

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 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.

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

Head Office: 416-733-8544

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Session 2

This Wednesday,
November 23

@

7:30PM

Upcoming

Advent Holy Hour
Sunday, Dec 4,
4PM – 5PM

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS NEXT SUNDAY

November 27

The Holy Hour for Advent,
with Exposition &
Benediction will take
place as usual on
Sundays from
4PM to 5PM

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART TWO—THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

298. When did Jesus institute this sacrament of confession?

The risen Lord instituted this sacrament on the evening of Easter when he showed himself to his apostles and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:22-23).

299. Do the baptized have need of conversion?

The call of Christ to conversion continues to resound in the lives of the baptized. Conversion is a continuing obligation for the whole Church. She is holy but includes sinners in her midst.

300. What is interior penance?

It is the movement of a "contrite heart" (Psalm 51:19) drawn by divine grace to respond to the merciful love of God. This entails sorrow for and abhorrence of sins committed, a firm purpose not to sin again in the future and trust in the help of God. It is nourished by hope in divine mercy.

301. What forms does penance take in the Christian life?

Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but above all in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These and many other forms of penance can be practiced in the daily life of a Christian, particularly during the time of Lent and on the penitential day of Friday.

302. What are the essential elements of the sacrament of Reconciliation?

The essential elements are two: the acts of the penitent who comes to repentance through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the absolution of the priest who in the name of Christ grants forgiveness and determines the ways of making satisfaction.

303. What are the acts of the penitent?

They are: a careful examination of conscience; contrition (or repentance), which is perfect when it is motivated by love of God and imperfect if it rests on other motives and which includes the determination not to sin again; confession, which consists in the telling of one's sins to the priest; and satisfaction or

the carrying out of certain acts of penance which the confessor imposes upon the penitent to repair the damage caused by sin.

304. Which sins must be confessed?

All grave sins not yet confessed, which a careful examination of conscience brings to mind, must be brought to the sacrament of Penance. The confession of serious sins is the only ordinary way to

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 17 @ 6:30PM

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

Immediately following Nativity in Church, pot-luck is served in the Hall, followed by entertainment.

Parents please sign-up names of children attending Christmas party so we know how many to expect. Sign-up sheet in foyer of Church

COFFE SUNDAY

Volunteers Needed

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
HELP US GET TO
KNOW EACH OTHER
BETTER?

Before we begin we need
a co-ordinator for each of
the 4 Sunday Masses.
Then we can set a date
for our first coffee
Sunday.

Perhaps we can begin
after the Christmas rush.
Say, Sat, Jan 28/Sun Jan
29.

SENIOR'S GROUP

**Meet after the 9AM Mass on the 2nd
& 4th Thursdays of the Month**

**NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER
24**

Inviting our Mature Parishioners to come and socialize with each other for breakfast, exercise, spiritual movies, board games, cards, etc. Femi Bararea 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.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Mon, Nov 21, 7PM: +Juanita Sombreto
 Tues, Nov 22, 9AM: Rivera Family Thnksgv
 Wed, Nov 23, 7PM: +Mildred Van Dyke
 Thurs, Nov 24, 9AM: +Nora Baker & Family
 Fri, Nov 25, 7PM: Blk Naz Devts Thnksgv
 Sat, Nov 26, 9AM: +Narciso Gabriel

Saturday, Nov 26

5:15PM: +Alyre Martin

Sunday, Nov 27

9AM: +Jocelyn Abarri & + Ben deSilva

12:15PM: Thnksgv by Connie Laguatan

5:30PM: The Parishioners

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Nov 26—Friday, Dec 2

Sanctuary Tabernacle: Luminoso Villahermosa

Chapel Tabernacle: Juanita Villahermosa

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Test

Month of November

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

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 & \$500 towards this gift.

\$2085.53-500-200-300-500=\$585.53

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.

SMILE

Two days ago, my friend Peter ran off with my wife."
 "Oh no, how long have you been friends?"
 "Since two days ago."

—
 I've got a problem for your solution.

—
 Do you remember when I asked you to give me your
 opinion? That's right, me neither.

—
 Of course I can keep secrets. But the people I tell them to
 obviously can't.

—
 If I've told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't
 exaggerate!

