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# St. John Chysostom 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 1:30 pm Spanish 6:30 pm Chinese

#### 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 Live-stream available

#### First Friday

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

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass or by appointment

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Office closed Monday through Friday 12 pm -1 pm for lunch

#### 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. Parents/Guardians must be registered parishioners and are required to attend the in-person Baptism preparation class accompanied by godparents.

#### 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

During the 10am Sunday Mass

#### Visiting Ministry

To arrange for a visit and/or to bring Holy Communion to someone at their home, contact the parish office.

#### Volunteer Screening

ScreeningSTJC@archtoronto.org

#### Catholic Women's League

President – Emily-Ana Filardo stjohnchrysostomCWL@gmail.com

#### 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 or Blog: sjcses.blogspot.com

#### **Community Bread**

For information, to volunteer or to donate, contact communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

#### **Catholic Schools**

Canadian Martyrs 905-895-8530 905-895-5001 Notre Dame St. John Chrysostom 905-895-7411 St. Nicholas 905-895-3777 St. Paul 905-895-4122 905-895-3340 Sacred Heart H.S. Chaplain: Erica Gismondi Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**DECEMBER 2-9** Saturday, December 2 5:00 pm **Pro Populo** Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Mass Pro 10:00 am Mass Populo 12:00 pm Mass 1:30 pm Mass (Spanish) • Juana Guevara Aguirre 6:30 pm (Chinese) Monday, December 4 8:00 am Mass + Vincenza Belardo **Tuesday**, December 5 7:00 pm Mass Massimo Marchiori • Sor Mercedes Cortez Wednesday, December 6 12:00 pm Mass + Claudio de la Fuente + Florino Zuccaro Thursday, December 7 8:00 am Mass + Anastacia de Juan Friday, December 8 7:00 pm Mass **Pro Populo Immaculate Conception of** the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday, December 9 9:00 am Mass Francesco Sorrento ♦ Gordon Magahy

#### SANCTUARY LAMP December 4-9 For the Repose of the Soul of Laodiceia Garcia Bastos

**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** Jordana Robinson Dan Haffey Connie Diaz Anne & Brian Allen

And The Recently Deceased Agnes Hwang Faviano Lee Eric Cha St. John Chrysostom, pray for us



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Tickets to the CWL Christmas Dinner (Tuesday, Dec. 19th @ 6pm) will be available after each Mass next weekend. Tickets are \$35 and all women of the parish are invited to attend. contact Emily-Ana at 647-290-1020 or stjohnchrysostomCWL@gmail.com



Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Your Ideas will assist with future planning!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Your feedback is important! To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and complete the short survey by **December 15, 2023**, please visit: <u>www.archtoronto.org/consultation</u> Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

#### 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2024 will be available for pick up at the entrance of the church. We will not be assigning numbered boxes but encourage you to pick up a regular box of envelops for your own use. Please consider donating by pre-Authorized Giving or by Credit Card. Call the Accounting Office at ext. 206 for more information on these methods. PAG and Credit Card donors are encouraged to pick up a regular box of envelopes to use for special collections. Please remember:

Throw out your old envelopes. Your new box of offertory envelopes should only be used in 2024. Pleaseclearly print your name, address and phone # on each envelope for the first four weeks.

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As we wait and prepare to walk with God, let us keep awake; "By Him we are called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord." (1 Cor.1.3-9) "...and He is always with us because God is faithful to the end of time." (Matt 28:20) And that's a promise. God's promise.

#### 8888888888888 **CHRISTMAS MASS** SCHEDULE **CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24. 2023** 4:30 pm English 6:30 pm Chinese 8:00 pm Spanish 10:00 pm English CHRISTMAS DAY **DECEMBER 25, 2023** 8:30 am English 10:00 am English 12:00 pm English 1:30 pm Spanish 6:30 pm Chinese NEW YEAR'S EVE **DECEMBER 31. 2023** 8:30 am English 10:00 am English 12:00 pm English 1:30 pm Spanish 6:30 pm Chinese **New Year's Day JANUARY 1, 2024** 8:30 am English 10:00 am English 12:00 pm English 1:30 pm Spanish 6:30 pm Chinese **OFFICE HOURS** Friday, December 22nd 9:00am - 12Noon December 25 & 26- Office Closed Friday, December 29th 9:00am - 12Noon January 1, 2024 — Office Closed



#### **2024 CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!**

Parents: If you chose Wednesday Classes: Your child's second lesson is on Wednesday, December 13th at 5:00pm downstairs in the parish hall If you chose Thursday Classes: Your child's second lesson is this Thursday, December 14th at 5:00pm downstairs in the parish hall



### 2024 FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Parents: If you chose Wednesday Classes: Your child's next lesson is this Wednesday, December 6th at 5:00pm in the Church

If you chose Thursday Classes: Your child's next lesson is this Thursday, December 7th at 5:00pm in the CHURCH



## DAY OF CONFESSION

You are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with us. Preparation for

and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit and to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. At St. John's, Confessions will take place on **Tuesday**, **December 19th** from **3pm-6pm** and **7:30pm-8:30pm**. Let us return to the Lord with integrity.

