



# St. John Chrysostom

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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 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

Live-stream available

## Eucharistic

### Adoration

Every Friday 4pm-7pm

Mass to follow Adoration every Friday

### Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass or by appointment

## Regular Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Closed 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.

## Pastoral & Office Staff

### Administrator

Fr. João Veras Ferreira

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Joseph Follows

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Chris West & Christine Allen

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## Baptism

Contact the parish office a minimum of three months before the desired date of Baptism. Parents/Guardians must be registered parishioners residing within the boundaries of St. John Chrysostom Parish 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](mailto: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

Sundays at 10:00 am-English

Sundays at 1:30 pm-Spanish

## 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](mailto:ScreeningSTJC@archtoronto.org)

## Catholic Women's League

President—Josephine Catalano MacPherson

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Chaplain: Erica Gismondi

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**Pastoral Reference:** For a pastoral reference, individuals must meet all of the following requirements: you must be current registered parishioners with active envelope usage for a minimum of 12 months; attend Sunday Mass regularly; be in good canonical standing within the Catholic Church; and actively participate in the sacramental and pastoral life of the parish through service in an approved parish ministry (such as lector, cantor, Eucharistic minister, or similar roles).

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

June 27-July 4  
**Saturday, June 27**  
**5:00pm Mass Pro Populo**  
**Sunday, June 28**  
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Mass  
 10:00 am Mass  
 12:00 pm Mass  
 1:30 pm Mass

Pro Populo  
 Spanish

† Eddy Mejias  
 † Gertrudes y Agostinho Pestana  
 6:30 pm Mass Chinese

**Monday, June 29**  
**7:00 PM MASS**  
**Pro populo**  
**Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul**  
**Tuesday, June 30**

7:00 PM MASS  
 † Rev. Peter Damian Power

♦ Salome Narvadez  
**Wednesday, July 1**

12:00 PM MASS

† Randy Renaud

♦ Cindy & Ram Halifax

**Thursday, July 2**

8:00 AM MASS

† Mariano & Felipe Salvosa

† Deacon Thomas Dea

**Friday, July 3**

7:00 PM MASS

† Josephine Camilleri

† Sonja Louise Hanley

**Saturday, July 4**

9:00 AM MASS

† Maria Colalillo

† Souls in Purgatory

## SANCTUARY LAMP June 29-July 3

In many places of worship a lamp signifies our constant prayer. The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of

**Nick Giankos**

**Eli Smith**

**Rev. Joseph Minguel Rodrigues**

and for the intentions of

**Rev. Carlos Torres**

**Rev. Robert Chinnappan**

LET US PRAY  
 FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL  
 AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
 RECENTLY DECEASED  
 Feyona Mah

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION  
 FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026

FOR RESPECT  
 FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



We tend to allow many things to control and possess us...greed, power, material things, wealth. Perhaps unknowingly, we 'love' these things. If we pursue the love of God, however and put His kingdom first in our lives, He will give us everything we need to sustain us. To be a disciple of Jesus means to detach ourselves from everything else—because

the bond with Jesus is stronger than any other bond. You are either with the spirit of Jesus, or you are with the spirit of the world. Who is the Lord and Master of your life?

## A FAREWELL PRAYER FOR FR. CARLOS

Heavenly Father, With grateful hearts, we thank You for the gift of Fr. Carlos and for the care, guidance, and faith he has shared with our parish family. As he begins a new ministry, bless him with strength, wisdom, and joy. May Your Holy Spirit guide his path, and may he continue to be a faithful witness of Your love wherever You call him. Keep him in Your care and may he always know the gratitude and prayers of the parish family he leaves behind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WELCOME FR. ROBERT

Heavenly Father, With joy and gratitude, we welcome Fr. Robert to our parish family. We thank You for sending him to serve among us and to lead us in faith, prayer, and love. Bless Fr. Robert as he begins his ministry here. Fill him with Your wisdom, strength, and peace. May he find a warm and welcoming community, and may we work together to build Your Kingdom through faith, hope, and charity. Guide and protect him in the years ahead, and may our parish be enriched by his presence and priestly ministry. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## CANADA DAY WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** in observance of Canada Day on **Wednesday, July 1st** and the daily Mass will be celebrated at **12:00 pm** as regularly scheduled. We invite you to join us. The parish office will **re-open** on **Thursday, July 2nd**. We wish you a safe and happy Canada day!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Consider joining the Knights of Columbus. As Catholic gentlemen dedicated to faith, service, charity, and fraternity, the Knights provide an opportunity to grow spiritually while serving the parish and the community. If you are interested in learning more, contact us at [knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca). Join us in making a difference through faith in action.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL wishes to thank the parish community for its generous support of those in need in Newmarket. In 2025, we collected 1,910 pounds of food and \$7,620 in monetary donations for the Newmarket Food Pantry. Throughout the summer, our collection bin will remain in the church to receive new backpacks and school supplies for students in need. We thank you for your support and generosity.



