

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

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Sundays of Lent—Holy

Hour: 4-5PM

With Exposition &
Benediction

of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come for Adoration of
Our Lord & Meet Him in
the Silence

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday following
the 7PM Mass

Come and be with Christ
in His Passion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Test One (1)

Month of February:

Call office for
appointment with Fr
Simon

CONFIRMATION

Reception of Nicene Creed

5:30PM Mass—THIS

Sunday Feb 22

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

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE
 CHURCH

Other Liturgical Celebrations

THE SACRAMENTALS

351. What are the sacramentals?

These are sacred signs instituted by the Church to sanctify different circumstances of life. They include a prayer accompanied by the sign of the cross and other signs. Among the sacramentals which occupy an important place are: blessings, which are the praise of God and a prayer to obtain his gifts, the consecration of persons and the dedication of things for the worship of God.

352. What is an exorcism?

When the Church asks with its authority in the name of Jesus that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called an exorcism. This is done in ordinary form in the rite of Baptism. A solemn exorcism, called a major exorcism, can be performed only by a priest authorized by the bishop.

353. What forms of popular piety accompany the sacramental life of the Church?

The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in the various forms of piety which accompany the sacramental life of the Church such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross and the rosary. The Church sheds the light of faith upon and fosters authentic forms of popular piety.

CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

354. What is the relationship between the sacraments and the death of a Christian?

The Christian who dies in Christ reaches at the end of his earthly existence the fulfillment of that new life which was begun in Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation, and nourished in the Eucharist, the foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The meaning of the death of a Christian becomes clear in the light of the death and Resurrection of Christ our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus goes "away from the body to be at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

355. What do funeral rites express?

Although celebrated in different rites in keeping with the situations and traditions of various regions, funerals express the paschal character of Christian death in hope of the resurrection. They also manifest the meaning of communion with the departed particularly through prayer for the purification of their souls.

356. What are the main moments in funerals?

Usually, funeral rites consist of four principal parts: welcoming the body of the deceased by the community with words of comfort and hope, the liturgy of the Word, the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and the farewell in which the soul of the departed is entrusted to God, the Source of eternal life, while the body is buried in the hope of the resurrection.

Mass Intentions

Mon, Feb 23, 7PM: +Rufina Canlas Sy Family
Tues, Feb 24, 9AM: +Aramita DeMello
Wed, Feb 25, 7PM: Thnksgv: Black Naz Dev
Thur, Feb 26, 9AM: +Souls in Purgatory
Fri, Feb 27, 7PM: +Felisa Tolentino F Tolentino
Sat, Feb 28, 9AM: +Cristomo & Blas Quiambao

Saturday, February 28
 5:15PM: +Louis Comeau

Sunday, March 1
 9AM: The Parishioners
 12:15PM: +Juana & +Eugenio Arce; +Ricardo DeLaCruz
 5:30PM: Special Intention by Patricia Lim

PARISH

CHALICE CHILDREN COLLECTION

TODAY: *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.

YOUTH MASS

TODAY, *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.

I THIRST - GIVE ME TO DRINK:
"Come And See" Lenten Discernment Retreat with the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood
 March 7 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Bernard's Convent, 685 Finch Ave. West, Toronto

A reflective look at the implications of Jesus' thirst for us and our thirst for him in our times, as a preparation for Easter (Eucharist, input, sharing, personal prayer). Info: Sr. Gabriel at 416-630-3298 or vocationscps@gmail.com.

CALLED FOR HOSPITAL MINISTRY? *Sunnybrook Hospital needs you!*

The Catholic Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers invites you to join them in their ministry at Sunnybrook hospital.

A meeting and a training session for the new volunteers is planned for the month of March 2015. Please contact the Hospital chaplains: Fr. Louis Montfort: 416-522-8496 or Fr. Emil Jude 416 480 6100 ext.2724 for details.

Some of the basic requirements: Pastor's recommendation; Archdiocesan Eucharistic; Ministers' screening and training; Up to date Immunization.

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

Next Test

Wed, March 11 @ 7:30PM after 7PM Mass.
 Come for Mass and ask God to bless you with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Final Test

Wed. April 15 @ 7:30PM

SMILE

Volunteers?

Eleven women were clinging precariously to a wildly swinging rope suspended from a crumbling outcropping on Mount Everest. Ten were blonde, one was a brunette.

