

# 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: Joanne Bazdell  
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 Marie Weerasooriya-Epps

**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  
Jeff Alguire Christine Buccione Richard Abakah-Akumah

## 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	Rosemary Fikis	fikisrm@proton.me	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra		613-721-8111
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DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:	Doreen Aaron	doreen.aaron@gmail.com	
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 10470	Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-447-0489
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Mary Jean Thompson	r.thompson1@rogers.com	613-226-7219
MUSIC MINISTRY 5pm	Joanne Parenteau	joanneparenteau@gmail.com	
8am	Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-224-8081
10:30am	Lisa-Marie Flynn	lisamarielynn13@gmail.com	613-614-5566
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	James Lariviere	jmlariv@protonmail.com	613-883-8670
	Family Support Center		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
SENIORS MINISTRY	Claudette Joseph	claudette43@rogers.com	613-829-6013
USHERS	Gerry Fikis	fikisgw@pm.me	613-723-0728
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FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank		613-596-6229
	Pinecrest Food Cupboard		613-596-6703
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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 LENT

	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
<b>March 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>		
<b>5:00 pm</b>	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
	#1 Dee Simons #2 Mary Ellen Agnel	Deacon Victor Mary Ellen Agnel Jeff Ladouceur
<b>8:00am</b>	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
	#1 Francine Conlin #2 Malachy Okafor	Deacon Victor Jennifer Golanowski Mary Jean Thompson
<b>10:30am</b>	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
	#1 Xavier Recoskie #2 Amy Recoskie	Deacon Victor John Schembri Ron Mahoney

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

### The Lord is There First!

We say we must seek God, go to him and ask forgiveness, but when we go, he is waiting for us; he is there first! The Lord always gets there before us, he gets their first, he is waiting for us! To find someone waiting for you is truly a great grace. You go to him as a sinner, but he is waiting to forgive you. The Lord is waiting for us.

*Pope Francis*



### **Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm every Friday during Lent**

This is a beautiful devotion that can help us better understand Jesus' journey. Everyone is welcome to join us as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Christ's sacred mystery. This week's Stations will be hosted by the Catholic Women's League.



## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who graciously collected aluminum can tabs and eyeglasses. The results of your efforts are astounding. To date, St. John the Apostle parishioners have donated a total of **538 pairs of eyeglasses** and **104.9 pounds of aluminum tabs**. Our next appeal will begin October 2025. The recipients of your gifts are greatly appreciative.

## Dates to Remember

**March/April 19th – 40 Cans for Lent**  
**March 28th – Stations of the Cross 7pm**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup> - CWL Chocolate Fundraiser**



### **St. John the Apostle Online Purdys Chocolates Easter Fundraiser**

**The CWL** is teaming up with Purdys Chocolatier this EASTER season to fundraise for **LOCAL Charities**.

Stock up on your favourite Easter Purdys treats (Did I say Easter Bunnies?) **AND** support a great cause at the same time—it's the best of both worlds. All fundraising profit raised will directly support the St. John the Apostle Catholic Woman's League's local charity initiatives, so every order makes a great difference to us.

From now until **MARCH 31, 2025**, you can order Purdys treats online from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop for gifts for family, friends, neighbours **AND** yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies.

Pickup will be at St. John the Apostle on **Wednesday April 16, 2025. (10am-12pm, 4pm-6pm-back of church, small assembly room)**

What you'll need to order:

1. Our campaign number (customer number): **65848**
2. Go to our fundraising website:  
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1638574-128201>
3. Click **"Join Campaign"** and click on **DASHBOARD** then **Shop ONLINE** and then **MARKETPLACE**



**The Knights of Columbus** will be conducting their annual **"40 Cans for Lent"** food/cash drive again this year, beginning **Ash Wednesday, March 5th**, through **Holy Saturday, April 19th**

Your support through food and monetary donations will be very much appreciated. Food donations can be dropped off at both entrances during all Masses, or to the parish office during regular office hours. Monetary contributions can be made using the specially marked envelopes available at the entrances or directly in the parish office. Monetary donations can also be sent to: [bookkeeper@stjohntheapostleparish.com](mailto:bookkeeper@stjohntheapostleparish.com) with the notation that those donations are for the "40 Cans for Lent". Please see the poster in the glass house for further details.



## SUNDAY SMILE

An angel asked God what He was doing. "Making Canadians" He said.  
 "Aww they're so nice," said the angel.  
 "Oh yeah? watch this," said God as He dropped a hockey puck.

### ***Around the Diocese:***

***Join the Rosary Apostolate in the Schools!*** Do you Love Jesus and Mary? Do you Love children? Do you pray the Rosary? Are you willing to dedicate two hours a month to pray the Rosary with school children? If you answered "yes" to all these questions, you are a prime candidate for this program. See posters at the entrances for more information, or contact Johanne Walsh at [mrs.jowal@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.jowal@gmail.com), 613-255-5831.

***Canadian Martyrs Relic Tour:*** Veneration of the Relics of the Canadian Martyrs and St. Kateri Tekakwitha, **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** 3pm-9pm, Notre Dame Cathedral. 6pm Votive Mass with Archbishop Damphousse, 7pm Talk by Fr. John O'Brien, 7:30-9pm continued veneration.

***Night of Worship and Ministry:*** Join St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St., on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** (7-9 pm) for an evening of praise, prophecy, teaching, and healing. Theme: Trusting in God Most High. Speaker: Fr. Ken Lao, CC, St. Mary's Parish associate pastor. Info: Natalia Lacar (613-728-9811 x720; [night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca](mailto:night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca)).

***Mini Lenten Retreat:*** Join Bishop Yvan Mathieu as he deepens our understanding of the Jubilee Year of Hope and its relationship with Laudato Si's call to stewardship of our Common Home. Light refreshments served. **Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm**, St. Basils Church, 940 Rex Ave. Ottawa.

***Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025:*** For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2025! At Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm**. The registration form is now available at <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg>. Please register before Easter to ensure your place!

***Jubilee Year for Catholics Seminar:*** Join Bishop Yvan Mathieu for a one hour educational seminar on the significance of the Jubilee year for Catholics, followed by a 15 minute Q&A session. Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm, Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, 1940 Saunderson Dr. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided. See poster at the entrance.

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. March 22nd – 5:00pm**

**Sun. March 23rd – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. March 23rd – 10:30am**

✠Evariste Theriault by the Knights of Columbus

✠Mary House by Irene Bonner

**Tues. March 25th – 9:00am**

✠Evariste and Lorraine Theriault by Vanessa and Keith Doherty

✠Jamie Madigan by the Crampton family

**Wed. March 26th – 9:00am**

**Thurs. March 27th – 9:00am**

**Fri. March 28th – 9:00am**

✠Evariste Theriault by the family

**Sat. March 29th – 5:00pm**

✠Adele White by Peter White  
Conversion of Kathleen Ricketts

**Sun. March 30th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. March 30th – 10:30am**

✠Peter Sorokan by the CWL

✠Grace Okolie by the Adibe family

✠ indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially, Pope Francis, Angela Beimers, Paul Chamailard, Guy Somers-Neal and Pearl Beausoleil.



**Easter Flowers:** Envelopes are available at both entrances to the church for those who wish to make a donation for our Easter flowers.







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