

Epiphany of the Lord & Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

May our Lord Bless you and your families

St. John the Evangelist - Waubaushene
St. Mary of the Assumption - Victoria Harbour
St. Louis Mission - Mt. St. Louis Louis

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Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. John's Church
Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Louis Church
Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church

Weekday Masses:

St. Mary's-Wednesday-10:00 a.m., Friday-10:00 a.m.

Websites

St. John's: <https://stjohntheevangelistwa.archtoronto.org>
St. Mary's: <https://stmarysvi.archtoronto.org>
St. Louis: <https://stlouisvi.archtoronto.org>

Confession: before or after Mass or by appointment
Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the Rectory
Items in the bulletin by Wednesday, please

Cemeteries: St. Louis-705-739-5868, St. Mary's-705-543-1789, St. John's-Sanderson's-705-326-6131
St. Antoine Daniel Catholic Elementary School - Victoria Harbour - 705-534-3391
St. Theresa's Catholic High School – Midland - 705-526-1311

MASS INTENTIONS – January 6th to January 19th, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord:

Sat. Jan. 6th - St. John's – 5:00 pm – Stephen Deneau requested by the Deneau & Borrow Families
Sun. Jan. 7th – St. Louis – 9:00 am – Fred Sare requested by Elfriede Huter & Family
Sun. Jan. 7th – St. Mary's – 10:30 am – A Special Intention for Adolf Romanowski on the Occasion of his 90th Birthday requested by St. Vincent de Paul Society
Wed. Jan. 10th - St. Mary's – 10:00 am – For the Parishioners
Fri. Jan. 12th - St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Sat. Jan. 13th - St. John's – 5:00 pm – Ruth Sallows requested by Eric Sallows & Family
Sun. Jan. 14th – St. Louis – 9:00 am – Chase Romanger requested by Jean Miller
Sun. Jan. 14th – St. Mary's - 10:30 am – For the Parishioners
Wed. Jan. 17th – St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available
Fri. Jan. 19th – St. Mary's – 10:00 am - available

Masses for the Deceased or for Special Intentions - If you would like a Mass celebrated for your loved one or friend or parish member please use your own envelope or the envelopes at the back of the church. The stipend is \$20.00 for announced masses and \$10.00 for unannounced.
If you require a Mass Card please leave a message at the office (705-538-2353).

Sanctuary Lamp Candle - If would like to donate the Sanctuary Lamp Candle for a week in honour of a loved one you may do so by making a donation of \$10.00 or more, and their name will be put in the bulletin. Just ask me after mass, or drop an envelope, provided at the back of the church, in the collection with the name of your loved one. - *Fr. John*

Sanctuary Candle:

St. John's – available
St. Louis – available
St. Mary's – available

Offertory (December 23th/24th): St. John's- 513.65, St. Mary's- \$1,397.60, St. Louis- \$297.00.
This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Offertory (December 30th/31st): St. John's- \$1,070.00, St. Mary's- \$814.95, St. Louis- \$552.00.
This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Christmas: St. John's- \$1,268.60, St. Mary's- \$1,722.05, St. Louis- \$326.00. Thank you.

New Years: St. John's- \$515.00, St. Mary's- \$385.00, St. Louis- \$60.00. Thank you.

Building Fund – January 6th/7th

Happy New Year - from Fr. Bill, Stephanie and myself. We really appreciate your generosity through your best wishes and gifts this Christmas. I especially would like to thank all of those who were most generous with their time and financial support this year in all of our churches. A special thank you goes out to St. Mary's Women of Faith, Parishioners of St. Louis, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, our Altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, ushers, children's liturgy co-ordinators, choirs, Cemetery Boards and Finance Council. Thank you to all those who decorated our churches, and all of the rest of the volunteers, including those who look after and clean our churches. ~Fr. John

Thank you to Victoria Harbour Legion for your generous donation of \$1,000.00 to St. Mary's Building Fund. Don't forget to support their Sunday morning breakfasts once a month!

Thank you to St. Mary's Women of Faith for your very generous donation of \$5,000.00 to St. Mary's Building Fund. Much time and talent goes into fundraising.

Once again thank you to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Many people need your assistance on a one time basis and some on an ongoing basis. The demands for this service have greatly increased over the past few years. Your organization and the dedication shown by the volunteers was above and beyond. We appreciate all you do for the community and all of the community support given to SVDP.

2024 Offertory Envelopes – anyone who is in regular attendance at Mass should have a box of envelopes assigned to them and they are available at the back of your church for pickup. Please put your name on your envelopes for the 1st few weeks as we update the computer. If you were missed or are new to our church in 2024 please pick up a box of envelopes marked “SPARE” and fill in the paperwork provided and start using envelopes.

2023 Tax Receipts – there will be an announcement when the 2023 tax receipts are available for pickup.

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo –

“Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “*Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org. This letter was included with the email version of the church bulletin. If you do not have the internet and would like a copy of this document please call the office at 705-538-2353. We did not print extra copies as it is a 30 page document.

Updates Regarding the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

The Media Release letter dated December 12, 2023 which outlines the distribution of the first \$2.7 million of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was included with the email version of the church bulletin and for those who do not have the internet there are a few copies at the back of each church.

St. John's –

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations takes place at St. Mary's the 1st Friday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Mary's Women of Faith will be Praying the Rosary after Mass the 1st Sunday of each month.

GOOD VIBES COFFEE HOUSE - Looking for something to do? The Good Vibes Coffee House invites you to come out and enjoy an evening of music and wholesome entertainment, **the 1st Sunday of every month**, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at St. Louis Church Hall (Corner of 4th Line, and Mt. St. Louis Rd). Come out and enjoy, and show your appreciation for musicians from the local community. Your offering of a five dollar donation will help support the upkeep of the hall. Coffee/Tea & treats are available for a small charge. Website- goodvibescoffeehouse.org

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan - Many parishes in our Diocese are offering this plan as a convenience for their parishioners. We are offering it at the request of several of our parishioners. Some find it easier to support their church by having their donation automatically withdrawn from their bank account on the 20th of each month. This also ensures the ongoing support of our church when they are away. Many find this method more convenient as many of us are accustomed to paying our utilities in this manner. You will still have the option of placing your envelopes in the collection basket, especially for special collections. If you are interested in giving in this way there are brochures at the back of the church. To enroll, you must submit the form, in the brochure with your void cheque, before the 10th of the first month in order for your deduction to begin on the 20th of the same month.

Baptisms: A family requesting a baptism is expected to be attending Mass on a regular basis in one of our churches. Please speak to Fr. John after Mass to discuss the Sacrament.

Pastoral References: I am happy to provide Pastoral Reference Letters for those living in the boundaries of our churches and are applying for teaching positions within the Catholic system. It is expected that those seeking a teaching position in the Catholic system are living according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly as it pertains to marriage and that they are practicing their faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and being involved in the life of the parish.

~ Fr. John