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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

#### 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 vou 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

# First Sunday of Lent

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

FEBRUARY 17-24 **Saturday, FEBRUARY 17** 5:00 pm Pro Populo **Sunday, FEBRUARY 18 First Sunday of Lent** 8:30 am Mass

Pro 10:00 am Mass Populo 12:00 pm Mass

1:30 pm Mass (Spanish) 6:30 pm Mass (Chinese) **First Sunday of Lent Monday, FEBRUARY 19** 8:00 am

**•** Jiwon Agnes Hwang ♦ Alice Dionne **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 20** 

> 7:00 pm Mass Mavis Shannon

 Geraldine & Jerico Maulion Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21 **12:00 pm Mass •** Marie McConville

 Mike & Craig Boland ♦ Maria & Tony De Simone **Thursday, February 22** 

8:00 am Mass 🕂 João & Michael De Almeida Lourdes Halifax & Family

Friday, February 23 8:00 am Mass + Angela Lanuza Charles Hirt Saturday, February 24 9:00 am Mass

> **†** Ionathon Kehoe + Marino Vigliotta

SANCTUARY LAMP February 19-24 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Intentions of **Yvonne** Agius

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL **Charlie Cook** Magdalena E. Lucenio Maria Profyt AND THE RECENTLY DECEASED Jahzira Grace Wakelin Milagros G. Alarcon John Kaye Marino Vigliotta

St. John Chrysostom, pray for us



Don't you find that temptations are often stronger during Lent? But, if we trust and call upon the power of the Holy Spirit, we'll find that these same temptations will also strengthen us. During our trials, our goal is to attach ourselves to the things of God and to spend more time with Jesus who is always by our side. Call upon Him this Lent...pray and listen. And we will hear His gentle voice.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm after Adoration, Benediction, the Rosary and Fridays at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION At St. John's our Lenten schedule for Confessions will be on Tuesday, March 19th from 3pm-6pm and 7:30pm-9:00pm.



#### COME & SEE **DISCERNMENT RETREAT** MARCH 15-17 ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

This retreat offers a way for men (18+) to discern a possible call to Plan for a retreat at St. Augustine's tion must be done online at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee For more information, please contact us at: vocations@archtoronto.org

## SUPPORT OUR VULNERABLE YOUTH THROUGH SHARELIFE

In this time of Lent, we ask vou to think of our brothers and sisters in need - especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their events-listing/st-augustinesspirithome. "Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs," says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. "With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own sanctuary. Thank you. path." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through Monday, February 19, 2024- the our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** 

The next CWL general meeting is this Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> after the 7pm mass. the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. First Wear the oldest piece of clothing that you own (a shirt, a skirt, a scarf, a hat, whatever) and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship. All women of the parish are welcome..

> ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, February 24 9 am to 4 pm ST. AUGUSTINE'S Lent Retreat: The Holy of Holies: Discovering the

> > **Richness of the Mass**

priesthood. Please note that registra- Seminary! You are invited to join us on February 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for our Spirit & Life Series Lenten Retreat with Fr. Eric Rodrigues. The theme of the retreat will be 'The Holy of Holies,' in which Fr. Eric will explain the various rituals and prayers of the Mass. Please register early, as space is limited for in-person events: https://staugustines.on.ca/ life-series-lenten-retreat."

#### **EASTER FLOWERS**



We welcome vour donations toward the cost of flowers this Easter by using the "Flowers for

Easter" envelope. Your generous donations will be used to decorate the

FAMILY DAY—OFFICE CLOSED Parish Office will be CLOSED and will re-open on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

# February 18, 2024



# **2024 CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!**

Parents: Your child's **next** lesson is on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00pm downstairs in the Parish Hall

If you chose Thursday Classes: Your child's next lesson is this Thursday, March 21st at 5:00pm downstairs in the Parish Hall

#### **FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS**

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As we read the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert we should realize that we too have

to fight temptations. When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. This Lent, let us begin to run away from occasions of sin and fill ourselves with good things from God instead which will slowly help us grow in holiness.



#### TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

We invite you to start the **33 day** preparation on **March 6th** by praying one day at a time as

outlined in the book (or the App). The preparation ends with the Consecration on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on April 8th. You can purchase the book \$15 (cash) from the Parish Office entitled: Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ **Through Mary: According to St. Louis** De Montfort. (Author: Fr. Hugh Gillespie) or follow the link on your computer using: http://total consecration.newevangelizers.con/schedule/ Tablet users: download the free App: My Consecration.

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# 2024 FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Parents: Your child's **next** lesson is Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Or if you chose Thursday Classes: Your child's **next** lesson is Thurs-

day, March 7th at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall.



Lent is the yearly celebration by the church of its conversion as a whole in Iesus Christ. The season observes and commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. It also prepares us for Easter as we recall our baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. Lent has two major purposes: It prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through 40 days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. It's an opportunity to repent of our sins and to increase the intensity of our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is a time to grow in faith, hope and charity. A reminder: Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays are days of abstinence. Fasting means we have one simple meal during the day. Abstinence means we do not eat meat. Abstinence is for those who are 14 years of age or older and fasting is for those from 18 to 59 years of age.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 held on **March 1st** at **7pm**.

All are welcome. (Morning Mass is cancelled) NUMBER VOCATIONS

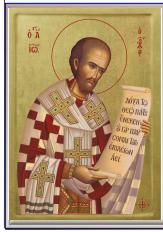
Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into vour own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto at:

416-968-0997 oremail: vocations@archtoronto.org

**Our Offertory** 

Collection

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#### What Does the Icon Say?

On **January 27, 2024**, Archbishop Francis Leo visited our parish, and, during Mass, he blessed the new icon of St. John Chrysostom. Some words are abbreviated, but the writing says: Upper left corner: Ο Αγιος Ιωάννης, The Holy John. Upper right corner: ο Χρυσόστομος, the Goldenmouthed (Chrysostom). The scroll has St. John's last words: Δόξα τω Θεώ πάντων ένεκεν ου γαρ παύσομαι τούτο επιλέγων αεί επί πάσί μοι τοις συμβαίνουσιν. Glory be to God for all things because I do not stop choosing this [praising God] over everything that happens to me. *St. John Chrysostom, pray for us*!



O Mary, Queen of Peace, Restore Harmony in Or Families and the world, through thy powerful intercession with Jesus, the Prince of Peace

# The Legion of Mary Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program

The Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program is an aid to help us respond to the requests made by the Blessed Mother during her apparitions at Fatima. The essence of her requests is threefold: Return to God, that is, turn away from sin and obey the Ten Commandments. Pray the Rosary every day for peace. Make reparation for our sins and the sins of others by some form of penance and sacrifice. An offering of the sacrifices required in performing the daily duties of one's state in life is a good starting point. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is brought to your home by two members of the Legion of Mary (Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary Praesidium- St John Chrysostom

Parish) on a scheduled visit. We will do our best to accommodate your requested schedule. The statue will stay in your home for one week (Saturday to Saturday). Two days prior to the statue's arrival, a Legion member will contact you regarding the arrival time of the statue and to confirm your address. You are asked to set up a little home shrine where the Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be placed. A table covering, candles (or vigil lights), flowers, and other desired sacramentals should be in place. Upon the arrival of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, all those present will gather at the shrine where the statue is placed and recite the Welcoming Prayers of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program. You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to welcome Mary upon her arrival and have them join you in prayer each day the statue is in your home. During this time, you are encouraged to recite the Rosary each day and offer prayer intentions, petitions, and gratitude to Mary. Two days prior to the statue's departure (the next Saturday), a Legion member will call to discuss the time that the statue will be picked up. Upon the statue's departure, Legion members will join you in reciting the Farewell Prayers of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program. If you have any questions regarding the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program or to sign up to have the statue brought to your home, please contact the Legion of Mary at:

# LEGIONOFMARYSJC432@GMAIL.COM or Gary Marston at (905) 967-4698

# February 18, 2024

#### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary March 19

Saint Joseph was obedient to the Father in Heaven, and that obedience deepened his union with Mary his spouse, making their marriage the ideal family for the Son of God. Pope Saint John Paul II speaks of this fact in his apostolic exhortation Guardian of the Redeemer, when he says, "One can say that what Joseph did united him in an altogether special way to the faith of Mary. He accepted as truth, coming from God, the very thing that she had already accepted at the Annunciation" (#4). Saint Joseph's obedience is clearly seen in his response to four dreams by which an angel instructs Joseph how best to guard and protect the Son of God. Joseph acts immediately, in obedience, to the angel's in-

#### structions. CONTINUE TO READ MORE Prayer to St. Joseph

O God, Who in Your ineffable Providence did vouchsafe to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your most holy Mother, grant, we beseech You, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.







For more info or tickets: www.ljhr.ca

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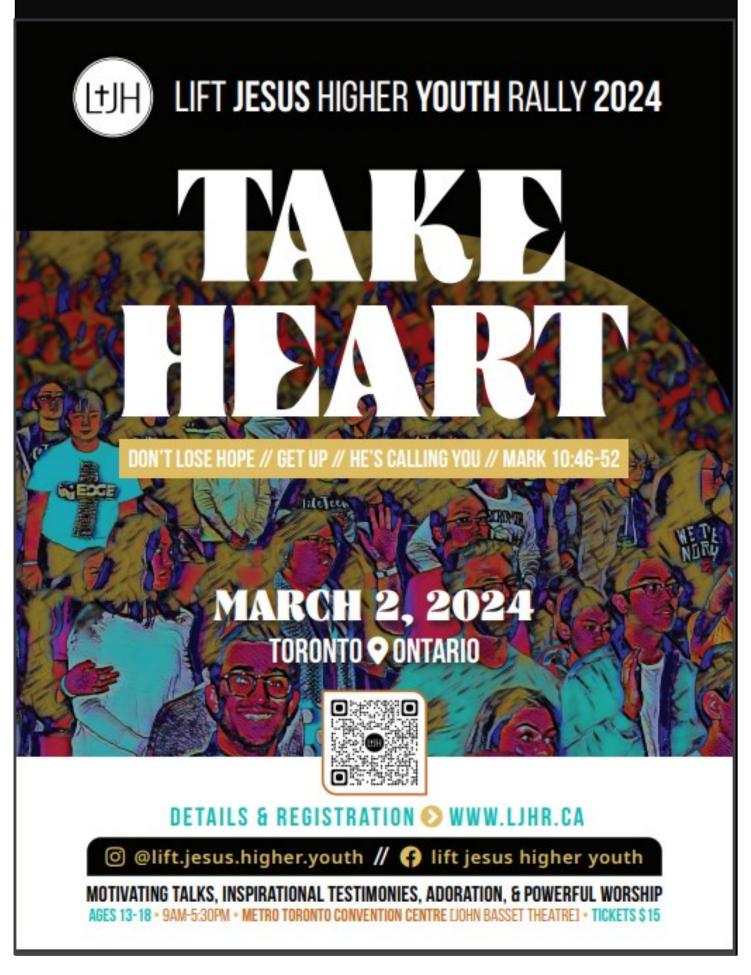
2024 Lift Jesus Higher Rally Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Metro Toronto Convention Centre 255 Front St. W., Toronto

Theme of Adult Rally is "TAKE HEART: By His Wounds We Are Healed" Theme of Youth Rally is "TAKE HEART: Don't Lose Hope // Get Up // He's Calling You"

Featuring: Compelling Speakers: Fr. Mathias Thelen, Peter Herbeck, Debbie Herbeck and Fr. Alex Colautti, CC Holy Mass (with Sunday readings) - celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo Youth Mass (with Sunday readings) - celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig at a separate adjacent youth event (13-18 years) **Powerful Praise & Worship Music, Prayer Ministry for Healing & Empowerment,** 

Divine Mercy celebrations, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

Tickets can be purchased ONLINE at our Website: <u>www.ljhr.ca</u> COST: \$30 for Adult and \$15 for Youth CONTACT: Catholic Renewal Ministries PHONE: 647-873-1753



Family Day–Monday, February 19, 2024– the Parish Office at St. John Chrysostom will be CLOSED.

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