

SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH

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Sunday Mass

Sat Vigil Mass: 5:15PM / Sun Mass: 9AM, 12:15PM & 5:30PM. (*Weekdays:* Mon, Wed, Fri: 7PM; Tues, Thurs, Sat: 9AM)

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sat at 11AM and third Sun at 1:30PM. Preparation session is required.

Reconciliation (confession)

Before all Sun Masses/Sat Vigil Mass and the Wed Mass or by appointment. *Confessional in Chapel.*

Anointing of the Sick

At any time by appointment. In case of emergency, please ask hospital for Catholic priest or call Fr. Simon at 416-737-0760.

Marriage

See Fr Simon before setting a date.

RCIA

If you know someone who wishes to become Catholic speak to priest.

Finance Committee

Mr Pors Canlas, Ms Lerma Ayala, Ms Olivia Dizon, Mr Carlton Paul

Catholic Cemeteries

Mount Hope, Holy Cross, Queen of Heaven, Assumption, Christ the King, Resurrection, Mount Peace. *Head Office:* 416-733-8544

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Test One (1)

Month of February:

Call office for appointment with Fr Simon

CONFIRMATION

Parents e³ Sponsor Meeting

Wednesday, February 11 @ 7:30PM in Church

BOOK & MEDIA FAIR

&

FINE DINING

TODAY AFTER ALL MASSES

We welcome back the Daughters of St Paul to our parish at all our Masses. After each Mass you are invited down for a meal (not 5:30PM)

Before or After Mass

You will find an extensive selection of catholic Bibles, books, Music CDs, and DVD movies for all ages. You are certain to find something inspiring for your self and others.

Info: about life and mission of Daughters of St Paul, www.pauline.org

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Feast of St Blaise

Tuesday, February 3 is the feast of St Blaise. During the 9AM Mass there will be a blessing of the throats.

Compendium—OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
PART TWO--The Celebration Of The Christian Mystery

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE
 CHURCH

The Sacraments Of Healing

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING
 OF THE SICK

313. How was sickness viewed in the Old Testament?

In the Old Testament sickness was experienced as a sign of weakness and at the same time perceived as mysteriously bound up with sin. The prophets intuited that sickness could also have a redemptive value for one's own sins and those of others. Thus sickness was lived out in the presence of God from whom people implored healing.

314. What is the significance of Jesus' compassion for the sick?

The compassion of Jesus toward the sick and his many healings of the infirm were a clear sign that with him had come the Kingdom of God and therefore victory over sin, over suffering, and over death. By his own passion and death he gave new meaning to our suffering which, when united with his own, can become a means of purification and of salvation for us and for others.

315. What is the attitude of the Church toward the sick?

Having received from the Lord the charge to heal the sick, the Church strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick and accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. Above all, the Church possesses a sacrament specifically intended for the benefit of the sick. This sacrament was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (Jm 5:14-15).

316. Who can receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick?

Any member of the faithful can receive this sacrament as soon as he or she begins to be in danger of death because of sickness or old age. The faithful who receive this sacrament can receive it several times if their illness becomes worse or another serious sickness afflicts them. The celebration of this sacrament should, if possible, be preceded by individual confession on the part of the sick person.

318. How is this sacrament celebrated?

The celebration of this sacrament consists essentially in an anointing with oil which may be blessed by the bishop. The anointing is on the forehead and on the hands of the sick person accompanied by the prayer of the priest who asks for the special grace of this sacrament.

319. What are the effects of this sacrament?

This sacrament confers a special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ for his good and for the good of all the Church. It gives comfort, peace, courage, and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person is not able to make a confession. Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this sacrament even brings about the restoration of physical health. In any case this Anointing prepares the sick person for the journey to the Father's House.

320. What is Viaticum?

Viaticum is the Holy Eucharist received by those who are about to leave this earthly life and are preparing for the journey to eternal life. Communion in the body and blood of Christ who died and rose from the dead, received at the moment of passing from this world to the Father, is the seed of eternal life and the power of the resurrection.

