

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

3:00 am Saturda

Saturdays after 9am Mass or by appointment

First Friday
Mass at 7:00 pm

No morning Mass on

First Friday

Reconciliation

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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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 16

8:30 am Mass

10:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass (Spanish)

Monday, January 17

8:00 am Mass

† Edward Charles Haffey

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 pm Mass

- † Gerry Hearty
- **♦** CWL Members

Wednesday, January 19

12:00 pm Mass

- † Alejandro Malicay Jr.
- † Vito Dellino

Thursday, January 20

8:00 am Mass

† Jameel Antonio

Friday, January 21

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 22

9:00 am Mass

SANCTUARY LAMP January 16-22

The Lamp burns this week for all who are suffering from Covid and for those taking care of them.

We ask for your prayers For the Deceased:

Jim Antonio

Requests for prayers can be submitted to the parish office to be published in the bulletin for a period of 4 weeks.



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/ synodality



From the beginning of and throughout his ministry, Jesus revealed who he was. Today's first reading describes God's relationship with Israel in spousal terms, so it is not surprising that Jesus' first sign took place at a wedding feast. All that he did was essentially about God's unending love for us. Every aspect of life, including marriage, can speak to us of this deep, pervading, unifying love. How is that expressed in our own particular lives?

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The **January 18** meeting has been cancelled due to the Covid restrictions. Please join us that day by putting aside time to pray for World Peace and Reconciliation. We all know the power of prayer so let us join together this day in prayer of your choice or the Rosary. January 18 to 25 is the week of Christian Unity, what better way to start than with prayer.

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.

LOVE TO COOK? WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

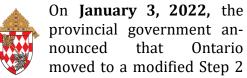


Community Bread Needs You! For the past 19 years, every Monday Night, Community Bread has provid-

ed healthy meals to homeless or food insecure members of our community. During Covid, these meals are take-away to keep our clients and volunteers safe. This program is crucial to our community. We need your help if it is to continue. So many depend on this program. Two (2) of our 5 rotating teams of dedicated volunteers are each in desperate need of a cook to organize and supervise the practical aspects of making a meal (planning, shopping, etc....). Without 2 more cooks, we cannot continue. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office at 905-898-4137 or email:

communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

WORSHIP SAFE UPDATE



of the Roadmap to Reopening. These changes will be in effect up to and including **January 25, 2022**. St. John's continues to maintain capacity restrictions, **distancing of 2 metres** (6 feet) by those not from the same family and the strict policy of wearing a **mask that always covers nose** & mouth at all times while inside the church. In addition singing is allowed by the **cantor only** and registration to all weekend Masses is mandatory.

- Parishioners not feeling well or showing symptoms should not attend Mass at this time.
- Parishioners should not congregate in large groups before or after Mass, wherever possible.
- Anyone who attended Mass and subsequently tested positive within 5 days of the Mass, should contact the Parish immediately

A special thank you to clergy, staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts to serve the faithful and foster a safe environment for all! We will continue to provide relevant updates as appropriate.

CONFIRMATION – FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION



In light of the highly contagious Omicron variant, classes for both 2022 sacramental programs have

been moved to on-line lessons for the month of **January**. We are hopeful that lessons will resume in person in February. In the meantime, we strongly recommend that your child maintains the schedule of lessons as outlined in their program so as not to fall behind in the preparation process. If your child has been registered and has not received the link to participate online, contact the parish office immediately.

WEEKLY EMAILS TO PARISHIONERS



To stay connected with you during the pandemic, the Office Staff have been, happily, physically send-

ing out thousands of emails, weekly, to those parishioners who can't, or have not, signed up at Sign Up, to automatically receive the weekly bulletin. This link is included in each week's email to make it easier for you to connect and is on the parish website under Contact Us. No one expected Covid to disrupt our lives for so long. As we try to resume as much normalcy as possible, we thank the many of you who have signed up. There are still over 1,300 emails being sent out weekly. In order to repurpose the considerable staff hours this entails, to other parishioner services, we hope you will consider signing up for the automatic distribution. Please consider signing up now. If you need assistance in signing up, please respond to the email or call the office and we would be happy to guide you through the process.

OFFICE HOURS

The Archdiocese continues to issue reminders that "office staff should be working from home wherever possible". St. John's has decided to reduce the number of 'on site' office hours to protect, not only our parishioners, but clergy and essential staff. Please remember to call and book your in-office visit prior to coming to the office. Updates for in person visits will be announced

shortly. In the meantime, we are working diligently to respond to your calls and emails as quickly as possible and thank you for your patience during this challenging time. Mail, payments, or weekly envelopes can be dropped off in the 'locked' rectory mailbox.

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January **18-25** is prayer for Christian Unity week on the theme "We saw the star in



the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt.2:2). Join Cardinal Carter at 4pm Mass, January 23 at -Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, Scarborough, in person or livestream: www.facebook.com/ TorontoArmenianChurch.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC ADVISORS



Are you a financial or insurance advisor, or a lawyer? If yes, then we want to hear from vou!

The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who understand our faith and who can assist us with our estate and financial affairs. Come and be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For information, contact the Development Office at: 416-934-3400 561/519 or email us at:

development@archtoronto.org.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2022 are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office by appointment on-

- 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.

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on Ianuary 2, 2022 Offertory \$ 1,943.



VOCATIONS



Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is

calling vou to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto at: 416-968-0997

vocations @archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Celebration of Marriage Mass on **Febru**ary 13 at 2:30pm. at

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. Registration is mandatory and is now open. For information and to register please visit us at www.stmichaelscathedral.co m/live.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION-2022



For a complete list of the 2022 courses. course details or to register contact:

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Mississauga at:

905-278-5229 or

www.qoa.ca

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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



Update on the Delegation to Rome

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 post-poned 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.

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."
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
pray for us.

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