



St. John Chrysostom

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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:

The office is now open daily Monday through Saturday. Appointments are no longer necessary.

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

Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Office closed Monday through Friday

12 pm—1 pm for lunch.

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.

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

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Grand Knight – Vince Scarfone

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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

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Catholic Schools

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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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 26

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, March 27

8:30 am* 10:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass (Spanish)

† Ana Luz Peña Lima

Monday, March 28

8:00 am Mass

† Steven Donat

◆ Brian & Anne Allen

Tuesday, March 29

7:00 pm Mass

† Bill McDonald

† Pat Zaino

Wednesday, March 30

12:00 pm Mass

† Jean & Zofia Barut

◆ Rev. John Adamyk

Thursday, March 31

8:00 am Mass

Friday, April 1

7:00 pm Mass

† Adam Stevens

† Danuta Powazka

Saturday, April 2

9:00 am Mass

† Larry Osborne

† Delbert Hearty

Sanctuary Lamp

March 28-April 2

The Sanctuary Lamp burns
for the Repose of the Soul of
Yit Mee Lao

Let us Pray For The Sick:

Eileen De Cristofaro,
Brian & Anne Allen,
Linda Boudreau,
Thomas Lauber,
Joseph Shibley

The Deceased:

Monica Alexandra Amaya,
Maria Mandjik, Maria Cor-
nolo, Dilbert Hearty,
Peter & Mary Ennamorato,
Josephine Khashmanian



Laetare Sunday calls us to rejoice, and we hear profound reasons for joy in the story of the prodigal son. Even when we make life choices that cause great pain, God is always there, ready to forgive us. How deep is God's mercy? Today's readings say that the only limits are the ones we place on God's infinite love. Joan DeMerchant

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The CWL is once again having a Food Drive for the Newmarket Food Bank. A vehicle will be in the side church parking lot on the weekend of **April 2 - 3** before and after all Masses. Non-perishables (non-expired) items will be accepted by members of the CWL. Cash donations will also be accepted. Please support this worthy endeavor. Thank you.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Every year we are given the opportunity to express our gratitude or to remember someone in a special way by decorating the sanctuary for Easter. Donations may be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" or "In Thanksgiving" and the names will be published on the slides in the church throughout the entire Season of Easter. You can do this by placing their name on the envelope and submitting it to the office or by placing it in the white collection box at the entrance of the church. 'Flowers For Easter' envelopes will be available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office throughout the entire season of Easter. Thank you



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



As part of our preparation for Easter it is good to look at the areas in our life where we are in need of God's mercy. The sacrament of reconciliation will take place at St. John's Church on **Tuesday, April 5** from **3pm to 6pm** and again from **7:30pm to 8:30pm**.



PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 9, 2022

5:00 pm

Sunday, April 10, 2022

8:30 am, 10:00 am

12:00 pm Spanish

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 14, 2022

7:00 pm-Bilingual

GOOD FRIDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 15, 2022

Stations of the Cross

11:30am-Spanish

12:00 pm Spanish

3:00 pm & 6:00 pm, followed by

Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL

April 16, 2022

8:00 pm-Bilingual

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION

OF THE LORD

April 17, 2022

8:30 am, 10:00 am,

12:00 pm Spanish



**All Holy Week
Services will be
available livestream.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross immediately following; either the **First Friday 7pm Mass** or **Friday Private Prayer**.



FIRST FRIDAY

We will celebrate First Friday Devotions on **April 1** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction from **1pm to 7pm** followed by the Holy Mass at **7pm**. followed by the Stations of the Cross. The **8am** morning Mass will be cancelled.



PRAYER VIGIL

PEACE & UNITY IN UKRAINE

April 3 at 4:30pm -St. James Anglican Cathedral-Toronto. Join Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of the Christian faithful in a choral evensong of prayerful solidarity for our suffering brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. All are welcome in person or watch at St. James Cathedral YouTube channel. Details at: 416-934-3400 ext. 343 or ecumemncial@archtoronto.org

Those wishing to make a donation to the Ukrainian Relief Fund may do so in the following ways:

- ◇ Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto at: www.archtoronto.org
- ◇ By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- ◇ Through the parish, making your cheques payable to:
St. John Chrysostom Parish-
Ukrainian Relief -
Humanitarian Relief

POST-COVID WORLD RE-ENGAGING PARISHIONERS

With COVID restrictions winding down, on **March 30** from **10am-11:30am** you are invited to join this free webinar that explores how people may have changed their habits and their involvement in parish life. In some parishes, long-time volunteers have not returned, discipleship groups may no longer be meeting and many parish events have been cancelled or dramatically scaled



back. How do we move forward? Online registration is required. To register, click here:

<https://bit.ly/3uD4S2D>

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

We are currently organizing our return to Church and are in urgent need of volunteers for the following roles.

- * Lectors & Response Leaders
- * Cantors
- * Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

If you would like to share your time and talent, please contact the parish office with your contact information.

Some people will still want to wear masks in churches and offices, and they should not be discouraged from doing so.



STEUBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 15-17, 2022



Catholic speakers and musicians provide opportunities for high school teens to encounter Christ and experience the Church in a whole new way. Location: Canada Christian College

in Whitby, Registration now open, details at:

youth@ocytoronto.org

APPROACHING THE MERCY OF GOD

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son which offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are shown that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father. God longs to forgive us, so let us strive to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent to prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.



VOCATIONS



Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday. "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." *Cardinal Thomas Collins*
Our parish goal is **\$111,000.00** Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at: sharelife.org



ShareLife

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on

March 19-20

Offertory

\$ 7,898.

Easter Flowers

\$ 1,127.

Thank you for your generosity.





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March 4, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. John Chrysostom:

As you have no doubt heard, our churches and parish facilities are able to safely reopen at full capacity. Fr. Rafal and I look forward to welcoming all parishioners back to their spiritual home and participating in parish life.

These changes to public health directives have been long awaited. If you have not been to Mass during the pandemic, I encourage you to return to church when you feel comfortable. Please know we are doing our best to make sure you feel safe and welcomed.

Cardinal Collins reminds us that the Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week. It is also the obligation of Catholics, if they are able, to be personally present at Mass.

It is understandable that some may well feel hesitant at first about returning to personal participation. Rest assured, we remain in step with public health and, for the time being, you'll need to wear masks. Sign-in is not required, nor is pre-registration for Mass.

Some additional information:

- The use of hand sanitizer is highly encouraged and available at the entrance of the church.
- Congregational singing has resumed. Masks need to be worn while singing.
- The back doors are open for accessibility.
- Communion on the tongue has resumed. One minister will be assigned to distribute Communion in this way.
- Parish social events will return to the hall.

For the time being, our Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

10 am

12 pm, in Spanish

Monday: 8 am

Tuesday: 7 pm

Wednesday: 12 pm

Thursday: 8 am

Friday: 8 am

First Fridays of the month: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 1 pm to 7 pm. Mass at 7 pm.

In closing, thank you for your patience during this time of transition, and a special thanks to all our volunteers who have worked so hard these past two years. Please know of my prayers as we enter the season of Lent.

God bless you,

Fr. Landorff J. Garcia Mariona,
Pastor

P.S. I invite you to view this brief and inspirational 'welcome back' video:

<https://youtu.be/ylazmUIUXNs>

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

RENOVATION PROJECTS UPDATE



Repairs to the church are on hold for the moment and will be announced when they resume. In the meantime, all areas of the parking lot are available, and the rectory mailbox is accessible without restriction. Scaffolding remains in place to ensure parishioner safety.

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 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.

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