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# 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 MassesMonday8:00 amTuesday7:00 pmWednesday12 noonThursday8:00 amFriday8:00 amSaturday9:00 am

#### **First Friday**

Mass at 7:00 pm No morning Mass on First Friday

Reconciliation Saturdays after 9am Mass or by appointment

Office Hours:

Call the office to book your appointment.

Monday: Closed Tuesday 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

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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

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

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# **Mass Intentions**

Sunday, February 6 8:30 am Mass 10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass (Spanish) **†** Ligia Martínez + Iose Nava Monday, February 7 8:00 am Mass • Ginger Halifax Mark & Elizabeth Stephen **Tuesday, February 8** 7:00 pm Mass Frank Principe Iim Antonio Wednesday, February 9 12:00 pm Mass **†** Gerry Hearty **†** Jim Antonio **Thursday, February 10** 8:00 am Mass Friday, February 11 8:00 am Mass + Frank Galluzzo † Saturday, February 12 9:00 am Mass + Giuseppe Di Capua

SANCTUARY LAMP February 6-12 The Sanctuary Lamp burns for All Souls in Purgatory



We ask for your prayers For the Sick **Rvan Michaud** For the Deceased **Gloria** Jones

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In today's readings, Sts. Peter and Paul consider themselves unworthy to be Jesus' disciples—St. Peter overwhelmed by the huge catch of fish after a night of unsuccessful fishing, and St. Paul because of his role as persecutor of the Church. Jesus' response to them would be the same as it would be to us today i.e. to forget our imperfections and self-fulfillment and get on with our mission of bringing more souls to Christ.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

There will be a virtual Knights of Columbus meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at **7pm**. All members are encouraged to attend. To access the link for the meeting please visit:

knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

#### **CANTORS NEEDED**

Do you have a pleasant singing voice? And would like to proclaim the Word of God through song? Con-

tact the parish office to book your audition.

#### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2022



February 11 the Universal Church celebrates the 30th World Day of the Sick. While in-person parish celebrations are limited this year, you are encouraged to use this occasion as an opportunity to pray for the sick and recognize those who provide them assistance and care. We especially remember and pray for all those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Message of His Holiness Pope Francis available https://bit.ly/3rfNCQf at:

#### MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Next weekend, February 13 at 2:30pm. Bishop Robert Kasun will preside over this special Mass to honour

couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Mass at: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Registration is mandatory and livestream is available. Details at:

https://bit.ly/3L2R8p8

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL



Auditions are now open for September 2022 placement! Boys begin their 10-year journey in grade 3. The choir school offers a complete curriculum of academic worldstudies. alongside its renowned music program. Contact:

email: admissions@smcs.on.ca

Sabrina Leva at: 647-613-6367 or

#### **CATHOLIC NURSES CANADA**

Looking for support in vour vocation as a Catholic health professional?



Join in prayer on the **first Friday** of every month at **3pm** and fellowship on the **final Tuesday** of every month at **7pm**. Meeting link at:

nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com

#### **NEW BEGINNINGS**



647-215-3978 alimanni@cfstoronto.com

#### LOVE TO COOK?

During Covid, the Monday evening meals continue to be take-away only. Two of our five rotating teams of dedicated volunteers are each in desperate **need of a cook** to organize and supervise the practical aspects of making a meal. This program is crucial to our community. We need your help if it is to continue. . To volunteer, please contact the office at 905-898-4137 or email:

communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

#### **FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST**



In-person lessons will be resuming on February 9 or 10 depending on the date you signed up for. All lessons will take place **inside the church**. We ask everyone to arrive at least 15 minutes early so that the class can start on time. If you do not

know the date or time your child has signed up for, or you would like a copy of the schedule please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**



<sup>Remember Your</sup> Offertory envelopes for 2022 are available at the entrance of the

church and at the Parish Office. Due to the COVID 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:

- For the **first month** when using your envelopes fill in your name and address on each envelope.
- The number on your box of enve-• lopes is designated for **your** use only.
- Please do not give your envelopes to anyone else outside of your household.
- Please do not use envelopes from previous years.

#### 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.

WEEKLY EMAILS TO PARISHIONERS To stay connected with you during the pandemic, the Office Staff have been, sending 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. We thank the many of you who have signed up. There are still over **1.300** emails being sent out weekly. Please consider signing up now to receive the parish bulletin weekly. Call the office and we would be happy to guide you through the process.

#### WORSHIP SAFE REMINDERS

- Distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) by those not from the same household.
- Wear a mask covering nose & **mouth** at all times while inside the church.
- Singing is allowed by the cantor onlv.
- 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

# CONFIRMATION

The next in-person lessons will be on February 16 or 17 depending on the date you signed up for. All lessons will take place inside the church. We ask everyone to arrive at least 15 minutes early so that the class can start on time. If you do not know the date or time your child has been signed up for, or you would like a copy of the schedule please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

> **OUR OFFERTORY** COLLECTION Collection received on January **29-30**, 2022 Offertory \$ 8,234.

