

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, Feb 23**

5:00 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Mass (Chinese)

**Sunday, Feb 24**

8:30 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
12:00 pm Mass  
5:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Pro Populo

**Monday, Feb 25**

8:00 am Mass  
♦Thanksgiving by Lourdes Halifax

**Tuesday, Feb 26**

7:00 pm Mass  
† Peggy Sullivan  
† Mary Colleen Wheeler

**Wednesday, Feb 27**

12:10 pm Mass  
† Margaret Pilkey

**Thursday, Feb 28**

8:00 am Mass

**Friday, Mar 1**

7:00 pm First Friday Mass  
† Albina Brach  
† Ted Smykiel

**Saturday, Mar 2**

9:00 am Mass  
† Maxwell Broughton  
† Craig Boland

## Sanctuary Lamp

February 25-March 2

The Vigil Lamp burns

**For the victims of clergy abuse around the world.**

## We ask for your prayers

### For the sick:

Meg Gomes, Dyla Ristevski, Christina Gust.

### For the deceased:

Paul Bourque, June Krakowiak, Maureen Cullimore, Romeo Abrasosa, Lilia Perdomo, Craig Boland

*Note: Names will be kept for a period of one month. For the sick, we require a monthly resubmission of the name, and if the condition of the individual changes sooner, please let us know.*

## Love your enemies



Today's readings seem especially pertinent to us living in a climate of sarcasm and insults, offensiveness and bullying, violence and hatred. Sparing, let alone forgiving and loving one's perceived enemies, or refusing to judge others is hardly "natural" to most of us. But God sees it differently, and we are faced with the choice of whether we will too. Considering what this requires of us is a good way to enter the immanent season of Lent. (Joan DeMerchant)

## Theology On Tap



St. John Chrysostom Parish invites you to join us for our first meeting: **Thursday, February 28 - 8pm** at the Grey Goat Pub & Grill, 74

Main St. South, Newmarket. Theology on Tap is a monthly meeting of young adults between the ages of 20-35 who are interested in discussing faith & justice topics in a comfortable and safe space. First meeting facilitated by Christine Way Skinner: "Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know about Catholicism, but Were Afraid to Ask". To register or for more information, please email us at:

[theologyontap@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:theologyontap@stjohnsnewmarket.ca)

## Knights of Columbus



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Pancake Breakfast. Together we raised 541.77 for Catholic Missions in Northern Canada. Mark your calendar for our St. Patrick's Day Pub Night on **March 16**. Join us for great food, live band and a silent auction. Tickets will be available soon. For information you can find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/KofC6643](https://www.facebook.com/KofC6643)

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Check out our new page on the Parish Website. In response to your requests, it has a link for 'online' donations to our Conference, with immediate tax receipts, through Canada Helps. The 2018 St. Vincent de Paul tax receipts will be distributed along with the parish tax receipts in the Stained Glass Room before and after all Masses for the next two weekends. To help us save money otherwise spent on postage, please be sure to pick up your 2018 tax receipt.

## Ash Wednesday



Ashes will be distributed, **March 6** at 12:10pm and again at 7pm. Ashes are a symbol of repentance. They remind us of our own mortality and

our limitedness as creatures. With ashes we remember how much we are in need of God's grace and mercy and how much we need to come back to the ways of our loving God.

## Spanish Mass

Last **Sunday, February 17** our parish had the Spanish inaugural Mass. This mass does represent a structural change in our parish that speaks about our willingness to worship as the universal Church. We are grateful that many parishioners, though not Spanish speaking, were there to welcome and guide the new members of our parish. We remind everyone that this mass is open for all to attend and we are making every effort to be as bilingual as possible to include everyone in the parish.



## Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for Confirmation, Session 2 is scheduled for the week of **February 24-March 2**. For the entire schedule, visit the parish website. For information contact Christine Way Skinner (see cover page).

## Woman's Lenten Retreat

Queen of Apostles will offer a Lenten Retreat on the weekend of **March 22-24** on the theme: Every Gift Reveals God's Love: But No Gift Reveals God's Love More Than The Gifts Of The Cross. For further information or to register please call 905-278-5229.

