

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

ShareLife

Together we are continuing to work wonders...

“Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart...I love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and help each other always. And thus in helping each other we will do good for each other.” —Pope Francis

This reminder from our Holy Father demonstrates the importance of caring for one another and our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. Please consider supporting ShareLife, our annual archdiocesan appeal, during this Lenten season.

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday – March 8, 2015. Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Compendium—OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART THREE: LIFE IN CHRISTTHE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN
PERSON

MAN THE IMAGE OF GOD

358. What is the root of human dignity?

The dignity of the human person is rooted in his or her creation in the image and likeness of God. Endowed with a spiritual and immortal soul, intelligence and free will, the human person is ordered to God and called in soul and in body to eternal beatitude.

OUR VOCATION TO BEATITUDE

359. How do we attain beatitude?

We attain beatitude by virtue of the grace of Christ which makes us participants in the divine life. Christ in the Gospel points out to his followers the way that leads to eternal happiness: the beatitudes. The grace of Christ also is operative in every person who, following a correct conscience, seeks and loves the true and the good and avoids evil.

360. Why are the beatitudes important for us?

The beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching and they take up and fulfill the promises that God made starting with Abraham. They depict the very countenance of Jesus and they characterize authentic Christian life. They reveal the ultimate goal of human activity, which is eternal happiness.

361. What is the relationship between the beatitudes and our desire for happiness?

The beatitudes respond to the innate desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart in order to draw us to himself. God alone can satisfy this desire.

362. What is eternal happiness?

It is the vision of God in eternal life in which we are fully "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4), of the glory of Christ and of the joy of the trinitarian life. This happiness surpasses human capabilities. It is a supernatural and free gift of God just as is the grace which leads to it. This promised happiness confronts us with decisive moral choices concerning earthly goods and urges us to love God above all things.

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

Mass Intentions

Mon, March 2, 7PM: Thnksgv for Willie Family
Tues, March 3, 9AM: Thnksgv for Ludovic
Wed, March 4, 7PM: Thnksgv for Violeta Prosie
Thur, March 5, 9AM: Thnksgv for Fe Tolentino
Fri, March 6, 7PM: Thnksgv for Fe Nenita
Sat, March 7, 9AM: Thnksgv for Alphonsa

Saturday, March 7
 5:15PM: Thanksgiving to Canadian Martyrs

Sunday, March 8
 9AM: +Alison Bryce Cise P Chanderbhan
 12:15PM: +Jaime Alicpala Family
 5:30PM: The Parishioners

PARISH

NEXT CHALICE CHILDREN COLLECTION

Sunday, March 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: \$1601.00

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

YOUTH MASS

Sunday, March 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 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

FARE

So two Irishmen are traveling to Australia. Before they leave home, one of their dads gives them both a bit of advice: "You watch them Aussie cab drivers. They'll rob you blind. Don't you go paying them what they ask. You haggle." At the Sydney airport, the Irishmen catch a cab to their hotel. When they reach their destination, the cabbie says, "That'll be twenty dollars, lads." "Oh no you don't! My dad warned me about you. You'll only be getting fifteen dollars from me," says one of the men. "And you'll only be getting fifteen from me too," adds the other.

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

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Couples for Christ

Scarborough-Markham Chapter will be opening a Christian Life Program starting April 10, 2015, 7:30 PM at Saith John XXIII Parish Hall.
Info: clpsrping2015@gmail.com or call us Jessie/Cecille Soliman Tel.416-421-4080 or Rolly & Lynn Laygo, Tel. 647-909-6242.
Say "YES" to the Lord's invitation.

FAMILY OF FAITH

Parishioners who want to send in outstanding donations or pledge forms for our parish's Family of Faith campaign are encouraged to send their donations in the pre-addressed envelopes which can found at the back of the church.

And parishioner with questions or concerns about their donations pledges are encouraged to contact the Donations Processing Centre directly: 416-934-3400x536 or campaign@archtoronto.org

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.

THIS SATURDAY, 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

Aged 25 & UP in the GTA etc...:

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/>

IF YOU NEED EXAMPLES OF PERSONS RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child.

Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think 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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Optional Memorial, St Casimir: Wednesday, March 4: Casimir, born of kings and in line (third among 13 children) to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even as a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their government. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter.

He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 23 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Comment: *For many years Poland and Lithuania faded into the gray prison on the other side of the Iron Curtain. Despite repression, the Poles and Lithuanians remained firm in the faith which has become synonymous with their name. Their youthful patron reminds us: "Peace is not won by war; sometimes a comfortable peace is not even won by virtue, but Christ's peace can penetrate every government repression of religion."*

Patron Saint of: Lithuania, Poland, Russia

YOUNG ADULTS

Christ & Culture: Ripley's Aquarium
Thursday, March 12, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Ripley's Aquarium, 288 Bremner Blvd,
Toronto

Faith Connections invites young adults (18-39) to engage culture from the perspective of the nature and person of Jesus! Our first event is at Ripley's Aquarium. (We'll meet outside the front doors at the bottom of the stairs.) Info: John-Paul Markides at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca.

Theology On Tap**Faith, Finance and Fiscal Responsibility**

Mon, March 23, 7PM– 9PM. Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto. Faith Connections invites young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics. Special guest: Quentin Schesnuk, BA, CSC, PFP, Financial Advisor. Munchies provided, cash bar available — come and bring a friend! Info: John-Paul Markides at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca.

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.

“This Is My Son, the Beloved; Listen to Him”

Our Lord



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, CYCLE B
MARCH 1, 2015

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19

A prayer of faithfulness to God

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

On the second Sunday of Lent the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death.

We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

Family Connection

Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

From: Cardinal Collins →

ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF
ONTARIO ASSEMBLÉE DES ÉVÊQUES
CATHOLIQUES DE L'ONTARIO

*Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins
re: Ontario Health & Physical Education
Curriculum – February 23, 2015*

On Monday, February 23, 2015, the Ontario government released its revised Health & Physical Education curriculum. The Ministry of Education has indicated the curriculum will be implemented in schools across the province this September. Below is a statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto and President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario:

“As Catholics, we understand that parents are the primary educators of their children, and that especially in the teaching of family life issues, the parental role is vital.

For more than 30 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have provided a family life curriculum consistent with our faith. The goal is to present a Catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage and family, complementing the efforts of parents to teach their children at home.

While Catholic schools have a responsibility to follow the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education, they have always sought to do so in a way that conveys, respects and models Catholic Christian principles to our students.

They will continue this tradition.

A group of Catholic educators will produce resources that support Catholic teachers so that the new curriculum is implemented in a way that is consistent with our Catholic teachings and appropriate within the context of a Catholic classroom.”

Since 1989, the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) has coordinated the implementation of the family life curriculum in publicly funded Catholic schools. ICE will serve as the point of contact for further media inquiries.

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.

COME & ADORE the LORD *At a special Lenten Kolbe Eucharistic Mini- Retreat*

Join Us for Eucharistic Adoration

Guest Speaker: Father Daren Bryk C.C.

"The Passion of Christ"

Saturday March 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

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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
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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.