#### **Christmas Flowers**



We invite our Parishioners to donate toward the cost of flowers this Christmas. Please place your gift in the "Flowers for

Christmas" envelope and bring it to the office or place it in the white collection box at the entrance of the church. Using a numbered Offertory envelope? There is a special envelope included in your box dated **December 9-10**. The envelopes are also available at the entrance of the church.

#### PREPARING OURSELVES FOR CHRIST

Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.



#### 2024 FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

#### Submission Deadline: January 15

High school students (ages 13-19) in the Catholic Scholl Bards are invited to participate in this annual event commemorating the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). Write a 500 word essay that explores the 2024 **Theme**: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

> Resources: https://rb.gy/wajo9 Submit entries to:

https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext 527

Marian Masses in December

#### MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."- Catechism of the Catholic Church. Join us on **Friday**, **December 8**. Rosary at **6:30pm** and the Celebration



of the Eucharist at **7pm**. Everyone is welcome. *The Morning Mass is CANCELLED*.

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE St. John's will be celebrating the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm. It will be a bilingual Mass celebrated in English and Spanish. All are welcome.



Share one hour with our Lord. Adoration is one way you can make prayer and spending time with Jesus a greater priority in your life. Join us *every* **Friday** from **4pm-7pm** for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. The next **First Friday Mass** will be on **January 5th** at **7pm. All are welcome**.

(Morning Mass is cancelled)

### VOCATIONS



The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Mas-

ter's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese

of Toronto at: 416-968-0997 oremail: vocations@archtoronto.org

**OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Collection received on Nov 25-26, 2023

\$8,930.

2023 Offertory Envelope user # **468**, please contact the Parish Office



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Everyone is Welcome





October 31, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Jesus and Mary be in your soul.

It has been a true blessing and joy to spend time with so many Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto since my arrival in March 2023. This includes the dedicated priests and deacons, religious women and men as well as the numerous laity, parishioners, volunteers and all those who are working to strengthen the Body of Christ in our archdiocese in ecclesial movements and associations, as well as those serving in education, healthcare, social services and institutions.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is blessed with an abundance of workers in the vineyard of the Lord. I am grateful for your role in reflecting the face of Christ to all those we encounter each day. In his Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7), our Divine Lord Jesus taught us that, as his disciples, we are salt of the earth and light of the world (Mt. 5:13-16). In fidelity to the mission to evangelize entrusted to the entire Church, let each one of us make every effort so as to proclaim Jesus Christ, bear witness to the Gospel and serve with a compassionate heart.

In 2013, our Archbishop-emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins launched a Pastoral Plan to focus our attention and identify areas of emphasis to help bring us closer to the Lord, our faith and one another. It is now an appropriate time to review the current Pastoral Plan, updating the vision through the lens of 2023 and our current reality.

I would ask for your assistance in helping to identify what you believe to be key priorities and objectives as we move forward as a faith community. To be clear, this is not a synodal process – the synodal consultation requested by the Holy See, you may recall, took place locally in 2021-2022. Rather, I am reaching out to our archdiocesan family to solicit your thoughts and dreams, what you believe to be your **three key priorities** for our archdiocesan Pastoral Planning for the next decade. I encourage you to ground your reflection and responses in prayer to the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, so that He may inspire, guide and animate this Archdiocesan ecclesial process of consulting the Body of Christ.

I invite you to visit <u>www.archtoronto.org/consultation</u> to participate in our wide-spread consultation. We have made every effort to ensure the process is brief and efficient. Options are also available should you consult with others and wish to offer a group or hard copy submission. Please make sure every effort to complete your feedback by **December 15**, **2023**. We will then gather and analyze the results which will help guide us as we discern and craft an updated Pastoral Plan, to be shared at an appropriate time in 2024.

Be assured of my ongoing gratitude for all that you do and witness and prayers for your loved ones and communities. Let us entrust this consultation and reflection to the maternal mediation of Mary, Mother of the Church and through the powerful intercession of our archdiocesan patron, Saint Michael the Archangel.

Yours Sincerely in Jesus with Mary,

Francis Leo

Most Rev. Francis Leo Archbishop of Toronto

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