rome

December 7, 2021,

After careful assessment of the uncertainty and potential health risks surrounding international travel amid the recent spread of the Omicron variant, the Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami have jointly decided to reschedule a delegation to the Vatican in December 2021 to the earliest opportunity in 2022.

The decision to postpone was a heartbreaking one, made after careful consultation with delegates, family members, community leaders, public health officials and the leadership of each of the three National Indigenous Organizations. Particularly for many elderly delegates as well as those who live in remote communities, the risk of infection and the fluid nature of the evolving global situation presents too great a threat at this time.

We take comfort in the desire, conveyed to us by the Holy See, that the safety of the delegation should inform any decision to move forward. It is also important to note that the delegation is postponed not cancelled.

Currently, the world's health experts are still learning about the transmissibility of the Omicron variant. As more information becomes available, we will continue to assess the feasibility of future travel plans, based on guidance from the Canadian government and relevant international authorities.

Our shared commitment to walking together towards healing and reconciliation remains strong. We understand that the Holy See is very much committed to rescheduling this visit in the new year and we look forward to the opportunity for Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth to participate in private meetings with Pope Francis



Canadian Bishops to Welcome Pope Francis to Canada on Historic Pilgrimage of Healing and Reconciliation

OTTAWA

October 27, 2021



The Catholic Bishops of Canada are grateful that Pope Francis has accepted their invitation to visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation. The Holy Father's full statement:

"The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited the Holy Father to make an apostolic journey to Canada, also in the context of the long-standing pastoral process of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. His Holiness has indicated his willingness to visit the country on a date to be settled in due course."

In anticipation of this visit, the planned delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and youth will travel to the Holy See, where they will have the opportunity to speak to Pope Francis about the timing, focus, and themes in preparation for his future pilgrimage to Canada.

"The Bishops of Canada have been engaged in meaningful discussions with Indigenous Peoples, especially those affected by Residential Schools who have shared stories about the suffering and challenges that they continue to experience," said CCCB President, the Most Rev. Raymond Poisson. "We pray that Pope Francis' visit to Canada will be a significant milestone in the journey toward reconciliation and healing."

The Canadian Bishops recently pledged to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit to Canada by the Pope. Following this pledge and informed by three years of ongoing dialogue between the Canadian Bishops, the Holy See, and Indigenous Peoples, the President and former-President of the CCCB met in Rome with the Secretary of State of the Holy See to discuss next steps on the reconciliation journey earlier this month and in preparation for the delegation.

This delegation to the Holy See will take place from December 17-20, 2021, and is being planned in close collaboration with National Indigenous Organizations and other partners.

"We will invite the delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and youth who will meet with Pope Francis to open their hearts to the Holy Father and share both their suffering as well as their hopes and desires for his eventual visit to Canada," added Bishop Poisson.

Additional details about Pope Francis' pilgrimage to Canada, as well as the Rome delegation will be announced by the CCCB as details are confirmed.

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

Letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins

October 27, 2021



I am most grateful that Pope Francis has accepted the invitation of the Bishops of Canada for a pastoral visit to advance the healing and reconciliation journey with the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

I reiterate the unequivocal apology of the Canadian bishops from earlier this year as we sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day.

We affirm our commitment to walk with the

Indigenous people on the lengthy path of healing and dialogue. I pray that the visit of the Holy Father will provide a space for that journey to continue through authentic encounters of compassion, understanding and reconciliation.

To assist in establishing the foundation for his pilgrimage to Canada, later this year, from December 17-20, the Holy Father will welcome a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people at the Vatican. Over the course of several days, through authentic listening and dialogue, Pope Francis will hear directly from those who have suffered.

I invite the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in prayer for all those who suffer from the legacy of the residential school system. We pray also for the delegates who will visit with the Holy Father in December. Finally, we keep Pope Francis close in prayer. May he be blessed with good health and strength to prepare him to join us at the appropriate moment to continue our journey of healing and reconciliation together.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Thomas Collins

+ Thomas Card. Collins

Archbishop of Toronto