

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan 19

5:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Mass (Chinese)

Sunday, Jan 20

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

Monday, Jan 21

8:00 am Mass

◆ Intentions of Joanne Ennamorato

Tuesday, Jan 22

7:00 pm Mass

◆ Thanksgiving: Desamito Family

◆ Thanksgiving: Cathy Sullivan

Wednesday, Jan 23

12:10 pm Mass

† Margaret Melnichuk

† Steve Chittenden

Thursday, Jan 24

8:00 am Mass

Friday, Jan 25

8:00 am Mass

† Maria Miranda

Saturday, Jan 26

9:00 am Mass

† Eduardo Medina

† Mike Boland

Pro Populo



From the beginning of and throughout his ministry, Jesus revealed who he was. Today's first reading describes God's relationship with Israel in spousal terms, so it is not surprising that Jesus' first sign took place at a wedding feast. All that he did was essentially about God's unending love for us. Every aspect of life, including marriage, can speak to us of this deep, pervading, unifying love. How is that expressed in our own particular lives? (Joan DeMerchant)

Altar Servers In Training



The parish community welcomes children preparing for First Communion to start training as Altar Servers. We ask that you bring your child and introduce them to the priest. The first 3-4 Sundays, these children will be just part of the procession and observe during mass. Gradually, the more experienced altar servers will give them small tasks if they are ready to take on the responsibility as altar servers.

Knights of Columbus



Our next breakfast will be a FREE Pancake Breakfast on **February 17** at 9:30am. Join us for the Saint Patrick's Day Pub Night on **March 16**, Silent Auction and all – more details to follow. We are still accepting donations for the Catholic Missions of Canada and continue collecting your pop can tabs in the bucket in the church entrance. If you are interested in joining the Knights or just want information, please email use at knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/KofC6643.

2019 Offertory Envelopes



Parishioners who did not find their assigned box of envelopes and parishioners who would like to start using offertory envelopes can pick up a new box at the office during regular office hours. We continue to ask that you only use envelopes that reflect the year 2019. If you are presently donating by Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) or Credit Card (CC) and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office for options. Parishioners who would like to start using PAG or CC donating methods can register using the forms found at the entrance of the church or by visiting the parish office. We ask for your help in keeping our records updated: if you have a new address, contact number or any changes that involve family mem-

bers please call the parish office so that we can update your current registration. We appreciate your support.

Confirmation Preparation Update

Preparation meetings for Confirmation begin the week of **January 20-26**. Your facilitator will call you to tell you which day your meeting is. The entire schedule is available on the website. If you like working with this age group and are still interested, we could use one or more facilitators. Please contact Christine if you would like more information.



Rite of Calling to First Eucharist

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated being called by Jesus to prepare for First Eucharist this weekend. As we promised, the parishioners of St. John's will pray for you during this important year. Please remember that your next preparation meetings take place on **February 7, 9 or 10**.

Learn more about the Mass

If you would like to learn more about why we do what we do at mass, you are welcome to attend a teaching mass on **Thursday, January 24** from 7 pm – 8:30 pm in the church. Children from the sacramental programmes are especially invited, but this is open to anyone in the parish who is interested.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Your kindness and generosity made Christmas brighter for many in our community. As you make your New Year's resolutions, if you are 18 or older, why not consider giving your time to our SSVP parish conference? Leave a message at 905-898-4264. We would like everyone to know that the poor boxes are now located beside the inside church doors and held, mostly, by Vincentians who are happy to answer your questions.



Sanctuary Lamp

January 21-January 26

The Vigil Lamp burns

for the repose of the souls of
Beach & Sullivan Families

Requests can be directed to our parish office or via email

We ask for your prayers

For the sick:

Kurt Profyt, Nathalina Biafora, Vicky Agius, Noah Della Cese, Joe Hum, Peggy Dillon.

For the deceased:

Margaret Melnichuk, Fay Walton, Ted Mulvale, Frances Smith, Joey Garcia, Michael O'Leary.

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.

Visiting Ministry



Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, **January 28** from 7pm to 9pm at the Parish Centre. Our speaker for the meeting will be Juliette Irish, Executive Director of Doane House Hospice. Her topics will include; how to provide comfort and care to patients with life threatening illness and support methods to their families. All visiting ministry members should attend. Anyone interested in this very necessary ministry is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Men's Retreat

The Augustinians at MaryLake (King City) will be hosting this event, **January 25 to 27**. Food and accommodation will be provided. Donation requested. Call Harry McAvoy at 905-898-4899 or email him at hmcavoy@sympatico.ca.

Adult Faith Formation



One of the distinctive features of the Catholic Tradition is that it is sacramental. On Monday evenings, beginning **January 14 to March 4**, from 7:30pm to 9pm the Adult

Faith Formation group will study, share and reflect on the sacraments. If you are interested in joining the group, call the parish office.

Children's Choir



We invite all children who have the talent to sing to join our children's choir this year. The commitment is once a week for rehearsals with the added commitment to sing at the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday's. If interested, join us for our next rehearsal on Wednesday **January 23** in the church: 5:30pm to 6:30pm. For more information email Joan Turco at stjc.mainoffice2@gmail.com.

Food Drive



Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to mass next weekend. Items can be left at the back of the church and will be donated to the Newmarket Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

Praying for Christian Unity

January 18-25 is prayer for Christian Unity week on the theme "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue."



Before Christmas, St. John's parish began celebrating a mass on **Saturday evenings in Mandarin and Cantonese at 7pm**. As some of you may know, Fr. Efen has been celebrating Sunday Mass at Holy Martyrs of Japan parish for the Hispanic community that has grown over the years in connection to *El Sembrador*, a well known ministry in our parish. After much discussion and consideration, it was decided, with the approval of the Cardinal, that attention should be given to this community independently from the ministry of *El Sembrador* in order to better serve the pastoral needs of both. The pastor of Holy Martyrs of Japan will continue to care for *El Sembrador* and Fr. Efen will take responsibility for the Spanish speaking population of this region by offering a mass at St. John's. This mass will be primarily in Spanish but will also include some English readings and music in order to make it accessible to the larger community. The inaugural mass will be held on **Sunday, February 17 at 5pm**. We encourage you to volunteer with the liturgical ministries (i.e. Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, altar servers, etc.).

Our vision is that this mass will be as inclusive as possible so that we, as church, begin to integrate the stranger as members of our family of faith rather than being segregated according to language and cultural differences. We are fortunate to be enriched by so many cultures and languages in our parish and we welcome the opportunity to be one though many. Please call the parish office if you wish to volunteer in any way.

Pray for Vocations



Often we are in need of someone to tell us how to listen and how to discern what God wants to do. Mary, at the weeding in Canna, tells the servants: "do whatever he tells you". Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. 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 vocations@archtoronto.org.

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:

\$14,181

Total Collected January 12-13
\$10,746.

Thank you for funding the many services, ministries and programs 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.