Mass Intentions

Mon, Feb 2, 7PM: Thnksgv for Siony Villar

Tues, Feb 3, 9AM: +Olga LaPorte Fe

Wed, Feb 4, 7PM: +Olga LaPorte Willie/Delia

Thur, Feb 5, 9AM: +Tony Anden Lachos

Fri, Feb 6, 7PM: +Olga LaPorte Prosie

Sat, Feb 7, 9AM: +Myrlyn Abarientos Veronica

Saturday, February 7

5:15PM: Thanksgiving by Gemma Cabuncal

Sunday, February 8

9AM: The Parishioners

12:15PM: +Elvin Autencio Marivic

5:30PM: +Leonida Aglipay P Mapias

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Test One (1)

Month of February:

Call office for appointment with Fr Simon

Test Two (2)

Month of March

Call office for appointment with Fr Simon

First Confession

Saturday, March 28 @ 11AM in Church

Test Three (3)

Month of March/April

Call office for appointment with Fr Simon

CONFIRMATION

Reception of Nicene Creed

5:30PM Mass – Sunday Feb 22

Next Test

Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:30PM after 7PM Mass.

Come for Mass and ask God to bless you with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH

NEXT CHALICE CHILDREN COLLECTION

Sunday, February 22, 2015

At this collection only our young people can contribute--adults are not to put money in the collection--a loonie or twonie is all that is needed.

In this endeavour, we hope to teach our young people to care for the needs of others.

Total to Date: \$1294.00

Goal: \$1980 payable May '15 for 2015/16 year.

NEXT YOUTH MASS

Sunday, February 22 @ 5:30PM

At this Mass our young people help with the various ministries of lector, usher, choir, etc. Feel free to approach us if you wish to help.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Takes place in the Chapel

Every Friday: 9AM to 6PM, concludes with evening prayer and Benediction at 5:40PM. Come for an hour and keep watch with the Lord. Pray for the Church, your family, yourself.



2014 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are ready for pick up in the foyer for those who donated in envelopes during 2014.

If you are not currently registered in the parish and wish to use Offertory envelopes, please fill out the parish registration form available from the bulletin board slots in the foyer. Hand in to Fr Simon. The secretary will call you when the envelope package is ready for pick up.

A reminder to parishioners who are registered and have changed their address, or are planning to move out of the community: Please call the office so we can update our parish list.

New Email: saintjohnxx_iiiparish@outlook.com

SMILE

Domestic Trouble

Wife: "How would you describe me?"

Husband: "ABCDEFGHIJK."

Wife: "What does that mean?"

Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."

Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"

Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

PARISH

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST
Session 3: Sat, Feb 7 @ 1:30PM

The Mission Support Group of St JXXIII does not only focus on helping the material needs of our less fortunate brethren. We are also engaged in activities that help establish or deepen a more intimate and stronger relationship with the Lord.

In November last year, we started the first of the four sessions of "Live Christ, Share Christ". The 3rd session will be conducted on Saturday, Feb 7 in the parish hall starting at 1:30pm.

For every session, you will listen to the Word of God that will surely quench your hunger for the Bread of Life. His Word, to be delivered by invited speakers, will also enhance and nourish your spiritual well-being.

It is indeed a blessing to spend the weekend with the Lord!!! Invite your friends and family members, too.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
"CWL"

The first General Meeting of the CWL will take place Wednesday, February 18, 2015 @ 7:30PM.

At this meeting the CWL Archdiocesan representative will run the meeting and introduce us to what it means to be a member of the Catholic Women's League.

All the women of the parish from 16 years up are invited to "come and see" what the CWL can do for you and what you can do for the CWL and St JXXIII Parish.

CWL EXECUTIVE

The following have kindly agreed to be the executive for the new CWL
Lolita Perry; Lorraine Robert; Zenia Cayetano; Marichou Castillo. Please support them in the coming Year as they begin to establish the CWL.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING
OF THE SICK

*World Day of Prayer for the Sick,
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes,*

Wednesday, February 11 @ 7PM Mass

On the above date—at Mass—the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be given to all those whose health is seriously affected.

Who may receive this sacrament? All those who have a serious and chronic illness: cancer, leukaemia, lupus, etc; those facing serious surgery; those who are elderly and in danger of death by virtue of their age; those who are in immediate danger of death.

Those effects or benefits of the sacrament were numbered in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n.1532)

—the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;

—the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;

—the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;

—the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his/her soul;

—the preparation for the passing over to eternal life.