As a group they decided that one of the party should let go. If that didn't happen the rope would break and everyone would perish.

For an agonizing few moments no one volunteered. Finally the brunette gave a truly touching speech saying she would sacrifice herself to save the lives of the others. All the blondes applauded.

PARISH

CANTORS

Can you sing solo?

If yes, St John XXIII Parish needs you.

We are looking for Cantors who can "chant" the Psalm response to the first readings at the various Masses for Sunday.

Speak to Fr Simon

CARPENTARS

Do you have carpentry skills?

If yes, St John XXIII has a job for you.

Talk to Fr Simon.

ARCDIOCESE

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

March 14, 2015

International Plaza Hotel: 655 Dixon Road

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to the annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference in Toronto. Cardinal Collins is the main speaker. Info: call Dorothy Pilarski at 905-279-7702
www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

CALLING ALL GIRLS

A Special Evening For Mothers and Daughters

University & High School Girls
Friday, March 13: 7PM-10PM
International Plaza Hotel:
6500 Dixon Rd, Toronto

An Evening of Short High Powered Talks

Topics: Growing Up Italian; Dealing with Anxiety; The Prayer Power of Youth; Planning for Professional Success; The Joy of Pure Dating.

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.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC SINGLES

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Please Join Us & become a Member of an On-Line Community & for Speed-Dating Events
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ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you.

If you think God could be 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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Optional Memorial, St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr: *Monday, Feb 23:* Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (modern Izmir, Turkey), disciple of St. John the Apostle and friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century.

St. Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later at Troas wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor Churches recognized Polycarp's leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church.

Only one of the many letters written by Polycarp has been preserved, the one he wrote to the Church of Philippi in Macedonia.

At 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint's body burned. The "Acts" of Polycarp's martyrdom are the earliest preserved, fully reliable account of a Christian martyr's death. He died in 156.

Comment: Polycarp was recognized as a Christian leader by all Asia Minor Christians—a strong fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. His own strength emerged from his trust in God, even when events contradicted this trust. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the new religion, he led and fed his flock. Like the Good Shepherd, he laid down his life for his sheep and kept them from more persecution in Smyrna. He summarized his trust in God just before he died: "Father... I bless Thee, for having made me worthy of the day and the hour... ." (Martyrdom, Chapter 14).

Quote: "Stand fast, therefore, in this conduct and follow the example of the Lord, 'firm and unchangeable in faith, lovers of the brotherhood, loving each other, united in truth,' helping each other with the mildness of the

Lord, despising no man" (Polycarp, Letter to the Philippians).

Patron Saint of: Ear aches

FAST & ABSTINENCE

During Lent

Catholics fast, and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fridays of the Year

It is a requirement of our Faith that we abstain from meat on all the Fridays of the year (except on Solemnities) in commemoration of our Saviour's death.

The fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The required fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday involves eating only one full meal on those days. One or two smaller meals may be taken on those days, but may not total one full meal. The required fast does not allow eating anything between meals.

Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstinence on these days from meat does not intend the omission of eggs or dairy products.

Age Requirements

"All Catholics who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year.

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news”

Our Lord



“Commentary 1 – Discovering the danger in prayer

“The wilderness is the place of destruction and danger, of being tempted off one's path and also of meeting God. Jesus finds God's path for him in the wilderness. Prayer is a wilderness time. It can be dangerous for it brings us in touch with the evil as well as with the good in ourselves. With practice, it introduces us to the peace of God in Christ - the harmony of the desert of Jesus. It is also the place of rededication to God and of finding the strength of God.”

-A reflection on this week's Gospel from the Sacred Space website.

Commentary 2 – Time spent in the wilderness is highly symbolic

The gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus' 40-day experience in 'the wilderness'. Jesus is said to be 'filled with the Holy Spirit' and, like so many human beings before and since, is 'led by the Spirit' into the wilderness of life to be 'tested' there. ['Tested' is a more accurate translation of the original Greek term than is 'tempted']. 40 is a symbolic number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts 40 days and 40 nights; Moses spends 40 days and 40 nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for 40 years in the wilderness; King David reigns for 40 years; the prophet Elijah travels 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness on his way to the

mountain of God. The wilderness is ever so real and at the same time symbolic. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: 'Remember the long way that your God has led you these 40 years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart' (Deut 8:2). Jesus now passes the tests that Israel failed.

