



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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fr.landorff@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

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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

Epiphany of Our Lord

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 2

8:30 am Mass

10:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass (Spanish)

† Vivian Sors

† Oscar e Angelica Valery

† Gunter and Martha
Nuetzmann

† Jack Martin

Monday, January 3

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 pm Mass

† Gerry Hearty

† Jameel Antonio

Wednesday, January 5

12:00 pm Mass

† Gerry Hearty

† Jose Fernandes

Thursday, January 6

8:00 am Mass

Friday, January 7

7:00 pm Mass

† Mark & Elizabeth Stephen

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am Mass

SANCTUARY LAMP

January 2-8

Sanctuary Lamp burns
for the

Repose of the Soul of
Allison Morrison

*Parishioners are welcome to book
the Sanctuary Lamp.*

Please contact the parish office.

We ask for your prayers

For the Deceased:

Jim Antonio

Vito Dellino

Paul Gregory Kelly

Francesco Sorrento

Alex Sloman

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

To learn more about the Synod
on Synodality and to share
your thoughts, please visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/
synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality)



Christmas and the Epiphany challenge us to renew our appreciation of the commitment God has made to us by becoming human. In the person and life of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, God has demonstrated beyond all doubt how much He loves us and shares His life with us. God shares His life with us especially through the Church and the sacraments. In the person and life of Jesus Christ, God has embraced human nature completely and He has become one with it. This is the mystery of Christmas, and it remains true for all time and for all God's people everywhere.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wanted to greet you and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas! This year, we find ourselves dealing with uncertainty, chaos, worries and business in our lives.

Christmas will be different from last year's, which was quieter, simpler, and humbler, like the very first Christmas in Bethlehem. It is my hope that these difficult times bring us close to Christ. During this Christmas time, it is God who comes to us and gives us a most precious gift: his Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is looking for someone to welcome him, as we hear in the words of the Gospel; we just need to open the doors of our hearts to let him in. Will you be that person? The mystery of the Incarnation shows us that God is truly with us, Emmanuel. Jesus experienced fully our human condition, the joys, and sorrows of life. We are not alone. He is not indifferent, and he has not abandoned us. Christ comes to meet us in our daily life, with all its struggles.

I do not know what awaits us in the New Year but let us trust in God.

May the birth of our Savior fill you with love, joy, and peace!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Landorff Garcia

THANK YOU



St. John's would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Don Smart. The time you generously dedicated to the parish and to the community truly proved what we already know about you. Thank you, Don, for your kindness, loyalty and professionalism. May God bless you. Enjoy your retirement!

WELCOME

St. John's would like to welcome Chris West. Chris will manage the Cemetery Office at the parish. If you see him around, please introduce yourself and welcome him.

CANTORS NEEDED



Do you have a pleasant singing voice? And would like to proclaim the Word of God through song? contact the parish office to book your audition.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of New Year's Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday **January 3, 2022**. In the event of an emergency, please call 905-898-4137 ext. 306.



FIRST FRIDAY



We will celebrate First Friday Devotions on **January 7**. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction from **1pm** to **7pm** followed by the Holy Mass at **7pm**. Everyone is welcome, registration is not necessary. The **8am** morning Mass will be cancelled.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Classes begin on **January 5 or 6** depending upon which day and which time you signed up for. If your child has been registered and has not been assigned a class date, contact the parish office immediately.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION



Classes begin on **January 12 or 13** depending upon which day and which time you signed up for. You will be receiving an email no later than January 5, 2022 indicating which class your child has signed up for and the date of your child's First Communion Mass. If you do not receive an email by January 5, 2022, please email the parish office for clarification.

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.

WORSHIP SAFE UPDATE

Due to the latest COVID-Omicron Variant the Archdiocese has asked that we limit singing during mass to that of the **cantor only**. Help us by following the rules and protect your fellow parishioners; please **do not sing during Mass** until further notice.



VOCATIONS



"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on December 24-26

Offertory
\$8,746.

Thank you

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH: BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Effective **January 1, 2022**, we are launching our own Bulletin Advertising program. This will allow us more control in production time of and less space restrictions in our bulletins. If you are a business owner, we invite you to consider advertising your business in our Parish Bulletins, available weekly at mass and virtually through our website and e-blasts. Our parish consists of roughly 5,000 registered families from Newmarket and surrounding areas. They receive the weekly bulletin in hard copy at the church, register to receive it electronically by email or view it through the parish website at:

<https://stjohnchrysostomne.archtoronto.org/en/bulletin/>

This is a valuable, effective, local, and affordable method to promote your business to our congregation. The advertising campaigns will run annually from **January 1 to December 31** but if you miss the January 31 initial deadline, we will prorate the following annual costs for the remaining months.