ARCHDIOCESE

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Please Join Us & become a Member of an On-Line Community & for Speed-Dating Events
<http://www.meetup.com/Practicing-Catholic-Singles-Aged-25-Up-Speed-Dating-On-line/>

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto
416-968-0997
email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Happiness Factor

The theme "The Happiness Factor" will fill you with certainty of the abiding love and joy that God has for His people.

March 7, 9AM—5:30PM

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W.

Keynote speaker, Al Kresta, CEO of Ave Maria Catholic Radio, will be joined by the Renewal Ministries team of Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and Peter Herbeck.

In addition to compelling talks and uplifting music, there will be prayer ministry, inspiring personal testimonies, confession, a Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic procession.

Closing Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop.

A Youth Rally (13-18 year-olds) will be held simultaneously in the theatre next door to the Adult Rally.

Tickets are \$10 for the Youth Rally and \$20 for the Adult Rally.

Info: 416-251-4255, email LJHR@rogers.com or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Feast, Presentation of the Lord: Monday, Feb 2. At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (Jan6), the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Quote: "Christ himself says, 'I am the light of the world.' And we are the light, we ourselves, if we receive it from him.... But how do we receive it, how do we make it shine? The candle tells us: by burning, and being consumed in the burning. A spark of fire, a ray of love, an inevitable immolation are celebrated over that pure, straight candle, as, pouring

forth its gift of light, it exhausts itself in silent sacrifice" (Paul VI).

PREPARING BEFORE LENT BEGINS

Taking some time to get ready for Lent will ensure that we aren't going to miss the first week or two of Lent, because we are just getting started. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but we want to be ready to really take off on that day, rather than just beginning to think about Lent on that day. Part of what makes a vacation or a special anniversary so special is the build-up to it.

Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations.

"What does God this year?" This require that I slow listen to my inner example, even if I realize I'm hungry



want to give me question may down a bit and spirit. For I'm very busy, I when I hear my

stomach start "growling." "What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday?" Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me, for my family on that special day?

It doesn't need a lot of time to prepare for the beginning of Lent. It just takes desire and focus. God can do so much with that. We can give God more of a space to touch our hearts if we begin to establish some simple patterns. We could wake up each morning, and for something like a half a minute to a minute, stand by the edge of our beds, and just ask the Lord for the grace to let this day be one in which I long for the beginning of Lent. Perhaps we need to ask for specific helps or graces to get ready to begin Lent. Whatever we try to say, our Lord can understand the Spirit trying to speak through our simple words. And all it takes is the time to find and put on our slippers. And each night, in the days ahead, we can practice giving thanks to God before I go to bed. This simple pattern, in the morning and evening can stir our spirits to look forward to and prepare for Lent, as a season of grace.

May our Lord bless us all on this journey ahead.

ASH Wednesday IS February 18

“...For he taught them as one having authority.”

Jesus



Commentary 1 – Miracles prove God loves us

These individuals were deeply troubled and Jesus healed them. Jesus came to heal both body and soul. Most scripture scholars now agree that miracles were an important part of Jesus' ministry and of the memory of that ministry in the early Church. We simply cannot abandon them to please those who say miracles are impossible. The precise explanation of how these healings were accomplished is another matter and perhaps one that is also beside the point. Jesus did not work miracles to prove anything. Rather they were signs that God's healing love is at work in the world.”

Extract from a homily by Fr Andrew Greeley

Commentary 2 – Jesus speaks with the authority of His father

“Do you believe that God’s word has power to set you free and to transform your life? When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority – ‘Thus says the Lord.’ When Jesus spoke he needed no authorities to back his

statements. He was authority incarnate – the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed.

“Augustine of Hippo (354-430) remarked that ‘faith is mighty, but without love it profits nothing. The devils confessed Christ, but lacking charity it availed nothing. They said, ‘What have we to do with you (Mark 1:24)?’ They confessed a sort of faith, but without love. Hence they were devils.’ Faith is powerful, but without love it profits nothing (1 Cor 13). Scripture tells us that true faith works through love (Gal5:6) and abounds in hope (Rom15:13). Our faith is made perfect in love because love orients us to the supreme good which is God himself as well as the good of our neighbour who is created in the image and likeness of God (Gen1:26,27). Hope anchors our faith in the promises of God and purifies our desires for the things which will last for eternity. That is why the word of Christ has power to set us free from all that would keep us bound in sin, deception, and despair.”

