

SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH

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Email: saintjohnxx_iiiparish@outlook.com. Website: <http://saintjohnxxiiiparish.ca/>**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 Saturday of the month at 11AM and third Sunday 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 Adoration Chapel.***Anointing of the Sick**

At any time by appointment. In case of emergency, please ask hospital for Catholic priest. Or see Fr Simon.

MarriageSee 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

Head Office: 416-733-8544

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION*First Test**Month of November*

Call office to make appointment with Fr Simon when child knows material.

SHEPHERDS TRUST COLLECTION*TODAY:**Sunday, Nov 13*

This annual collection goes toward the support of our retired priests. Your generosity is appreciated.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART TWO—THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

295. Why did Christ institute the sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick?

Christ, the physician of our soul and body, instituted these sacraments because the new life that he gives us in the sacraments of Christian initiation can be weakened and even lost because of sin. Therefore, Christ willed that his Church should continue his work of healing and salvation by means of these two sacraments.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

296. What is the name of this sacrament?

It is called the sacrament of Penance, the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of Forgiveness, the sacrament of Confession, and the sacrament of Conversion.

297. Why is there a sacrament of Reconciliation after Baptism?

Since the new life of grace received in Baptism does not abolish the weakness of human nature nor the inclination to sin (that is, concupiscence), Christ instituted this sacrament for the conversion of the baptized who have been separated from him by sin.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 17 @ 6:30PM

Begins with Nativity Play, by children, after 5:15PM Mass in Church.

Immediately following Nativity in Church, dinner is served in the Hall, followed by entertainment.

Parents please sign-up names of children attending Christmas party so they may receive a present. Sign-up sheet in foyer of Church

SENIORS GROUP

Meet after the Thursday 9AM Mass

Inviting our Mature Parishioners to come and socialize with each other for breakfast, board games, cards, etc.

Femi Bararrea has volunteered to co-ordinate this weekly meeting for you. Meeting will take place in Our Lady of Good Counsel room across from the offices.

WHO ARE WE

Do We Know Each Other

How would we answer the above questions? Would we answer, "I am a Catholic Christian"? Would we say, "I know so and so at the 5:15PM or 12:15PM Mass"?

Could we say, "So and so at the 9AM Mass has cancer and is undergoing radiation and chemo therapy"? Could we say, "Jane and John are having difficulties in their marriage and I am praying for them"? Do we know that 5 year old Jean is a hyper-active child and her parents are struggling to care for her"?

Seeing someone at Sunday Mass is one thing, knowing that person is an altogether different matter. Do we care to know them?

Understanding each others' lives, struggles, problems and joys is our task as a community of believers in the Risen Lord.

How can we here at StJXXIII come to know each other better, be a community that cares for each other?

Here is the suggestion of some parishioners: Have a coffee Sunday once a month after all the Masses. Invite people from each Mass to prepare coffee, tea, juice, eats, etc (parish expense). Host this event in the foyer, the adjacent Our Lady of Good Counsel room, and the office meeting spaces. Each of the 4 Sunday Masses would have a volunteer as the co-ordinator of the volunteers from each Mass.

Would we not begin to know each other better in this way? If several people at my Church know me, are friendly with me perhaps I can look forward to being at Church, find support for myself when I am in need.

What do you think?

Would you like to be a co-ordinator for a Mass?

How about being the first to host a coffee Sunday at your mass?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 14, 7PM: +Souls in Purgatory
 Tues, Nov 15, 9AM: +Lerma Ayala
 Wed, Nov 16, 7PM: +Herminiano Moreto
 Thurs, Nov 17, 9AM: Thnksgiv: Fe Tolentino
 Fri, Nov 18, 7PM: +Deceased Legion of Mary
 Sat, Nov 19, 9AM: Thanksgiving by Belle

Saturday, Nov 19
 5:15PM: +Antonio & +Carmela
 Sunday, Nov 20
 9AM: +Eduardo Damasco Perlas
 12:15PM: The Parishioners
 5:30PM: +Aniceta, +Clarita, + Valerio

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Nov 19—Friday, Nov 25
 Sanctuary Tabernacle: **Thnksgiving by Hernandez Family**
 Chapel Tabernacle:

PARISH

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Grade 1 — Grade 8

Inf. Amy: 647-878-2534; Sing 1st & 4th Sun @ 5:30PM Mass

NEXT CHALICE CHILDREN COLLECTION

Sun, Nov 27: Goal: \$2,220. Payment is made in May of each year for following 12 months. Total to Date:
 \$584.00

YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsals—Sat @ 10AM.

