

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 of the month at 11AM and third Sun of the month at 1:30PM. Preparation session is required.

Reconciliation (confession)

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

HOLY WEEK**HOLY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Last Supper
Thursday, March 24 @ 8PM

At this Mass we remember that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, gave us the Holy Eucharist, the Priesthood, and the example of loving service in the Washing of Feet.

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
Friday, March 25 @ 3PM

At this Liturgy we make present the suffering and death of Our Lord. We keep watch with Him as we recall His Passion, we worship Him in His suffering.

HOLY SATURDAY

The Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 26 @ 8PM

In the Liturgy of Light, in the Liturgy of the Word, in the Liturgy of Baptism, and in the Liturgy of the Eucharist we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

EASTER SUNDAY

The Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Sunday, March 27 @ 9AM Mass & 12:15PM Mass

On this Day we rejoice in His victory of death and sin by renewing our Baptismal Promises.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PART ONE—THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

"I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST,
THE ONLY SON OF GOD."

79. What is the Good News for humanity?

It is the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the "Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16), who died and rose from the dead. In the time of King Herod and the Emperor Caesar Augustus, God fulfilled the promises that he made to Abraham and his descendants. He sent "his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5).

80. How is the Good News spread?

From the very beginning the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Jesus Christ in order to lead all to faith in him. Even today, from the loving knowledge of Christ there springs up in the believer the desire to evangelize and catechize, that is, to reveal in the Person of Christ the entire design of God and to put humanity in communion with him.

"AND IN JESUS CHRIST,
HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD"

81. What is the meaning of the name "Jesus"?

Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation, the name "Jesus" means "God saves". The name expresses his identity and his mission "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Peter proclaimed that "there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved" (Acts 4:12).

82. Why is Jesus called "Christ"?

"Christ" in Greek, "Messiah" in Hebrew, means the "anointed one". Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah but he made the meaning of the term clear: "come down from heaven" (John 3:13), crucified and then risen, he is the Suffering Servant "who gives his life as a ransom for the many" (Matthew 20:28). From the name Christ comes our name of Christian.

83. In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?

Jesus is the Son of God in a unique and perfect way. At the time of his Baptism and his Transfiguration,

the voice of the Father designated Jesus as his "beloved Son". In presenting himself as the Son who "knows the Father" (Matthew 11:27), Jesus affirmed his singular and eternal relationship with God his Father. He is "the Only Begotten Son of God" (1 John 4:9), the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the central figure of apostolic preaching. The apostles saw "his glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father" (John 1:14).

84. What is the meaning of the title "Lord"?

In the Bible this title regularly designates God as Sovereign. Jesus ascribed this title to himself and revealed his divine sovereignty by his power over nature, over demons, over sin, and over death, above all by his own Resurrection. The first Christian creeds proclaimed that the power, the honor, and the glory that are due to God the Father also belong to Jesus: God "has given him the name which is above every other name" (Philippians 2:9). He is the Lord of the world and of history, the only One to whom we must completely submit our personal freedom.

HOW TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

For those able to make a pilgrimage to one of the Jubilee churches in Rome, that is certainly an option. Otherwise, there are eight churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto with a Holy Door of Mercy.

Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion." In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to:

1. receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
2. receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy,
3. make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and
4. pray for the Holy Father and for his intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended).

For those who are elderly, confined and the ill, Pope Francis said that they may obtain the indulgence:

1. by "living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial" and
2. by receiving the Eucharist or by attending Mass and community prayer, "even through the various means of communication" (for instance, a Mass offered on television).

For those in prison, they may obtain the indulgence in their prison chapels.

Indulgences may be obtained for the dead by the carrying out of these same acts by the Faithful with the intention of offering the indulgence for someone who is deceased.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, March 21, **7PM**: +Patricio Intoy & +Dominga Miguel

Tues, March 22, **9AM**: Aramita De Mello

Wed, March 23, **7PM**: +Leonardo Tolentino

Holy Thursday, March 24, 8PM: Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, March 25, 3PM: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 26, 8PM: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 27

9AM: +Renato Quilop

12:15PM: Thanksgiving for Britney Styles

PARISH**YOUTH CHOIR**

Rehearsals—Sat @ 10AM.

Grade 8 — Grade 12: Contacts: Editha Lazaga:

Sing 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Month @ 5:30PM Mass

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Grade 1 — Grade 7

Contact Amy: 647-878-2534 or Cecille 416-825-0793.