1 Block @ \$400/yr - 2 Blocks @ \$550/yr - 3 Blocks @ \$750/yr - 4 Blocks @ \$950/yr

All ads are black and white. Basic block size is 2.5 inch by 1 inch horizontal. The 2-block size, based on availability, can be horizontal or vertical. (Advertisers to provide their own artwork.)

During the months of July and August bulletins are published biweekly. Payment would be due at the beginning of your advertising period. If you are interested in discussing our advertising option, we'd be happy to speak with you. Please contact the parish office for more information. 905-898-4137 or by email at

parish.office@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

We pray that you, your family, and your business are coping well through this challenging time.

Regards,

Reverend Landorff Garcia Mariona

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First Friday Devotion To The Sacred Heart Of Jesus

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a very humble nun of the Order of the Visitation of Our Lady. She was the servant that Our Lord chose to reveal to the world His Sacred Heart, thus opening a New Era of Grace and Mercy in the history of the Church and the world. These private revelations took place during the years 1673-1675, and are drawn from the diary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the witness of her fellow sisters, and that of her spiritual director, St. Claude de La Colombiere.

THE 12 PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS TO ST. MARGARET MARY

- ◆ I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- ◆ I will give peace in their families
- ◆ I will console them in all their troubles.
- ◆ They shall find in My heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
- ◆ I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
- ◆ Sinners shall find in My heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- ◆ Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- ◆ Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
- ◆ I will bless the homes in which the image of my sacred heart shall be exposed and honored.
- ◆ I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
- ◆ Those who propagate this devotion shall have their name written in My heart, & it shall never be effaced.
- ◆ The all-powerful love of My heart will grant to all those who shall receive communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at the last hour.

This devotion consists in attending Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion in reparation for those who do not receive Our Lord, who do not love Him and who wound Him by their sinful lives.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Five consecutive Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The practice of the First Saturday devotion was requested by Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, multiple times starting in 1917. She said to Lucia, the oldest of the three children: "I shall come to ask . . . that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."

CONDITIONS TO FULFILL THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

There are five requirements to obtain this promise from the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, one should:

- ◆ Have the intention of consoling the Immaculate Heart in a spirit of reparation.
- ◆ Go to confession (within eight days before or after the first Saturday).
- ◆ Receive Holy Communion.
- ◆ Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
- ◆ Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary with the goal of keeping Our Lady company (for example, while in church or before an image or statue of Our Lady).

BLESSING YOUR HOME



On Epiphany Sunday we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world and the coming of the Three Kings. Because this was the day the Three Kings visited the house of Jesus, the custom of blessing homes on Epiphany Day developed. After the blessing, the initials of their traditional names, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were written in chalk on the back of the door. They were enclosed by the year and connected by a cross in this way. 20 + C + M + B + 22. Use the following prayer to bless your home as you make the inscription on your door.

Have someone light and hold your Christmas candle during your blessing ceremony. This is a reminder that we are still in the Christmas Season.

**Lord Jesus, the Three Kings
followed the star
that led them to your home.
Help us to find you in this house
through the love we share.
Bless our home
and all of us
during this year ahead.
Amen**

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



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

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 (CCCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

We are happy to report that our new boiler system is now up and running. The system will take a few weeks to stabilize and calibrate so you may find temperatures fluctuate from time to time. However, the church will be warmer than it has been for the last couple of weeks. Please consider bringing or wearing a heavier coat to mass for a couple more weeks just in case you find you need it.

In the process of starting our bell tower brick renewal project, we have found areas of deterioration that will need more investigation before we put new bricks in place. As a safety precaution, we will be installing scaffolding over the north exit doorway from the Church to the rear parking lot that will stay in place until all work is completed. Additional scaffolding will be installed around the tower to facilitate worker access to the areas to be looked at. We anticipate that the investigation will take about two months to complete and we will update you when we have new information to share.

Lastly, the order details for our new ovens in our Parish Hall should be in place early in the new year. There is a considerable lag time right now between ordering and delivery due to the strain on the supply chain from the pandemic. Look for an update on this project in early February.

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 again for your patience and understanding as we work through these very important projects.

Dan Christante - Property Manager