Grade 9 & Up: Sing 2nd & 3rd Sun of Month: 5:30PM Mass

PARISH GROUP LEADERS

Lectio—Evangelization, Six Sessions

Sat, Nov 26, 11AM-12:30PM; Sat, Feb 4, 11AM-12:30PM;
Sat, Feb 18, 11AM-12:30PM.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Session 2

Wednesday, November 23 @ 7:30PM

YOUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION

HIGHLIGHTED FOR NOVEMBER

Go To Movies: Female Saints, Watch The Movie "Rita"—
 Beautiful Gift Of Forgiveness / **Go To Audio:** Featured,
 Listen To "Who Do You Say That I Am".
 "Formed"

**Want to watch a movie on a saint's life? Hear an
 inspiring audio on spirituality?**

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Go to "formed.org"; input our parish access code:
 MRFx27; fill out your profile and password. Bang! You're
 into the site.

THE TORONTO RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN

On Sale Here At StJXXIII, Weekends of Nov 6 & 13

Pricing is \$8 for any pack, with 10 cards and envelopes in
 each pack. Beautiful Christmas Cards containing Christian
 Symbols (keep Christ in Christmas). Your purchase of
 these cards will help the Right Life Association in its work
 to defend the life of the unborn child.

YOU CAN DONATE

New Monstrance

The current monstrance will be kept in the Tabernacle in
 the Adoration Chapel for Friday adoration; also, it is the
 right size for tabernacle and chapel. The new monstrance
 will be larger and fit better the size of the Church.

Cost of new monstrance: \$2085.53.

Thanks to parishioners who have donated \$500 & \$200 &
 \$300 towards this gift.

\$2085.53-700-200-300=\$885.53

Are you able to help toward bringing down the cost of
 new monstrance to the parish?

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

Save This Date

What: CWL Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance/ **When:**
 Sat, Nov 26/ **Time:** From 6:30PM until 12:30AM/ **Where:**
 Leaside Community Memorial Gardens
 1073 Millwood Rd, Toronto, M4G 1X6

Cost: \$25: includes music, food, raffles & dancing/ **Attire:**
 Semi-Formal; Info: Lynda 416-951-9907, Elaine
 647-713-1198 or Marilyn 416-571-1077; Ample parking
 available at no additional cost.

RECENT COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER

Haiti: \$1385 / **World Mission:** \$2000 / **Chalice:** \$352

These funds go to help the least fortunate. Our generosity
 will touch someone's life for the better.

May God grant us to be thankful for our blessings.

SMILE

Dark Humour

Little Johnny: "Mom, can I get a dog at Christmas, please?" Mother: "No, you'll be getting turkey, like every year!"

I took my wife's family out for biscuits and tea. They weren't very happy about having to donate blood though

Cremation. My final hope for a smokin' hot body!

A magician comes to a seniors' home for entertainment afternoon: "Aaaaand? Is everybody heeere?"

Seniors, enthusiastically, "Yeaaaah!"

Magician, winking, "But not for loooooong.....!"

Doctor says to the patient: "There's no need for you to worry about your heart. It will work for as long as you live."

VOCATION

**"BY YOUR ENDURANCE YOU WILL
GAIN YOUR SOULS."**

***Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the
sign of your call.***

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

ARCHDIOCESE

KOLBE KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES:

Salvation History

Tues, Nov 15, 22, Dec 6, 13 – 7 to 9 p.m. Holy Cross Parish Hall; 291 Cosburn Ave.,

OR

Sat, Nov 19, 26, Dec 10, 17 - 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. Blessed Trinity Parish Hall; 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto.