Extract from a reflection on the readings by Dan Schwager

Because God Is Real: P.J.Kreeft

Why Aren't We Happy?

2. *Happiness is just a feeling, and different people feel differently about different things, so different things make different people happy. "Different strokes for different folks." For some people, happiness is a warm puppy; for other people, it is extreme sports. How can there be one road map for everybody?*

There is one mistake in that argument: happiness is not just a feeling.

Here are five things that show that happiness is not just a feeling.

1. Feelings come and go, but happiness—deep happiness—stays. Feelings are fleeting. They are like waves on the surface of the sea; happiness is like the solid calm at the bottom. Waves are great to surf on but impossible to build on or live on.
2. Happiness is the deepest thing in us. We long for it with all our heart, as our end or goal, not just as a means. But feelings are not the very deepest thing in us. Feelings usually *accompany* happiness, like friends. Happiness-feelings are the friends of happiness, but not happiness itself.

We north-Americans are much more worried about our feelings than any other culture in history ever was. It might be a really liberating experience just to forget our feelings for a while, not because they are bad or worthless or unimportant but because there are so many things that are even more important.

3. Feelings are not in our control; they just happen. You can't just command yourself to feel differently. But happiness does not just happen by luck or chance. *We can be in control of our happiness.* You are probably shocked at that statement. But I will explain it in the next paragraph.

4. The reason why we can be in control of our happiness is that the most important cause of happiness is goodness. Good people are happy; evil people are not. And we are in control of our goodness. We are *responsible* for being a good person; we are free to choose between being good or evil. Therefore, we are in control of the most important part of our happiness or unhappiness, because we are in control of its most important cause, our own goodness or evil.

Of course there are other causes of our happiness or unhappiness that we are not in control of: the things that happen to us against our will. Terrible tragedies often strike good people. But even these will harm us much less if we are good and will harm us much more if we are bad. A large, clean, deep lake can take a lot of garbage without becoming polluted, but a small, dirty, shallow lake cannot.

5. Some things do in fact make us truly happy, and some do not. So we can be wrong about it, we can make mistakes about it, we can think something can make us happy when it can't. So we are disappointed.

But whatever we can be wrong about is objectively real, not just our own subjective feelings. Being wrong means that our subjective ideas fail to match the objective reality.

Therefore, happiness is not just our own subjective feelings.

So it's crucial to find out what road really does lead to true happiness and what roads do not. So we will explore seven of the most common roads, seven of the most common answers to the question "What is the road to happiness?" The possible answers are: wealth, fame respect, health, pleasure, power, and religion.

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NEXT DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

*Catholicism**Journey Around the World and Deep Into The Faith
With Fr Robert Barron*

Episode 6 (1 hour)

Saturday, February 28, 2015 @ 6:30PM

*"A Body both Suffering and Glorious"**The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church*To Whom does Jesus promise "the kingdom of
God"?

Did God will the death of his only Son?

Why are we too supposed to accept suffering in our
lives and thus "take up our cross" and thereby follow
Jesus?What changed in the world as a result of the
resurrection?What will it be like when Christ judges us and the
whole world?IN CELEBRATION OF THE CANONIZATION
ST JOHN XXIII**Saturday, June 6, 2015**, Pilgrimage to Martyrs
Shrine

WINTER SEASON

Family Games Night

Saturday, February 14, 2015, @ 6:30PM-8:30PM

Hosts: Youth*Food & Drink:* Parents & Parish*Games:* Board / Computer / Playstation / Karaoke

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH?

*Parish Meeting Room # 1**With Fr Simon / Cost \$22**Wednesday, Nov 19 @ 7:50 PM**Session 1:*

Why are we able to believe God?

Why do we seek God?

What does God show about himself when he sends
his Son to us?

How can we tell what belongs to the true faith?

How can sacred scripture be "truth" if not
everything in it is right?

Faith -- what is it?

What does my faith have to do with the Church?

Why do we believe in only one God?

What does it mean to say that God is love?

*Wednesday, Dec 10 @ 7:50 PM**Session 2*Can someone accept the theory of evolution and still
believe in the Creator?If God is all-knowing and all-powerful, why does he
not prevent evil?

What is heaven? What is hell?

From where does man get his soul?

What is sin?

What does it mean to say that Jesus is "the only-
begotten Son of God"?

Isn't it improper to call Mary the "Mother" of God?

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