

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:

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 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

Saturday, April 16 **Easter Vigil**

8:00 pm Mass-Bilingual

Sunday, April 17

8:30 am* 10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass (Spanish)

Monday, April 18

8:00 am Mass

† Matthew Sobon

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 pm Mass

- † Mala Jayawardena
- ◆ CWL Members past & present

Wednesday, April 20

12:00 pm Mass

- † Eric Iacobs
- † Larry Osborne

Thursday, April 21

8:00 am Mass

♦ Lourdes Halifax

Friday, April 22 8:00 am Mass

- ♦ Joseph Shibley
- ♦ Erin & Brandon Caruana

Saturday, April 23

9:00 am Mass

- † Fernando Spalvieri
- † Patricia Ann Lane

SANCTUARY LAMP **April 18-23**

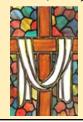
For those suffering with chronic illnesses

Let us Pray for The Sick

Tyler Perret-Swirla John Sammut, Joan Verner, Brian & Anne Allen

The Deceased

Eileen De Cristofaro, Maria Cornolo, Bill Jonkman





We have heard this story so often that it may fail to impress us. Our attention may be more on Easter dinner, dyed eggs and baskets of candy. But how would this day be different if we had just discovered there is more to life than we could possibly have imagined? What difference would this discovery make on Monday morning? (by Joan DeMerchant)

OUR EASTER WISH FOR YOU

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness. (The Exsultet)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The grace of our risen Lord, be with you!

We have all been in this pandemic for over two years now, and there have been many ups and downs. We may think that things will stay the same. However, the resurrection of Christ overcomes gloom and sadness; he is that powerful light that dispels darkness. Christ Jesus has done the impossible: he has risen from the dead. He has promised us a new life.

As we journey in this life, St. Paul reminds "not to set our mind on things that are on earth, but to seek the things that are above." (Col 3: 1-2) We walk with our eyes fixed on the real prize: Heaven.

I would like to take this moment to thank our deacons and their wives, our parish staff, all our volunteers, screeners, ushers, lectors, cantors, organists, slide advancers and everyone who helps to keep us open and to worship safe. May the Lord bless you for your service to our community.

Let us pray for each other; Fr. Rafał and I will continue to pray for all of you. In Christ.

Fr. Landorff

OFFICE CLOSED



The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday. In the event of an emer-

gency, please call 905-898-4137 extension 306. Mass on Easter Monday will be at 8am as usual.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of our CWL is on Tuesday April 19 in the Parish Hall after the 7pm Mass. New members are always welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the next '50/50 draw' are asked to click on the link below. The next draw will be held on June 30.

https://bit.ly/3tPcG23

USHERS



We hope to be resuming the ushers role soon but need at least 5 more volunteers for the 10am

mass. If you are interested in sharing your time and your talent please contact Theresa McNicol through the parish office at 905-898-4137 ext 202 or by email:

screeningstjc@archtoronto.org

LECTORS

Are you called to proclaim the Word? Consider becoming a lector and joining the Ministry of the Word. For information and details about this ministry parishioners are asked to contact Emily-Ana Filardo at:

lectors.stjc@gmail.com

STAYING CONNECTED



During the isolation experienced by everyone because of the Covid 19 pandemic, for the past two years we

have made every effort to keep you connected to parish life, by sending email messages and the parish bulletin to parishioners on a weekly basis. With covid restrictions winding down, and with the number of subscribers on the rise, we will no longer be sending the weekly bulletin and updates. If you have not yet subscribed to the parish bulletin, we ask you to take the time and subscribe today. If you have subscribed and have not yet received the bulletin, please note, you must accept the confirmation email that will be sent to you when you first agree to subscribe. If you would like to receive the parish bulletin weekly on-line, visit our parish website or click on the link below to sign up:

https://bit.ly/3ByJFYS

NEW TO THE PARISH



If you are new to the parish, please remember to register with us and let your old parish know that you have

moved, so that they too can update their records. Registration forms and offertory envelopes are available at the parish office.

MYSTERIOUS PERSONS



If you are currently using 2022 Offertory Envelope # **264, 238** or **233,** we have

neither your name nor your address. Please contact the parish office with this information as soon as possible. Thank you.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Experience the Church in a whole new way. July 15-17-Location: Canada Christian College in Whitby. Registration and details:



youth@ocytoronto.org

UKRAINIAN RELIEF FUND



Those wishing to make a donation may still 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

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." {1 Peter 4:10 }



SHARELIFE HELPS DURING PANDEMIC



"Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues. ShareLife ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands

of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve." Cardinal Thomas Collins.

Our parishioners have contributed \$11,758.00 toward our goal of **\$111,000.00** (10.6%). Thank you for supporting ShareLife.

May 1 is ShareLife Sunday, please give generously!

GOAL! 414141=0000

VOCATIONS

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, **Vocations** Director of Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

vocations @archtoronto.org

THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS

The beautiful truth of our faith is that God was able to bring about the greatest good of the resurrection through the seemingly utter defeat of the crucifixion. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials but instead trust that God will transform these difficulties into many little Easter mornings.

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on April 9-10 Offertory \$9,269.

Thank you





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For the balance of 2022 only, these prices will be prorated based on which month the ad first appears.

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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

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

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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.