Sing 1st & 4th Sundays of Month @ 5:30PM Mass

NEXT CHALICE CHILDREN COLLECTION

Sunday April 24, 2016

Goal: \$2,220(cost raise of \$48 per child per year)

Payment is made in May of each year for following 12 months. Total to Date: \$1,401.

PRAY FOR THE

Adults Seeking The Sacraments Of Baptism & Confirmation At Our Parish

Lina Lim, Wendy Wang, and Marc & Suzanne LAFort

VISITA IGLESIA

In observance of Good Friday on March 25,

The Mission Support Group of this parish will organize the traditional Visti Iglesia. Assembly point is at the Church at 7AM. The trip costs \$10 each for adults. Details for the itinerary are posted in Church foyer.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Reminders: Session 5—Grd 8—Wed, April 13

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reminders: Third (3) Test—Section Three for FHC

March/April: Call office for appointment with Fr S

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 Silence

Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY @ 6PM: Come, be with Him in His Passion

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

In this Year of Mercy we will celebrate the Novena to the Divine Mercy as a Parish Community.

The following is the schedule:

Day One—Good Friday—after the 3PM Liturgy; Day Two—Holy Saturday—7PM; Day Three—Easter Sunday—after the 12:15PM Mass; Day Four—Easter Monday—10:30AM; Day Five—Easter Tuesday—9:30AM; Day Six—Easter Wed—6:30PM; Day Seven—Easter Thursday—9:30AM; Day Eight—Easter Friday—6:30PM; Day Nine—Easter Saturday—9:30AM

THE VALUE OF LIFE

Written by: Diego Ardon

We aspire to be great, flying over heights,
Walking through the tunnel of life, looking for the light
Sometimes we get tempted, thinking life's not fair
This is just Satan letting us fall into despair
We look somewhere for God, thinking "where is he now?"
Trying to escape darkness somehow or somehow
Suicide isn't the answer, stop running from the light
God is with you always, so don't lose the fight
He loves you as much as everyone
You are his everything, his entire world, moon and sun
We are all God's children so don't close the door
When I say everyone I mean including the old, sick, and poor; 'Everyone' includes the unborn, young babies in the womb; So you can't decide whether there should be an early tomb; You are wrong if you think that life begins at birth; Because the truth is it begins at conception, that's when life has its worth; "Love one another as I have loved you" is what Jesus said, so treat everyone the same;
Our life or who we are isn't determined by our wealth status or fame; The value of our lives are priceless, they're sacred; So keep the 5th commandment holy and stop all sorts of hatred.

Diego (grade 11) has won won the CWL's 2016 Mary Dobell Poetry Writing Contest, Senior Division Parish level. His poem has been entered into the Archdiocesan level of this contest.

UPCOMING

DOOR OF MERCY

Pilgrimage To St Paul's Basilica To Gain

The Jubilee Indulgence, Saturday April 23, 2016

Bus departs St John XXIII—8AM, April 23 for the Basilica. To gain the indulgence we must (1) process through the Door of Mercy—8:30AM; then, (2) we offer the Our Father & Hail Mary for the Holy Father, and his intentions—8:50AM; then, (3) Holy Mass in which we reflect on God's great gift of mercy & profess our Faith through the creed—9AM; finally, (4) the Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass—9:30AM. For those interested in joining this pilgrimage a sign up sheet will be in the foyer in February, 2016. Adults \$5, youth \$a Twonnie, children \$a Loonie. Refreshments in Hall after confession.

MARCH FOR LIFE—OTTAWA

Thursday, May 12—Day Trip to Ottawa

Mass For Life @ 6:30AM; Depart @ 7AM; Return @ 7PM
Approximately 54 Confirmandi from grades 7, 8, and 9 will be accompanying us to Ottawa. Parents/parishioners who wish to accompany us will have to pay \$35; confirmandi \$free; teens \$5; children \$1. Bus SignUp Sheet to come.

PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS SHRINE

Saturday, June 4, 2016

The Daughters of Isabella & the 12:15PM Choir invite you to come on pilgrimage to Martyrs Shrine this June. We will celebrate Mass, enjoy a picnic with games for everyone, and end with the Stations of the Cross. Bus sign-up in May

THIS GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE
See Below

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE

We fast, & abstain from meat on Ash Wed & Good Fri.

The fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The required fast on Ash Wed and Good Fri 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 14th year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year.

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.

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2016:

"Merciful Like the Father", March 21, 7:00 pm

Vision TV and Salt + Light Television

Part 1: The Jubilee of Mercy. Part 2: The Prodigal Father and his Two Wayward Sons.