**Thank you** 

#### USING OUR GIFTS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

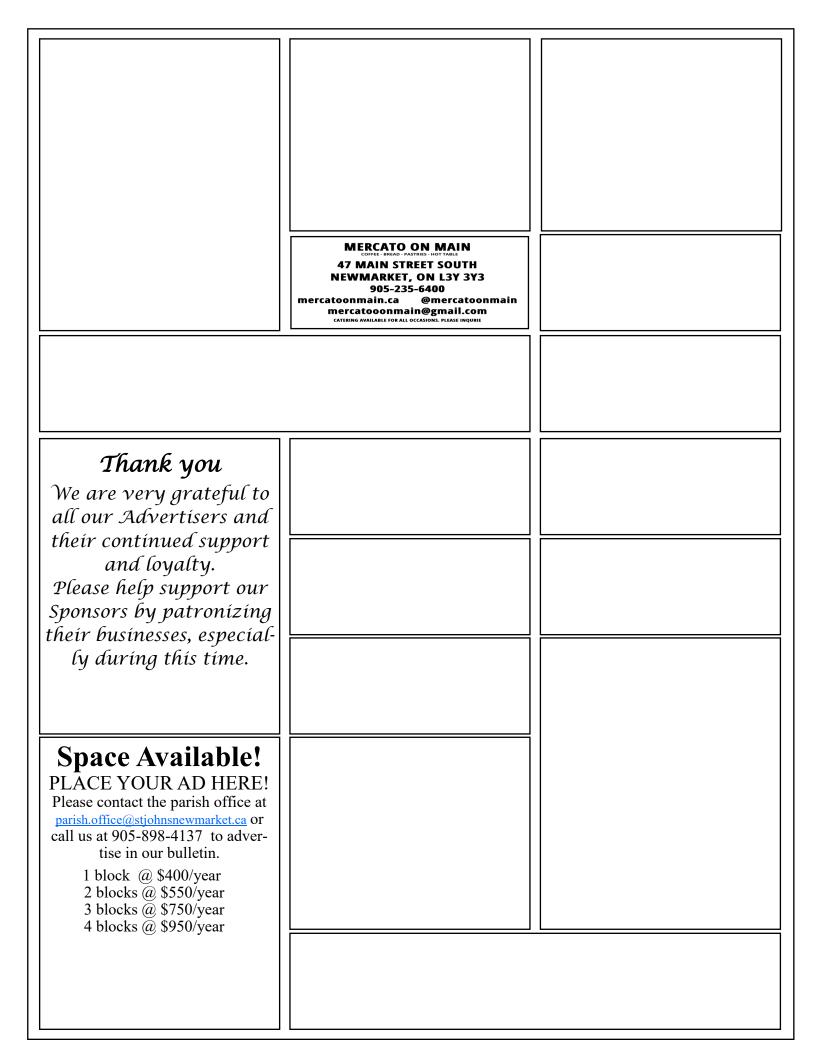
In the Gospel today we see Jesus getting into Peter's fishing boat so that He could preach to the vast crowds that had come to see Him. So too in our lives of stewardship, are we allowing Jesus to use the gifts we possess, namely our time and talents, so that others can come to know the Gospel? Let us strive to offer ourselves to Christ and echo the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading and boldly say to God, "Here am I; send me!"

#### VOCATIONS

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be



afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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



# Canadian Conference Of Catholic Bishops Share Lent 2022 Message of Bishop Raymond Poisson, CCCB President

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In 2015, Pope Francis published a letter addressed to all of us entitled *Laudato Si'*. In this letter, he tied the protection of the environment with love of neighbour, particularly by casting light on the fact that the poorest nations are generally the main victims of ecological degradation: "a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor", he tells us. The upcoming Lenten period is a time for a call to conversion, in order to bring us closer to the Lord, to go out to encounter our neighbour and to care for Creation, our common home.

Recent international gatherings have highlighted the direct impacts of the climate crisis; at a time when our Canadian communities are just starting to experience them, our brothers and sisters in the Global South have suffered them for a long time. For us Christians, in order that our faith in Jesus might be expressed in action, I encourage you to respond enthusiastically to the invitation of *Share Lent 2022*, which is being organized by **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** under the theme "People and Planet First". This campaign is an expression of the Gospel message and of the Church's social teaching, both of which take into consideration the integral development of the human person.

Despite the difficult ecological situation of those communities where Development and Peace's partner organizations are active, those communities are finding ways to adapt so as to live in harmony with their environment. This coming Lent, Development and Peace will highlight their efforts in order to encourage Canadians to fast sincerely and to pray that we may all work together as one family in caring for Creation.

Every year, Development and Peace also invites the Catholics of Canada to practice almsgiving by donating to the collection taken up on Solidarity Sunday (3 April 2022). The funds that are gathered then will allow Development and Peace to fulfill its mission and to transform lives in almost 30 countries around the world. Therefore, I invite you, in Christ's name, to support the *Share Lent 2022* campaign by spreading its message in your communities (especially by means of a letter of support), by participating actively in the activities in which you will be invited, and by encouraging fundraising in order to place people and the planet at the heart of our priorities. "For the kingdom of God depends not on talk but on power" (1 Cor. 4:20).

Fraternally in our Lord,

Raymond Poisson

Bishop of Saint-Jérôme and of Mont-Laurier President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

# **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



# 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.

# **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. 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.