

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

May our Lord Bless you and your families

St. Mary of the Assumption-
Victoria Harbour
Mission of **St. Louis**-Mt. St. Louis

Sacred Heart of Jesus-Port McNicoll
St. John the Evangelist-Waubauskene

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Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. John's Church
Sunday 8:30 a.m. St. Louis Church
Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church
Sunday-Noon Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses:

St. Mary's-Wednesday-10:00 a.m., Friday-10:00 a.m.
St. John's-Thursday-9:00 a.m. - **CANCELLED**

Websites

St. John's: <https://stjohntheevangelistwa.archtoronto.org>
St. Mary's: <https://stmarysvi.archtoronto.org>
St. Louis: <https://stlouisvi.archtoronto.org>
Sacred Heart: <https://sacredheartpo.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 – December 24th, 2022 to January 6th, 2023

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord:

Sat. Dec. 24th - St. John's – 5:00 pm – **Christmas Eve** - For the Parishioners
Sat. Dec. 24th – St. Mary's – 7:00 pm – **Christmas Eve** - For the Parishioners
Sat. Dec. 24th – St. Louis – 7:00 pm – **Christmas Eve** - For the Parishioners
Sun. Dec. 25th – Sacred Heart – 11:00 am – **Christmas Day** - For the Parishioners
Wed. Dec. 28th - St. Mary's – 10:00 am - available
Fri. Dec. 30th - St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available

The Solemnity of Mary:

Sat. Dec. 31st - St. John's – 5:00 pm – Ivan & Lois Laughlin requested by their Family
Sun. Jan. 1st – St. Louis – 8:30 am – Wilfrid & Winnie Lafrance
requested by Rosemarie Lafrance

Sun. Jan. 1st – St. Mary's - 10:30 am – For the Parishioners

Sun. Jan. 1st – Sacred Heart – Noon – available

Wed. Jan. 4th – St. Mary's – 10:00 am – available

Fri. Jan. 6th – 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:

Sacred Heart – available

St. John's – available

St. Louis – For the health of Patrick Grift requested by and nephew of Ruth Sissons

St. Mary's – Roy Arbour requested by Diane Arbour

Offertory (December 10th & 11th): Sacred Heart- \$219.00, St. Mary's- \$663.00,
St. Louis- \$428.00, St. John's- \$1,325.00. This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Offertory (December 17th & 18th): Sacred Heart- \$291.00, St. Mary's- \$633.95,
St. Louis- \$475.00, St. John's- \$740.00. This includes Pre-Authorized Giving. Thank you.

Building Fund – January 7th/8th

St. Vincent de Paul – has had a very busy year supporting those in need, but have been especially busy organizing, assembling and distributing gifts and food hampers for many families this Christmas. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers and, also all of the people who so generously contribute to St. Vincent de Paul to make all this happen. Thank you from all of us! ~Fr. John

Let Us Rejoice and Give Thanks this Christmas:

A special welcome to everyone who is here to celebrate with us, especially all of our family members and students who are home for Christmas. This time of year is filled with past memories. It is a sad time for some and a joyous time for others. Our faith brings us joy through Jesus birth into our world and through the promise of his love and the promise of eternal happiness for all. May our hearts be filled with love and joy this Season. May God bless you and your families. ~ Fr. John

Making Room for Jesus:

As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

2023 Envelopes: Please DO NOT use the 2023 envelopes until the new year!

Thank you to those who so generously donated to the 2022 Offertory. Please be sure to put your name on the first three envelopes of the new year, so we can cross reference the computer. This year we have included a form to fill out IF you need to update any of your personal information. If you have not been using Offertory Envelopes please take a box from the back of the church marked “SPARE”. We strongly encourage you to register for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). It is very convenient for you because you no longer need to have cash for your offertory envelope and that means you only need to address the Special Collections from your envelope box. The PAG enrolment forms are available at the back of each church and PLEASE note that the amount you contribute each month can be altered at any time, if your financial situation changes, as long as you submit it to the church office in writing before the 10th of the month as the debit to your account happens on the 20th of the month. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All – 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 CWL St. Mary’s and Sacred Heart, St. John’s Bazaar Committee, 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 four churches, and all of the rest of the volunteers, including those who look after and clean our churches. ~Fr. John

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New Years Mass Schedule

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St. John’s –

C.W.L.- St. Mary’s and Sacred Heart - St. Mary’s meets the first Monday of the month and Sacred Heart meets the second Monday of the month. Each meeting occurs in the respective parish hall at 7 p.m. If Monday falls on a long weekend contact the CWL president for the alternate date.

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 CWL 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, every Thursday evening from 7 p.m. - 10:00 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