

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The St. John the Apostle parish community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to witness to the presence of Christ*  
(Parish established October 8, 1966)

Pastor: Rev. Emeka Onyeogubalu  
Deacon: Deacon Victor Mesta  
Office Administrator: Franca Morrison  
Bookkeeping: Pearl Beausoleil  
Maintenance: Steve Short

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00; 1:00 - 3:30

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal preparation is required. Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

## SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Preparation is required.

Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 at least nine months in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 to make arrangements.

**FUNERAL ENQUIRIES:** Please contact the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Ray Kostuch (Chair) John Schembri  
Chris Pereira Debby Walsh

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Gino Brancatelli (Chair) Paul Gillis  
Bob Williamson John Schembri  
Don Percy Adel Iskandar

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Ian Moffat (Chair) Rosemary Fikis  
Heather Petti Mary Jean Thompson  
Fred Adibe Sandra Brancatelli  
Deacon Victor Mesta

## Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,  
Children's Liturgy generally at 10:30am Mass (Sept. to June)

## Weekday Liturgy

Eucharist: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 9:00 am  
and 1st Saturday of month: 9:00 am

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: prayed before weekday Mass 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the Month, following 9am Mass  
until 10:30am

**CONFESSIONS:** 8:30 am Tuesday - Friday

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm; and on request

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Audrey Wojcik	audrey.wojcik@yahoo.ca	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra	dalfarra@rogers.com	613-721-8111
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DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:	Sonia Yumiceba	syumas@yahoo.com	
	Doreen Aaron	doreen.aaron@gmail.com	
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-224-8081
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Parish Office		613-829-1760
MUSIC MINISTRY	5pm Joanne Parenteau	joanneparenteau@gmail.com	
	8am Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-224-8081
	10:30am Lisa-Marie Flynn	lismarielynn13@gmail.com	613-614-5566
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	Parish Office		613-829-1760
	Help Line for crisis pregnancy		1-800-665-0570
READERS/COMMENTATORS	Laura Recoskie	lrecoskie@gmail.com	613 596-0905
RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY	Parish Office		613-829-1760
SACRISTANS/ENVIRONMENT	Angela Beimers		613-829-0320
USHERS	Gerry Fikis	g.fikis@rogers.com	613-723-0728
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FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank		613-596-6229
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Our Lady of Victory	613-828-5594	St. John XXIII	613-226-6223
St. John the Apostle	613-828-0644	St. Paul High School	613-820-9705

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

The people of St. John the Apostle Parish Community extend a warm welcome to our parish family! Kindly introduce yourself to the priest and register your family with our community. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. (Please complete the information below and place in the collection basket)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_ WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>		
<b>5:00 pm</b>	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu	
	#1 John Dunphy #2 Mary Ellen Agnel	Deacon Victor Yoli Mesta Mary Ellen Agnel
	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu	
<b>8:00am</b>	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu	
	#1 Len Ugarenko #2 Evan Paulson	Angela Beimers Margaret Thomas Mary Jean Thompson
	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu	
<b>10:30am</b>	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu	
	#1 Laura Recoskie #2 Mark Ferreira	Fatima Peiris Harrison Peiris
	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu	

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,  
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*

### Mass times for Christmas and New Year's



**Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> -- 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm**  
**Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00am**

**Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> -- 5:00pm**  
**Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> -- 8:00am, 10:30am**



### Blessing of Baby Jesus

Families are invited to bring the baby Jesus from their family creche for a blessing before placing him in your manger scene, at the **5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass.**



### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY!!!

The last Children's Liturgy for the year will take place next **Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**. After a short break for the holidays, we will resume Children's Liturgy on **January 8<sup>th</sup>**. We can't wait to see you again soon!

### Dates to Remember

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> – CWL Bake Sale This weekend!!**



**CWL Christmas Bake Sale** before and after all masses this weekend. Come and get your Christmas baking all done!!

*Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our CWL activities.*



**PRO-LIFE APPRECIATION:** Your response to Campaign Life's fundraiser (Christmas cards, cakes and chocolates, etc) was most generous. Thank you, too, for your ongoing support of all Pro-life endeavours this past year (Action Life's Hike for Life, National March for Life, Lifechain, 40 Days for Life), and the monthly parish masses offered for the protection of all human life. Well done, parishioners.



Christmas Flowers

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church. Envelopes are available on the back tables.

The Parish Office will close on **Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 3:30pm and reopen **Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:00am



## SUNDAY SMILE

It was the Christmas season and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?"  
 "Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the man.  
 "That's no offense," said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?"  
 "Before the store opened," he replied.

### Around the Diocese....

**Advent Concert:** Introspección by classical guitarist Christopher Matthew & international renowned artist Hermelindo Ruiz. At Our Lady of Fatima Church (153 Woodroffe Ave), Saturday, **December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**. Admission by voluntary donation at the door. Christopher and Hermelindo will play solo guitar music by Canadian and Puerto Rican composers, as well as some guitar duos. Come and enjoy this unique musical experience!

**Advent Stories from Development and Peace:** It has become a yuletide tradition for Development and Peace to share Advent stories that warm the heart by showcasing the real-world impact of the solidarity and generosity of the Canadian Catholic community. Stories posted weekly at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

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**New envelope boxes for 2023** are ready for pick up in the Glass house. Every year, we have to reallocate numbers to take into account people who have left the parish or switched to PAD. These numbers get reassigned to new parishioners. **Please do not assume that last year's number is still assigned to you and do not use envelopes issued to you in previous years.** This could mean someone else will be getting credit for your donation. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2023. *Thank you.*

**Clothing for St. Vincent de Paul:** When deciding what to do with clothing you no longer wear please remember our **drop-off bin at the rear of the church parking lot**. Clothing donations to charities like St. Vincent's, Ottawa Neighbourhood Services, and the Salvation Army are down due to competition from other drop-off bin operators. Be aware that donation bins are not well regulated and many drop boxes around the city are operated by for-profit companies.

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. Dec. 10th – 5:00pm**

✠Albert Guay by Elizabeth and Hart Steeves.  
 For the health and benefit of the Sterling Children by Joanne Parenteau.  
 For the health of Carmaline Vithanage by Marie and Jodi Epps and family.

**Sun. Dec. 11th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Dec. 11th – 10:30am**

✠Sheila Berrea by the family.  
 ✠George and Regena Robert by the family.  
 ✠Tina Martin by Franca and Charles Morrison.

**Tues. Dec. 13th - 9:00am**

For the family tree of the Matiwas, Tesfamicael and Mekedes families.

**Wed. Dec. 14th - 9:00am**

In thanksgiving by Anne Egan.

**Sat. Dec. 17th – 5:00pm**

✠Cliff Yeung by Karen and Tom Kelly and family.  
 ✠John and Diane Buchanan by Marie and Jodi Epps and family.  
 Living and deceased members of the Parenteau family.

**Sun. Dec. 18th – 8:00am**

✠Noreen Quinlan by Elaine McVeigh.  
 ✠Maureen Conlin by Francine Conlin.  
 Deceased members of the Dervin family by Lynn Harriet-Dervin.

**Sun. Dec. 18th – 10:30am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

✠ indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Curtis Harry, Doug Gallant and Brian Doherty. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.



### **Bulletin deadlines for December**

**December 25th bulletin:**

**Deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 14th by Noon**

**January 1st bulletin:**

**Deadline: Monday, Dec. 19th by Noon**

**Please remember to book your Announced Mass intentions early if you wish them to be printed in the bulletin.**





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