For more information and full schedule:

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THREE-DAY INNER HEALING RETREAT

Friday April 1, 9AM

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto

69 William St., Toronto

Led by Fr. Joby Kachappilly, VC and the Divine team.

Attendance on all three days is required. REGISTRATION:

\$75 with lunch and refreshments included PHONE:

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CWL Invites YOU on its Campaign for LIFE

Where: Gateway Lounge
When: 9th April 2016
Saturday, 10am
Who will talk: Carter Grant



BEING PRO-LIFE: it's about human rights and social justice; it's about equality for those who need it the most.

CWL is inviting everyone to support and get involved in our campaign for pro-life.

HOLY WEEK; SACRED TRIDUUM; EASTER

What is Holy Week and what happens during this time?

The final week of preparation before Easter Sunday, these days recount Christ's final days on earth. On the Tuesday of Holy Week, the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto gather for the Mass of Chrism held at St. Michael's Cathedral.

What is the Mass of Chrism?

Is a special Mass, held in Toronto at St. Michael's Cathedral for the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto, on the Tuesday of Holy Week. At the Chrism Mass the holy oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Sacrament of the Sick are blessed and supplied to the local parishes for use.

What is the oil of Chrism made from?

Traditionally, the oil consists of a mixture of olive oil and balsam, however, if necessary, holy oils may be from any plant and not only from olives.

What is the Triduum and when does Lent end?

Lent ends on Holy Thursday. Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday is the three day period called the Triduum where we remember Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

What is Holy Thursday?

It is at this special celebration that we remember and celebrate Jesus' gift of the Eucharist. It is the night when we renew our mandate to serve one another in the washing of the feet, which first took place at the Last Supper.

What is Good Friday?

Good Friday is the day that we recognize as the day that Jesus died on the cross.

What are the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey from Pilate's court to Calvary where he was crucified. Jesus' mother Mary is believed to have often retraced the sorrowful way her Son made of Good Friday.

What is Holy Saturday?

Commemorates the period where Jesus' body lay in the tomb. Easter begins with the Easter Vigil – during these services, catechumens (those preparing to join

the Catholic Church) are baptized and brought into full Communion with the Catholic Church.

What is Easter Sunday and how does it differ from the Easter Season?

Easter Sunday is the day when Catholics celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Easter Season totals 50 days - Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Season is a time for reflection on and deepening of our awareness of the mysteries prepared for in Lent and celebrated at the Triduum.

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday. It is the Christian feast commemorating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, which marked the start of the Church's mission on earth.

I'M MOST VULNERABLE IN MY GREATEST DESIRE.
Our Desire to Love
 (Based on Saint Pope John Paul II's teachings on *Theology of the Body*)
 With Chai Bonoan, Desiree D'Cunha, Lisa D'Souza
 Re: Generation Missionaries

 Monday, March 21 @ 7 p.m. Boston Pizza, 400 Progress Avenue in Scarborough

Want to discuss faith and justice topics relevant to your life? Want to meet other young adults who share these interests?

Theology on Tap offers young adults ages 19-39 the opportunity to gather together for evenings of thought-provoking theological discussions and presentations in a comfortable and relaxed setting.

For more information, contact Sarah Rodrigues at the Office of Catholic Youth, 416-599-7676 or srodriques@archtoronto.org

SMILE

HUSBAND—WIFE

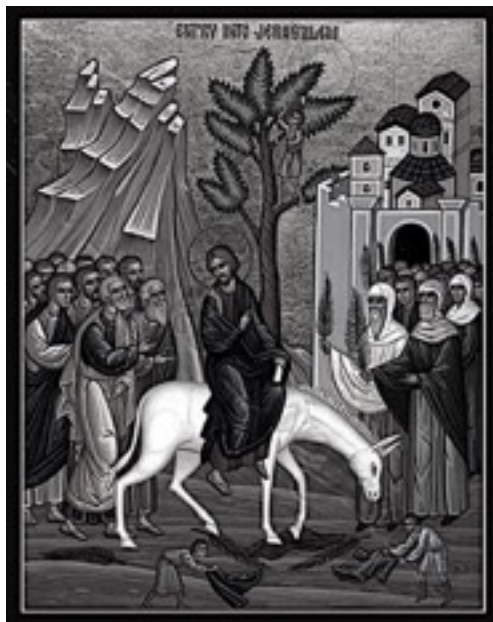
Judge to the accused wife – "Stealing one can of peaches with 6 peaches in it. I'm going to have to put you in jail for six nights!"

A night for each peach!