COST: \$15 includes weekly handouts

www.kolbeapostolate.com

PORTRAITS OF FAITH BOOK LAUNCH

Tuesday, November 15

7:30 pm

Sisters of St. Joseph

101 Thorncliffe Park Dr., Toronto

Join us for a glass of wine and a chance to meet some of the young adult authors. A formal address will be given by Joseph Sinasac, Publishing Director for Novalis.

CONTACT: Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt, Program Director, Sisters of St. Joseph PHONE: 416-467-2645 EMAIL:

faithconnections@csj-to.ca

MUSIC AT TIMES OF LOSS

Nov 16, 7:00 pm

Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

3220 Bayview Ave., North York

A New Beginnings Talk by Connie Price, MDiv, PhD. Music speaks to the heart. At times when words are difficult, music can help to evoke expressions of consolation, joy, and sorrow. Come and explore the role of music at times of loss.

CONTACT: New Beginnings PHONE: 416-921-1163, ext. 2227 or ext. 2235

THE SOURCE OF MERCY: SPECIAL EVENT
FOR THE CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF MERCY

Nov 19, 7:00 pm

St. Peter's Church

840 Bathurst St., Toronto

This event for the end of the Year of Mercy is hosted by the Sisters of Life and includes a holy hour with testimonies of mercy, music by local musician Joe Zambon and a Eucharistic procession. Confessions will be available. Receive a jubilee indulgence at the temporary holy door, designated specially for this event.

CONTACT: Sisters of Life PHONE: 416-463-2722 EMAIL: toronto@sistersoflife.org WEB: www.sistersoflife.org

"THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER" PLAY

Nov 22, 7:00 pm

Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto

"The Prodigal Daughter" is a one-woman play performed by Elisa Lollino of Ephphatha Productions. Based on the parable of the Prodigal Son in St. Luke's Gospel, it is a story about sin, repentance and God's unconditional love and mercy for his children. The story is told through the eyes of the family servant, Addie, played by Elisa. The Father is always waiting for us. His voice can always be heard if we are willing to listen. This will be an entertaining, yet reflective production done with drama and passion. Hosted by Fellowship of St. Joseph of the Association for Hebrew Catholics. All are welcome.

EMAIL: ahctoronto@gmail.com

Feasts of the Week

*Memorial: **St Margaret of Scotland**—Wed, Nov 16:* Margaret of Scotland was a truly liberated woman in the sense that she was free to be herself. For her, that meant freedom to love God and serve others.

Not Scottish by birth, Margaret was the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling. She spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king, Edward the Confessor. Her family fled from William the Conqueror and was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm befriended them and was captivated by the beautiful, gracious Margaret. They were married at the castle of Dunfermline in 1070.

Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, as was his country. Because of Malcolm's love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper, polish his manners, and help him become a virtuous king. He left all domestic affairs to her, and often consulted her in state matters.

Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform she encouraged synods and was present for the discussions which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and laypeople, such as simony, usury, and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches.

Margaret was not only a queen, but a mother. She and Malcolm had six sons and two daughters. Margaret personally supervised their religious instruction and other studies.

Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them

alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults.

In 1093, King William Rufus made a surprise attack on Alnwick castle. King Malcolm and his oldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband.

Reflection

There are two ways to be charitable: the "clean way" and the "messy way." The "clean way" is to give money or clothing to organizations that serve the poor. The "messy way" is dirtying your own hands in personal service to the poor. Margaret's outstanding virtue was her love of the poor. Although very generous with material gifts, Margaret also visited the sick and nursed them with her own hands. She and her husband served orphans and the poor on their knees during Advent and Lent. Like Christ, she was charitable the "messy way."



"But Not A Hair Of Your Head Will Perish. By Your Endurance You Will Gain Your Souls"

Jesus



The Readings:

Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 98:5-9

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

It is the age between our Lord's first coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection and Ascension, by the sending of His Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory.

"Lo, the day is coming," Malachi warns in today's First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment (see Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 3:7).

Jesus anticipates this day in today's Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming "the time has come." Such deception is the background also for today's Epistle (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).

