

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. Lindsay Harrison
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

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: Prayed before weekday Mass 8:30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Following Tuesday morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal preparation is required. 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.

PASTORAL CARE: If you or a family member is sick at home or in hospital, please contact our Pastoral Care Team to have someone visit you and bring Communion. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Sick.

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

Building Committee: Gino Brancatelli Paul Gillis
Bob Williamson Peter Garvey Jack Belletrutti

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC):

Daniel Hogan (Chair) Divina Hogan (Sec.)
Bill Roblin Pat Fagan Louise Hennessy
Ian Moffat

Sunday Eucharist

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

Weekday Liturgy

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

CONFESSIONS: 8:40 am Tuesday - Friday
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm; and on request

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES	Parish Office	stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
BEREAVEMENT GROUP	Mary Ellen Henniger		613-224-0030
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Rosemary Fikis	r.fikis@rogers.com	613-723-0728
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra	dalfarra@rogers.com	613-721-8111
CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION	Parish Office	stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
COUNTERS	Eileen Gallant	eileen.gallant@sympatico.ca	613-828-0778
CURSILLO REPRESENTATIVE	Louise Hennessy	lhennessy1976@gmail.com	(Monthly Ultreya - first Saturday after 9:00 am mass)
FUNERAL LITURGY TEAM	Parish Office	stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Phil Batty	battypil1@gmail.com	613-406-8434
LEGION OF MARY	Angela Beimers	red_rose_angela31@outlook.com	613-829-0320
LITURGY COMMITTEE	Divina Hogan	SJALitCom@yahoo.ca	613-820-7852
MARRIAGE PREPARATION INQUIRIES	Parish Office	stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Ming Leung	Mingdee@gmail.com	613-721-3834
MUSIC MINISTRY	Parish Office	stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
NEW EVANGELIZATION GROUP	Divina Hogan	SJALitCom@yahoo.ca	613-820-7852
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)	Daniel Hogan (Chair)	daniel_hogan_sja@yahoo.ca	613-820-7852
PASTORAL CARE	Mary Ellen Henniger		613-224-0030
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	Deborah La Riccia	deborahlariccia@rogers.com	613-820-3580
	Help Line for crisis pregnancy		1-800-665-0570
READERS/COMMENTATORS	Laura Recoskie	lrecoskie@gmail.com	613 596-0905
RECEPTION (VOLUNTEERS)	Joan and Helene	reception.sjap@gmail.com	613-829-1760
RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY	Audrey Kostuch	AudreyKostuch@rogers.com	613-721-3549
SACRISTANS/ENVIRONMENT	Angela Beimers		613-829-0320
SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE	Call the parish office	stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
USHERS	Gerry Fikis	g.fikis@rogers.com	613-723-0728

FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank		613-596-6229
	Pinecrest Food Cupboard		613-596-6703

AREA SCHOOLS			
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
Dec. 22nd – 23rd – Fourth Sunday of Advent		
President: Fr. Lindsay		
5:00 pm	#1 Ian Moffat	Bill Roblin
	#2 Dee Simons	Ian Moffat Teresa Wong
President: Fr. Lindsay		
8:00 am	#1 Mary Jean Thompson	Judie Beazley
	#2 Sabrina Pedulla	Angela Beimers Ted Stephen
President: Fr. Lindsay		
10:30 am	#1 Janet Snider Belot	Harrison Peiris
	#2 Alejandra Guidi	Fatima Peiris Deborah La Riccia Merv Sullivan Jessica Sullivan

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



Today's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Rejoice! It is the word that best embodies the Third Sunday of Advent. It's like a beautifully wrapped gift that we can't wait to open. We know we are getting close to Christmas and close to receiving a most wondrous gift: the birth of Christ.

This expectation and the need to prepare ourselves for this wondrous event mark Advent. We are eager to celebrate an event that changed everything and gave all people new hope. What is more joyous than a newborn... and yet what is more vulnerable? It is in such poverty and vulnerability that Jesus comes.

Advent is about preparing for Christ's coming. We must renew our commitment as Christians to reach out to others, especially the most vulnerable, and to let our "gentleness be known to everyone."

In the Gospel, when people ask John the Baptist what they should do, he says whoever has two coats must share with someone who has none. If they have food to eat, they must ensure the hungry are fed.

As we prepare for Christ's coming, bear in mind that Jesus comes not as a great ruler in flowing robes of gold and silk. He comes as a vulnerable child who requires our concern, nurturing and care.