Jesus is 'with the wild beasts'. This terse statement recalls the prophet Isaiah's vision of a future time of reconciliation and harmony when 'the wolf will lie down with the lamb' (Isa 11:6-9). Jesus is presented as the one who ushers in that age of peace and healing of division. God's agents care for him in his time of testing: 'angels minister to him'. In this context, Jesus announces the coming of God's empire or reign. His message is to 'repent' or to 'think beyond' in a way that might turn lives around in God's direction, and to "believe the good news" that he is set to proclaim in word and action. At a time of growing divide between the mega-rich and the desperately poor, we might look back to our symbolic tradition and forward to ways of bringing good news to those mostly deeply affected by the inequities in our world."

-This is part of a reflection on the Gospel by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm.

Because God Is Real: P.J.Kreeft

Why Aren't We Happy?

6. Happiness is being loved, then: being respected, being accepted, being honoured.

No, because that too, like fame, comes from somebody else. It's in *his* mind that you are honoured. How can *your* own personal happiness be in *someone else's* mind?

And you want to *deserve* the honour, don't you? You want to be honoured for what you really are. So it's not the honour that makes you happy, but the thing you are honoured for. Honour is like a grade in a course: it's only a sign of something else. A high grade is a sign that you have a good knowledge of the course. It's the knowledge that you need, not just the sign of it. A sign on a medicine bottle tells you only what's inside. It's not the label that heals you; it's the medicine.

7. Why can't a strong healthy, beautiful body make you happy? That's not in somebody else's mind—that's in you.

We're getting closer. At least your body is you and not something external to you, like honour or fame or wealth. But health is still only in your body, not in your soul. If you have a healthy body, but you don't know it and feel it and enjoy it, it doesn't make you happy. The knowledge that you are healthy in your body, and the feeling of enjoying your bodily health, both exist in your *soul*, in your mind and feelings, not in the atoms of your body.

Your body is not your personality, not our very self. That's why you call it "your" body: you possess it. There's a "you" that possesses it. And that "you" is where happiness is. We have to climb further inside.

Here is a clue from the animal kingdom that shows that happiness is not first of all in your body. Humans can be much happier than animals. Animals can only be contented. But although we are greater than any animal in our capacity for happiness, some animal is always greater than we are in every bodily perfection. For instance, elephants are bigger, turtles live

longer, lions are stronger, eagles are faster, hawks have better eyesight, dogs have better smell, sharks can eat everything, and cockroaches are almost indestructible.

And your body is not going to stay strong and healthy and beautiful forever. It's going to become weak and sick and ugly. It's going to become a corpse. Is your happiness going to be buried in a cemetery?

A PRAYERFUL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Every 3rd Friday of the month – 7:30pm

St. Basil-the-Great College School, 20 Starview Ln., North York. Free series by Fr. Dominic Borg. Organized by Gethsemane Ministries.
Info: gethsemaneministries@yahoo.ca or
647-560-4556.

PRESENTATION ON THE SACRED SHROUD OF TURIN

*All Saints Church
1415 Royal York Rd., Toronto
March 22 – 7 p.m.*

Presentation on the Sacred Shroud of Turin by the sindonological researcher Mr. Walter Pezzo, from Turin, Italy. The presentation will take place in a meditative reflection on the Passion of Jesus Christ. Beginning from the Gospel narratives and reviewing the historical and scientific discoveries of the last few years, Mr. Pezzo will lead us to a deeper understanding of the spiritual value of the Holy Shroud. The presentation will be approximately one hour, followed by the opportunity to ask Mr. Pezzo questions.

For more information, contact 416-243-7319 or info@teopoli.com.

THE SOURCE

February 26 – 7 to 9 p.m.

St. Paul's Basilica

83 Power St., Toronto

Join the Sisters of Life for an evening of prayer and fellowship.

From 7-8 p.m. in the main chapel, we'll have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditative music provided by the Sisters. Confessions will be available. From 8-9 p.m. we'll have refreshments and fellowship in the hall downstairs. All are welcome!

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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?

FAMILY OF FAITH
 CAPITAL
 CAMPAIGN

Pledges

\$272,500 — 147% of Goal.

Congratulations
 StJXXIII !!!

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 a few minutes or an hour and keep watch with the Lord. Pray for others, the Church, your family, yourself.

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.