## World Day of Prayer

Every year on the first Friday of March, "World Day of Prayer" is celebrated around the world in solidarity with the women of a particular country. This year the featured country is Slovenia and this year's theme is "Come Everything is Ready". Join us at St. Paul's Anglican Church on **Friday, March 1 at 2pm** for an ecumenical service. Guest speaker on Slovenia & Bee-keeping will be Julie Ginter.



### From the Accounting Office

This is the last weekend tax receipts will be available for pick up in the Stained Glass Room at the entrance of the church. They will be available in the parish office Monday through Friday, during regular office hours until February 27. All tax receipts that have not been picked up will be mailed on February 28 - the deadline date set by the government for mailing out tax receipts. Please make every effort to pick up your tax receipt so that we can save money that would otherwise be spent on postage.

### Tax Receipts



#### What you need to know about your 2018 tax receipts...

- If you switched to using your credit card to make your donations, those donations will be receipted by the Archdiocese. That amount is not included in your receipt from St. John's.
- If you made a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, you will receive a separate receipt from them.
- If you made a donation to the Family of Faith campaign, you will receive your receipt from the Archdiocese.
- If you made a ShareLife donation to St. John's, the amount is included in your receipt; however, if you used your credit card to make that donation, the Archdiocese will send you a receipt for the ShareLife portion.
- In line with privacy law, we will not give out receipts for third parties, including family members. These are sensitive and confidential documents and only the people whose name is on the receipt can receive them.
- We remind everyone that processing a replacement copy of a tax-receipt requires the work of an accountant which incurs additional cost to the parish. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Family Life Program

St. John's is excited to participate in a pilot project of the Archdiocese for helping young families raise their children in faith. Parents and young children come together for 7 sessions of 2 hour classes. The time includes interactive activities with parents and children as well as time for parents to spend with each other. We are looking for four people who are interested in becoming leaders for our Early Catholic Family Life programme. This training will take place on Saturday, **March 2, 9am. – 4pm.** Please contact Christine (see cover page) as soon as possible if you are interested.

### Pilgrimage To The Holy Land



Fr. Norbert is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on **November 17-26, 2019.** Many have already registered. If you are considering joining us, send in your registration form as soon as possible in order to reserve your spot. An orientation session to answer all questions will be held on **February 25 from 7pm-8pm** in the parish centre. For additional information, flyers are available at the entrance of the church or:

Call 905-715-1530

Email: [norberto\\_eyule@yahoo.com.ph](mailto:norberto_eyule@yahoo.com.ph)

### St. Augustine's Seminary

Come & See Weekend invites single Catholic men, Grade 12 and older, **March 15-17.** This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men.



Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The weekend includes Holy Mass, Adoration and Confession. To register call 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### Pray for Vocations

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. Is God calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997; or visit/email us at:



[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)  
[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Transparency Report

Please visit the parish website where you will find the content of this presentation and other helpful information. We encourage everyone to direct any questions you may have to any of the members of the Finance Council. You can use the email address provided on the website.

### Stewardship

Our sharing in the Paschal mystery brings us to see that our sacrifices represent our gratitude, praise, and trust in God. Therefore, stewardship is not about money. Stewardship is about receiving all of God's gifts gratefully, cultivating them responsibly, sharing them lovingly in justice with others, and then, returning them with increase to the Lord.

### Our Offertory Collection

In order to meet the operating expenses of the parish, we need a Weekly Average collection of:

**\$13,200**

Total Collected February 9-10

**\$10,552.**

Thank you for funding the operation and ministries our community depends on.

### Parish Website & Bulletins



Take a moment to visit the parish website. New material is being added regularly. Please let us know if you see any errors or things to which we need to attend. You can also sign up through the website to have the bulletin sent to you. If you would like to receive the parish bulletin weekly on-line, visit our parish website and look for the link to sign up. Please refer to the cover page for website address.

### Food Drive

Thank you for bringing your donations of non-perishable food items to mass. Items can still be brought next weekend and will be brought to the New-market Food Pantry.

