



Sat. Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm Multi-intentional **Thomas O'Keefe** req. by the Parish Sun. Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 am Gary Kiser St. Cornelius req. by the Family Sun. Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am Available St. John's Church Sun. Jan 5th, 10:15 am John & Ellen Prach St. John's Church req. by Susan Hughes Sun. Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 am Available St. John's Church Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week All Souls ..... req. by the Parishioners Wed. Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am St. John's Church Thurs. Jan 9th. 8:30 am St. John's Church Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, Fri. 8:30 am St. John's Church Sat. Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm Multi-intentional Available Sun. Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 am Available St. Cornelius Sun. Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am Available St. John's Church Sun. Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 am Available St. John's Church Sun. Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 am Available

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Sanctuary Lamp Intention for next Week

All Souls ..... req. by the Parishioners - The Sanctuary Lamps next to the Tabernacle at St. John's Church may be sponsored as a memorial or intention. The Suggested offering is \$20.00. Please call the office.



Vocations... "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold,

frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org /www.vocationstoronto.ca

EDGE is a catholic ministry for Gr.'s 5, 6, 7 AND 8. Join us Jan 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at St. John's Church. Hope to see you there!!! For more info, email youthministrycaledoneast@gmail.com.





**Confirmation Sponsor Meeting** Wednesday January 8 at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church

# **First Communion Parent Meeting**

Wednesday January 15 at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church





Please Pray for those who died this past week and especially those who rest in our cemeteries.



Sick List Clean Up We are cleaning up our sick list for the New Year and will be removing names on Jan 4/5. To keep a name on the sick list, please email the office at stjohntheevangelistca@archtoronto.org

## **Communion Reflection...** Christ's light was not

lit once in Bethlehem and then extinguished. For two thousand years his light has shone upon the world. And it will continue to shine for all who believe in him and follow him. The light of Christ is a persistent light, and has the power to draw people to its shining. It shines in the midst of disasters and upheavals. It is a defiant light, which no darkness can overpower. Its purpose is not to judge us, but to show us the way to the Father's kingdom. God has called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of his Son. We must live as children of the light. So, let us imitate the Magi, and walk in the light of the Lord.



From the Pastor's Desk Birthdays are one thing that some people enjoy counting, especially children. As we get into adulthood,

counting birthdays doesn't seem so enjoyable. In fact we would rather not count them at all. New years are another category of occurrences that enter our lives on a regular basis without our having anything to say about them. If 2024 hasn't been a good year for you, then you are probably glad to see it go and are looking forward to a new start in 2025. Jesus told His disciples that they had nothing to fear because our Heavenly Father knows what we need. Our Lord often used whatever was at hand to illustrate His teachings, such as the birds of the air and the lilies in the fields. The people you met and the things you did last year were all part of His plan to teach you things. Each person and event teaches you something about God as well as yourself. If you don't "get it" the first time, you now have a new year to try it again. Use the time well while you have it; it won't last forever.

#### **An Epiphany House Blessing**

Lord God of heaven and earth. you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect our love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.



### Looking for 2024 Envelope Numbers: 4105,

4168, 4378, 4084 Please write your name and mailing address on the envelope to help us provide a tax receipt or call the office 905-880-0080.



## **CWL Paint Night - Thurs Jan 23 - 7 pm** in St. John's Church Basement. Join the ladies as we paint

and decorate a one of a kind bottle. Tickets \$ 35 (\$ 30 for CWL members) available now at the back of the church. Walk ins cannot be accepted. Get your ticket to secure your spot. A reminder to members, if you

have not yet submitted your dues for 2025, please do so as soon as possible - \$ 40

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Fri. Jan. 31, 2025 5:30-8 pm, Banquet hall

at Caledon Community Complex (6215 Old

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Church Rd). We thank the Knight's for hosting our volunteer appreciation dinner. We invite all volunteers and their family. Join us for a great time!!

**Young and Restless** *Social* ~ *Spiritual* ~ *Service* The young adult ministry (18-35) meets twice a month to spend time in discussion and fellowship through fun socials, movies, pub nights, hikes and more! For more info follow us on Instagram @youngandrestless\_st.johns or contact youngadultscaledon@gmail.com

**Thank you...** to the Christmas decorators, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, parking helpers, Christmas



pageant leaders and participants, and all those who have helped to make this a very special Christmas here at St. John's and St. Cornelius. A **special thank you** to all the volunteers at St. Cornelius, for their work in decorating the church for Christmas. We also thank all those who brought a Poinsettia in memory of their loved ones and all those who continue to help and support the church in many ways.

## **Resolutions for the New Year...**

Take time to think; it is the source of power. Take time to study; it is the foundation of wisdom. Take time to play; it is the secret of keeping young. Take time to be quiet; it is the opportunity to seek God. Take time to love and be loved; it is God's greatest gift. Take time to laugh; it is the singing of the soul. Take time to dream; it is where the hope for the future begins. Take time to pray; it is the greatest power on earth.

**2025 Offertory Envelopes Available!!!** Welcome new parishioners, to be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Please introduce yourself/family to the pastor and register as soon as possible by picking up any set of 2025 envelopes at the entrance. Please fill in the front for the first month's donations so that the information may be registered. Parishioners are invited to pick up a new set of envelopes (with a new number) and are kindly asked to fill in the front of the first month's donations as well. - Fr. Bob



If you lost any items in the church, please check the **lost and found** basket, between the two doors at St. John's church. Unclaimed items will be donated.

**Provide A Meal...** Last weekend was our Chili Collection for The Good Shepherd. With your gift, you are helping to provide hot, nutritious meals for individuals who are struggling with homelessness and poverty. Thanks to



community partners like you, individuals facing hunger are welcomed and served daily at Good Shepherd. Chili's may be dropped off in the freezer, located in the porch of the house at St. John's Church. Pans and recipes are available.



From the astor Some people are discouraged to see that they are no different than this time last year. They hoped they would have lost weight, overcome some bad habits and accomplished other goals

after twelve months of firmly resolving to alter their ways. Now it's a new year and nothing's changed or at least they think nothing's changed. God fortunately sees things differently than we do. The experiences we had, the people we met and the places we visited during the past year all contributed to our maturity and spiritual development. Each event in our life, whether pleasant or unpleasant, serves a purpose and that purpose is to teach us something about ourselves and the God who made us. Don't worry about not fulfilling your resolutions. God resolved long ago to love you and bring you closer to Him. He's accomplishing what He wants and so will you.

# Kindergarten Registration for the 2025/26 School Year



There will be an info session for parent(s)/guardian(s) of children with

differing abilities who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2025. The information session will be held at St. Marcellinus Secondary School on **Jan 16, from 7pm-8:30pm**. Virtual option: Jan 20. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are reminded to register their child at their school during the dates noted above. Visit the board website for more details.

### The Symbolic Gifts

**Gold** - the royal metal; signifies Jesus Kingship (hence, the gift for the king). **Frankincense** - symbols of prayer; signifies Jesus as the Highest Priest/Mediator between God and man (hence, the gift for a priest).



**Myrrh** - a burial ointment; meaning that Jesus had to die for the salvation of all (hence, the gift for one who would die).



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