Jack Panozzo, Toronto, ON

Mass times for Christmas and New Year's



Monday, Dec. 24th -- 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm
Tuesday, Dec. 25th -- 10:00am

Monday, Dec. 31st -- 5:00pm
Tuesday, Jan. 1st -- 10:00am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays : Legion of Mary - 9:30 am Small Assembly Room
Wednesdays: Euchre – 12:30 pm in Small Assembly Room
Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 1:30 pm
Fridays: Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:15 pm
Sundays: Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am
Mon. to Fri. After School Group: 3 – 6 pm Small Assembly Room

Wed. Dec. 19th	RCIA	7:00pm Boardroom
Wed. Dec. 19th	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:15pm Main Hall
Wed. Dec. 19th	Choir Rehearsal	7:15pm Church

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10th – Parish Memorial Mass

January 15th – Alpha Reunion

January 17th – Bible Study Resumes

Parish Memorial Mass The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, January 10th**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away **in 2018**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2018 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 829-1760, with the name of the deceased **and** the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass on their behalf.



Thank You! Many thanks for your donations and support for the CWL Christmas Bake Sale. We raised \$692. Money raised from our bake sales will be donated to the parish and other local charities in 2019. Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas!

The Parish Office will close on **Thursday, December, 20th at 3:30pm** and reopen, **January, 2nd at 9:00am.**



SUNDAY SMILE

Why is Christmas like a day at the office?
In both cases you do all the work and the fat guy
in the suit gets all the credit.

Notice for Parents – Re: Sacraments

Parents of children in the Public School System and children who are homeschooled are asked to please call the parish office to register for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. 613-829-1760.



SJA ALPHA PROGRAM: Thank you to the guests who came out on a weekly basis to participate in the SJA Alpha Program to strengthen their personal relationships with Jesus Christ. A special thank you to our Parish's volunteers as this Program would not have been possible without their enormous contributions. This includes the planning team, the prayer team, the hosts and helpers, the hospitality/reception team, the food preparation/kitchen crew, the tech support, and the emcee. Truly, the Holy Spirit is alive in our Parish!

Kindergarten Registration: If your child will be 4 years old by December 31, 2018, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program. Kindergarten Registration Week is **January 14-19, 2019** at your local Catholic elementary school, or anytime throughout the year. For more information, visit: <http://ocsb.ca/register/>

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 and even organized crime.

The Compassionate Community Care (CCC) helpline, 1-855-675-8749 is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help and support regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide prevention, and/or end-of-life treatment issues or concerns.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church. Envelopes are available at both entrances.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 15th – 5:00pm

†Hector Malboeuf by Claudette Levair
†Lillian Fortier by Scott and Aimee Brown and family
For the benefit of the Sterling children by Joanne Parenteau

Sun. Dec. 16th – 8:00am

For the intentions of our parishioners.

Sun. Dec. 16th – 10:30am

†Mary Hellard by the family
†Camilo Giamberardino by the family
Blessings on Michel and Karen Lavoie family by Daniel and Divina, Michael and Joan, Gordon and Sonia, Carlos and Mena, Bob and Liliane

Sun. Dec. 16th – 11:00am Valley Stream

†Doreen Spicer by Gordon Boreham
Health of Adam Barr by Douglas and Ray Reid
Health of June Gensey by Douglas and Ray Reid

Wed. Dec. 19th – 9:00am

†Maureen Barry by Dave and Margaret Thomas
Intentions of Pat and Joe Mangione by Anne and Roydon Kealey

Sat. Dec. 22nd – 5:00pm

†Wendy Harrington by Ella, Jeff, Maureen, Oliver and Carol, Ian and Margaret
†Betty Dawson by Joanne Parenteau
†Stu Armstrong by Don and Terry Armstrong

Sun. Dec. 23rd – 8:00am

†Anton Boehler by Heidi Chisholm
†Gregory Michael Kiez by Leona and Ned Kiez and family
Blessings on Michel and Karen Lavoie family by Ann, Ray and Fran, Steve and Bev, Ron and Marilyn, Alem and Tsegnet

Sun. Dec. 23rd – 10:30am

For the intentions of our parishioners.

Sun. Dec. 23rd – 11:00am Valley Stream

†Catherine May by Douglas and Ray Reid

† indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2019 are ready for pick up in the Glass House. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2019.



Bulletin deadlines for December

December 30th bulletin:
Deadline: Monday, Dec. 17th by Noon

January 6th bulletin:
Deadline: Wednesday, 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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