The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Epistles and Revelation, we read of famines and earthquakes, the

Temple's desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit.

These "signs" then, show us the pattern for the Church's life—both in the New Testament and today.

We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our "models," as today's Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives and friends, and forces and authorities hostile to God.

As we do in today's Psalm, we should sing His praises, joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the "today" of our Liturgy.

The Apostles prayed *maranatha*—"O Lord come!" (see 1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20). In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays. It is a mighty sign and a pledge of that Day to come.

**CATHOLIC ANSWERS
ON PRAYER**

Question

I have a prayer card that offers a prayer for the conditional baptism for the unborn. Is this possible?

Answer

No. Conditional baptism is conferred only when there are doubts about the validity of a person's baptism or whether baptism was conferred validly (CIC 869). As for the baptism of desire, this would apply only to "those who die for the faith, those who are catechumens, and all those who, without knowing of the Church but acting under the inspiration of grace, seek God sincerely and strive to fulfill his will" (CCC 1281). As for children who have died without baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God (CCC 1261). We must always be careful to pray with the mind of the Church; to do otherwise is to go beyond the limits of revealed truth.

But you could pray for their salvation and for their lives to be spared if they are in danger of abortion. A prayer you might consider is Archbishop Fulton Sheen's prayer for the unborn:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

Question

I understand that novenas are an acceptable form of prayer. When an intention is included, the individual praying accepts God's will as a response. However, I am becoming familiar with prayers which guarantee the request if the formula is followed. Where does the Church stand on this type of prayer?

Answer

What you said in the beginning is what needs to be followed. There are no short cuts. God is not that big vending machine in the sky that will release the goods if we know just how to appease him. Passing a prayer formula by mail *or making a certain number of copies and dispensing them to others to get what we want is an insult to God and the Church*. The Lord told us to ask for what we need—not because he doesn't already know, but that we come to him in love, humbly acknowledging our complete dependence on him—and willingly accepting whatever and however

he chooses to respond. The prayer of petition is a matter of loving trust and absolutely nothing else.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THEOLOGY ON TAP: GRIEF —***What's love got to do with it?***

Mon, Nov 21, 7PM—9PM. Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto

Young adults (19-39) join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest: Florence Loh. What would God and Freud agree on if they had a conversation about grief? Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! Info Vanessa 416-467-2645

THEOLOGY ON TAP EAST: GOD IN A BAR***Wille Stouts Pub & Grill; 2175 Sheppard Ave. E.***

Dec 5, 7PM

Young adults (19-39) invited to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest: Phil Cummings, high school teacher and former chaplain, York University.

Munchies provided. Cash bar. Bring a friend!

Info:: 416-599-7676 WEB: www.faithconnections.ca

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AGE***Upcoming—Six Sessions with Your Age Group In Parish Lounge led by Fr Simon***

5. Sat, Nov 19 @ 11AM-12:30PM; 6. Sat, Dec 3 @ 11AM-12:30PM.

"Come and See". Learn to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

GOD SQUAD & KIDS OF THE CROSS***Upcoming Youth Events:*****Next Kids of the Cross Night:**

Friday, November 18, 2016 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Next God Squad Night:

Friday, November 25, 2016 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Parish Christmas Party Re-enactment Involvement:

SJ23YM will be creating props for the re-enactment of our Lord's birth following the last mass on December 17, 2016. We will be working on the props in the next month leading to the Parish Christmas party.

Youth Ministry Christmas Party:

Friday, December 23, 2016 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour with a night of prayer, worship, activities and snacks. Don't forget to bring a friend!

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ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN 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.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
 Archdiocese of Toronto
Mt Hope Cemetery
 305 Erskine Avenue, Toronto, ON M4P 1Z7
 416-483-4944
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

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.

FOR PARISH REVENUE***7 Day Vigil Lamps***

To help with parish revenue the red vigil lamps for the altar tabernacle and chapel tabernacle can be purchased for the week beginning at the Sunday Vigil Mass for \$20. The name of the Family or Person for whom the Vigil Lamp is burning will be placed in this bulletin every week.

It is possible for the parish to raise \$1,500 each year in this way.