Husband – "Your honour as her husband, I have to tell you she also once stole a can of peas!"

“What Is Written About Me Is Coming To Fulfillment.”

Jesus



Readings: *Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56*

What is written about Me is coming to fulfillment," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Luke 22:37).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and

mocked (see Luke 22:63-65; 23:10-11,16), as His hands and feet are pierced (see Luke 23:33), as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Luke 23:34), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Luke 23:35,37,39)

He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help...I shall not be put to shame."

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14,17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise (see Luke 23:42). Seeing and Believing.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS**Question**

What is the biblical reason Catholics pray to dead saints for intercession?

Answer

No one prays to dead saints, because those in heaven are more alive than we are. The Lord is God of the living, not of the dead.

The fervent prayer of a righteous man is very powerful (Jas 5:16). Those in heaven are surely righteous, since nothing unclean can enter heaven (Rv 21:27). Those in heaven are part of the Mystical Body of Christ and have not been separated from us by death, but surround us as a great cloud of witnesses (Heb 12:1). They stand before the throne of God and offer our prayers to him (Rv 5:8) and cheer us on as we run the good race.

Intercession among members of the body of Christ is pleasing to God (1 Tm 2:1-4) and even commanded by him (Jn 15:17). Those in heaven have a perfected love, so how could they not intercede for us? Christ is the vine, and we are the branches; if we are connected to him, we are inseparably bound together as well. Can the eye say to the hand, "I need you not"? Neither are we to say we don't need the prayers of our brothers and sisters (alive here or in heaven), because salvation is a family affair.

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For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact:

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YOUTH MINISTRY**Mary Dobell Pro-Life Poetry Contest**

Congratulations Diego Ardon for being the first recipient of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, Mary Dobell Pro-Life poetry contest, senior level winner. Diego's poem about the Value of Life has won at the Parish level and his poem has been entered to the regional level contest. Thank you for participating Diego, and thank you to CWL for working with SJ23 Youth Ministry.

Life Teen Social: Pasta Night

Friday, March 18, 2016 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Parish hall.

This week we will conclude our series on The Battle with a few reminders on being alert for when our enemy attacks. We will be making pasta together and end the night with worship and prayer. Remember to bring a friend!

Good Friday: Friday, March 25, 2016 at 5:30pm in the Parish hall.

SJ23 Youth Ministry will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 6:00pm. Please meet in the hall before the service so we can pray together and organize ourselves before we lead the stations.

Please note Youth Ministry will not be running
on April 1, 2016.

Youth Ministry Easter Social

EDGE and Life Teen are both welcome to join our Easter Social on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will have a night of prayer, worship, activities and snacks. Don't forget to bring a friend!

Next EDGE Youth Ministry

Friday, April 15, 2016 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Parish hall. We will continue working on our "me" posters demonstrating how God has uniquely created us in His image.

Steubenville 2016

SJ23YM will be attending Steubenville this summer from July 22-24, 2016.

Registration is now open for members of Life Teen youth ministry. Please register online <http://steubenvilletoronto.com/> with your parents. Our group is St. John XXIII Parish, Toronto.

Contact

If you have any questions, ideas, prayer requests, or would like to get involved in Youth Ministry please don't hesitate to contact me, carla.marcoccia@hotmail.com, or come by the Youth Ministry office! Please continue to pray for the growth and success of our youth ministry.




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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Takes place in the Chapel
 Every Friday: 9AM to 6PM, concludes with evening prayer and 5:40PM. Come for an hour and keep Lord. Pray for Church, your



Benediction at a few minutes or watch with the others, the family, yourself.

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**BLESSED ARE THEY WHO COME IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD!**

***Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon,
religious brother or sister?***

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or
deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997
vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

**DOCUMENTARY AIRING: LIBERATING A
CONTINENT: JOHN PAUL II AND THE FALL OF
COMMUNISM**

Sunday, March 13 at 9 p.m.

***Tuesday, March 15 at 11:30 p.m. Friday, March 25 at 8
p.m.***

Throughout March, a new documentary looking at John Paul II's impact on communism's fall will be airing on WNED (PBS Buffalo) and will be available to viewers in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Narrated by Jim Caviezel and with original music by composer Joe Kraemer of Mission Impossible fame, this film is the most in-depth effort to date to capture John Paul II's spiritual and moral revolution, which led to the fall of communism in 1989.

For local broadcast details, please visit jp2film.com/broadcasts. These screenings will run as part of PBS pledge nights, allowing viewers who call in to obtain an advance DVD of the film, set to be released later in 2016.