## YOUTH CHOIR SUMMER BREAK

The Youth Choir will be taking a break for the summer months but will resume rehearsals in October when we will welcome new members! Youth between the ages of 10-18 who enjoy singing and would like to be part of our choir are invited to join us when we return. Wishing all our choir members and their families a safe, joyful, and relaxing summer. We look forward to singing together again in the fall with more information to follow!



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be taking a break for the summer months but will resume again September when the school year begins. We wish all our young parishioners and their families a safe, joyful, and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

# SPECIAL MASSES IN JUNE



Please mark your calendars and join us for this special celebration during the month of June. We warmly welcome all parishioners and visitors to come together in prayer and worship on this significant feast day:

- Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul – **Monday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Please note: Morning Mass is cancelled on Monday, June 29th.)*



## CALLING ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. As you close your high school books, open your heart to a journey of spiritual growth and community. Join a campus ministry for an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships, and experience university/college life in a different way. Your next adventure awaits - let it start with purpose! Check out Chaplaincy Connect at [chaplaincyconnect.ca](http://chaplaincyconnect.ca) to find your Catholic home on campus.



## PARISH LIBRARY UPDATE

When borrowing items from the parish library, please complete a sign-out card. Fill in your name, contact information, date, and the name of the item, and circle "Borrowed." Place the completed card in the locked box. When returning your item, please complete a second card. Fill in your name, contact information, date, and the name of the item, and circle "Returned." Place this second card in the lock box. All adult books, children's books, and DVDs may be borrowed for home use. Thank you for your cooperation.



## PARISH BULLETIN

During the summer months, our parish bulletin will be published on a bi-weekly schedule. We invite you to stay connected by subscribing to our website where you will receive the latest parish news, events, and updates throughout the summer months.

<https://tinyurl.com/tr2bbtpt>



## YOUR SUPPORT CONNECTS YOUNG PARENTS WITH VITAL RESOURCES

Three months after welcoming her baby, young mother Annie was overwhelmed—physically exhausted, emotionally drained, and feeling completely alone. Thanks to you, she found Vita Centre, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, where young parents receive counselling, education, and a supportive community to navigate life's challenges. Counselling and practical programs became her lifeline. Today, with renewed confidence and a sense of possibility, she is considering going back to school. You made this possible. You can help young mothers like Annie find hope, healing, and a brighter future. Thus far we have raised \$50,143.43 toward our goal of \$95,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [share-life.org/donate](http://share-life.org/donate).

### IMPORTANT NOTICE: DONATIONS OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS

As much as we appreciate your generosity, our parish unfortunately lacks the storage space to accept donations of used statues, framed artwork, or books. We encourage you to share these items with family or donate them to local Catholic charities, hospital chaplaincies, or other faith-based organizations. Sacred items such as old palm branches, prayer cards, and liturgical books should be respectfully burned, with the ashes returned to the earth.

## YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Heading away this summer? Support your parish through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Download the form: [PAG Form](#), or scan the QR code. Once filled out, drop it off at the office or in the white box by the baptismal font. Prefer credit card? Donate securely via the QR code or at:



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## EUCCHARISTIC 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. Please join us.

Mass is celebrated at 7:00 pm



## VOCATIONS

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Accept the invitation that is being extended; an invitation by the one who sent Him. If you feel you are being called to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997** or [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



## MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

*Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity"), offers guidance for living the Christian faith in today's world. Parishioners are encouraged to read this inspiring letter and learn more at [ccb.ca](http://ccb.ca)*

## OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION June 20-21

**\$11,887**

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**Thank You**



## Message of His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo

### Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

Canada Day – July 1, 2026

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.

In the coming days we will celebrate Canada Day, a time when we rightly commemorate what Canada is: a land of peace, opportunity, and security. Gratitude matters, and it is important to recognize our blessings and give thanks. Yet this year, I would invite the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto to consider a deeper, more searching question undergirding our celebrations: “*Who are we becoming?*” (cf. Dt 30:19), not only as individuals, but as a nation.

