

## 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 23 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, April 24

8:30 am\* 10:00am Mass

- 12:00pm Mass (Spanish)
- † Henry Caballero Privat
- ₱ Manlio Carbonero
- † Janice MacKinnon

Monday, April 25

8:00 am Mass

- † Bill Smith
- ♦ Vince Ricchio

Tuesday, April 26

7:00 pm Mass

- † Yvonne Way
- † Rita & Patrick Shibley

Wednesday, April 27

- 12:00 pm Mass
- † Charles Clausen
- † Larry Osborne

Thursday, April 28

8:00 am Mass

- † Shah Hosein
- † Anna Gogia

Friday, April 29

8:00 am Mass

- **★** Carmine & Michela Colalillo
- † Albina & Jan Brach

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am Mass

- † Douglas Wedderburn
- † Amelia Coroza-Lopez

SANCTUARY LAMP April 25-30

For the Repose of the Soul of **Cheung Kan Ho** 

### Let us Pray for The Sick

Joseph Shibley Tyler Perret-Swirla John Sammut , Joan Verner,

#### The Deceased

Bill Smith, Shah Hosein, Douglas Wedderburn, Eileen De Cristofaro, Bill Jonkman



The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting faith and the need for the forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only-begotten Son, to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and resurrection. Divine mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the sacraments.

#### 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

# We welcome all the people who were initiated into the church at the Easter Vigil

The following were baptized:
Amy Adunni Bolarinwa

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#### Monrolaoluwa Esther Balarinwa

The following were received into the Roman Catholic Church:

Olufisayo Esther Bolarinwa Ebenezer

#### **Gavin Charles Gunter**

The following were Baptized, Confirmed and received First Communion:

Jeffrey Derek Corbett, Kristin Yvonne Ham, Brandy Crystal Lea Myers Ferrill



#### **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: <a href="lectors.stjc@gmail.com">lectors.stjc@gmail.com</a>

#### CONFIRMATION 2022

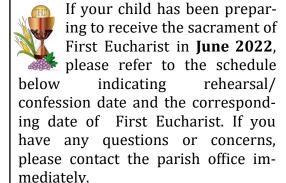


If your child has been preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in **May-June 2022**, refer to the schedule below indicating rehearsal/

confession date and the corresponding date of Confirmation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office immediately.

REHEARSAL/ Confession Date	CONFIRMATION DATE
May 10, 7:45 pm	May 12, 7:00 pm
May 11, 7:00 pm	May 14, 2:00 pm
May 24, 7:45 pm	May 26, 7:00 pm
May 25, 7:00 pm	May 28, 2:00 pm
May 30, 7:00 pm	June 2, 7:00 pm

#### FIRST EUCHARIST 2022



Rehearsal/ Confession Date	FIRST COMMUNION DATE
June 1, 7:00 pm ⊏	June 4, 2:00 pm
June 8, 7:00 pm ⊏	June 11, 2:00 pm
June 15, 7:00 pm	June 18, 2:00 pm
June 22, 7:00 pm =	June 25, 2:00 pm

#### MANRESA RETREAT SERIES April 29, 7pm - May 1, 1pm.

Reflections on Ignatian Spirituality for a New Day. A silent Ignatian weekend retreat in the Jesuit tradition for men and women. Facilitated by Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ. Information at: 905-839-2864

registration@manresa.ca



#### "HANDS AND HEART OF SERVICE"

April 24-30, we celebrate Volunteer Recognition Week. Thank you to our volunteers for serving with their "hands and heart" and the difference you make because of this. "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." John 13:14

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada will be

hosting their 101st Annual Convention. The convention theme will be "Catholic and Living It! We Rise Again." **April 28-April 29-** Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel- Registration is required with information and details at: www.cwltoronto.ca

#### LIVING THE GOSPEL



When you support ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre: "Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife.

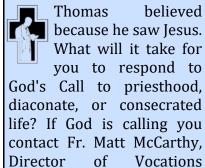
With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building

a good life and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families, their caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite." To date our parish has raised \$11,758.00 toward our goal of \$111,000.00. ShareLife Sunday is next weekend.

Please give generously.



#### **VOCATIONS**



Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

vocations @archtoronto.org

## LEARNING FROM DOUBTING THOMAS

Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we too may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith. However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding.

#### **OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection received on **Holy Thursday** \$1,909.

Good Friday \$2,806.

Easter Weekend \$7,560.

Offertory & Maintenance Fund

April 16-17 \$ 9,335.

Thank you For your generosity and continued support.



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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.