Many of the tensions we experience today—our debates, divisions, polarization and uncertainties—point to something more profound than politics or policy. At their root lies a question of identity. Not merely political or cultural identity, but something more fundamental: what does it mean to be human? (Cf. CCC 355-357). What is freedom, and how is it rightly lived? What is worth protecting, even at a cost? When a shared understanding of the human person and the dignity this calls forth, the pursuit of truth and our responsibilities in building a just society begins to fade or become blurred, we do not simply disagree, we begin to drift. Freedom is consequently reduced to one’s private choices regardless of others, truth becomes something we construct rather than receive (*Veritatis Splendor*, 34–35), and the bonds that hold us together grow thin.

These are not new questions. They reach back to the earliest centuries of Christian reflection. St. Augustine of Hippo expressed this enduring insight: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you” (*Confessions*, I, 1). The restlessness we experience—social, political, moral— is not incidental (cf. CCC 27-30). It reflects a deeper longing inscribed within the human heart, one that cannot be satisfied, lived fully and with enduring purpose and meaning by merely better policies or sharper ideologies alone. A society may function for a time without clear answers to its most fundamental questions but eventually cracks begin to appear and a break down becomes inevitable (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 52–55).

We honour the human person, not as a modern invention or political slogan, but as a precious gift rooted in and stemming from our loving God who creates and sustains us (Gen 1:26-27; cf. *Laudato Si*, 65). Our identity is not something we invent; it is something we receive (cf. *Redemptor Hominis*, 10). Yet this gift is not static. The Christian vision holds together both gift and growth: we are given an identity by God as his creation, and we are called to grow into it. Through the exercise of our freedom, through the choices we make, we either move closer to the truth of who we are or further from it (cf. CCC 1700). In this sense, the question “*Who are we becoming?*” acknowledges both our origin and our direction—we are always becoming more or less fully ourselves.



This sublime concept is captured powerfully by St. Irenaeus of Lyons, who wrote, “the glory of God is man [fully] alive” (*Gloria enim Dei vivens homo. Against Heresies*, IV, 20, 7). To be fully alive is not simply to exist, but to live in truth, in communion with God, a virtuous lifestyle and in accordance with the purpose for which we were created (Jn 10:10). Freedom, then, is not the power to redefine, reinvent or recreate ourselves, but the capacity to become who we truly are (cf. *Libertas*

*Praestantissimum*, 7–8). Each choice we make either draws us closer to that fullness or leads us away from it (CCC 1731-1733). And it is precisely this dynamic—this movement from gift to fulfillment—that shapes not only us, but, over time, the character of our communities and the identity of our nation (cf. St. Augustine, *City of God*, XIV, 28).

Freedom is never neutral, every choice we make sets a direction—not only for our own lives, but for the world we are helping to build (cf. *Veritatis Splendor*, 96). A nation is not constructed by laws and institutions alone, but by the countless decisions of its people, decisions that either draw us toward the good, the true, and the beautiful, or away from them (cf. *Immortale Dei*, 40). In this way, the question “*Who are we becoming?*” is inseparable from the question of what kind of country we are forming together (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 182).

The Church does not see this as an isolated task, we are not called to become ourselves alone, but together (1Cor 12:12-27; cf. CCC 1878). In recent years we have increasingly described this shared journey using the language of synodality: a people walking together, listening, discerning, and seeking a common direction under God (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 28-33). Some see this as a novel idea, others as a return to apostolic times. One thing is certain, such a vision reminds us that freedom finds its fullest meaning not in separation, but in communion (cf. *Caritas in Veritate*, 4-5). As our choices shape our lives, so too they shape our life together—calling us, gradually, to reflect more fully the communion for which we were created, and which finds its ultimate fulfillment in the Kingdom of God (Eph 4:15 – 16

When this vision is lost, freedom itself begins to change. It ceases to be the capacity to choose what is good and true, and becomes instead a matter of preference, untethered from any deeper reality (cf. *Centesimus Annus*, 4). Severed from truth, freedom does not expand—it collapses (CCC, 1733; cf. Jn 8:34). This has consequences not only for individuals, but for society as a whole. The kind of country we become depends on the kind of people we are becoming, and on the values we choose to live by (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 36–38). Laws and policies matter greatly, but they cannot create what they presuppose (cf. *Evangelium Vitae*, 70).

I would invite everyone to celebrate Canada Day with gratitude and reverence for the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. I would also ask that you pray for our beautiful land, its people, and its institutions (1Tim 2:1-2). May we never cease to reflect, to ask difficult questions, and to recover something essential about who we are (cf. *Caritas in Veritate*, 76-77). “We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works” (Eph 2:10; cf. CCC 1803-1804). The future of our country will not be determined only in public debates or political decisions but will be shaped—quietly and steadily—in the hearts of its people (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 94-98).

St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada, pray for us. Happy Canada Day to all.

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