—
 I'm not bossy, I simply know exactly what you should be
 doing.

—
 Being British means driving your German car to an Irish
 pub to have a Belgian beer, then grabbing an Indian curry
 or a Turkish kebab on the way home where you recline on
 Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a
 Japanese TV.

VOCATIONS

**"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

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

***The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men, 17
 years and older to attend a Vocations Discernment
 Retreat***

From Dec 9 to 11, 2016 at Manresa Spiritual Renewal
 Centre, Pickering. (Starts on Friday at 7 pm). This is a good
 retreat for men who are at crossroads in discerning God's
 desired Vocation for them. The retreat offers Guided
 reflections, Holy Mass, Adoration, confession and the
 assistance of a vocations team. Suggested donation of
 \$150 to help cover costs. Info (the parish priest) or call
 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

ARCHDIOCESE

KOLBE KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES:

Salvation History

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

Sat, Nov 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

HOW TO START A MOTHERS GROUP

***Workshop Saturday, November 26 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 or Thursday, December 8 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.***

Patti MacKenna Conference Room, Suite 111 Bartimaeus
 Inc., 290 N. Queen St., Etobicoke

A one day training program, hosted by
 CatholicMomsGroup.com. Learn how to start a Catholic
 Mothers Group in your parish. Training, tools and a light
 lunch provided.

www.CatholicMomsGroup.com / Dorothy Pilarski: 905
 279-7702 EMAIL: info@CatholicMomsGroup.com

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE:

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

***Saturday, December 3 – 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. St. Paul's
 Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto***

We invite you to meditative scripture-based prayer and
 music in the Taize tradition. Join us in celebrating the
 Advent season through contemplative song, scripture and
 silence. All are welcome. Social and light refreshments to
 follow. RSVPs appreciated.

CONTACT: St. Paul Taize Prayer Group EMAIL:
stpaultaize@gmail.com

WEB: www.stpaulsbasilicaparish.com

"THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER" PLAY

***Nov 22, 7PM, 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

Optional Memorial: St Columban, Abbot—Wed, Nov 23: Columban was the greatest of the Irish missionaries who worked on the European continent. As a young man who was greatly tormented by temptations of the flesh, he sought the advice of a religious woman who had lived a hermit's life for years. He saw in her answer a call to leave the world. He went first to a monk on an island in Lough Erne, then to the great monastic seat of learning at Bangor.

After many years of seclusion and prayer, he traveled to Gaul with 12 companion missionaries. They won wide respect for the discipline, their religious life in a by clerical laxity C o l u m b a n monasteries in Europe which became centres of religion and culture.



rigour of their preaching, and to charity and time characterized and civil strife. established several Europe which

Like all saints, he met opposition. Ultimately he had to appeal to the pope against complaints of Frankish bishops, for vindication of his orthodoxy and approval of Irish customs. He reproved the king for his licentious life, insisting that he marry. Since this threatened the power of the queen mother, Columban was deported to Ireland. His ship ran aground in a storm, and he continued his work in Europe, ultimately arriving in Italy, where he found favour with the king of the Lombards. In his last years he established the famous monastery of Bobbio, where he died. His writings include a treatise on penance and against Arianism, sermons, poetry, and his monastic rule.

Reflection: Now that public sexual license is becoming extreme, we need the Church's memory of a young man as concerned about chastity as Columban. And now that the comfort-captured Western world stands in tragic contrast to starving millions, we need the challenge to austerity and discipline of a group of Irish monks. They were too strict, we say; they went too far. How far shall we go?

Optional Memorial: St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Comanions, Martyrs—Thurs, Nov 24. Andrew Dung-Lac was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of this group were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized by Pope John Paul II.

Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan.

The king of one of the kingdoms banned all foreign missionaries and tried to make all Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix. Like the priest-holes in

Ireland during English persecution, many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful.

Severe persecutions were again launched three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship.

Persecution broke out again in 1847 when the emperor suspected foreign missionaries and Vietnamese Christians of sympathizing with a rebellion led by one of his sons.

The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution.

By 1954 there were over a million Catholics—about seven percent of the population—in the north. Buddhists represented about 60 percent. Persistent persecution forced some 670,000 Catholics to abandon lands, homes and possessions and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees. During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers. Now the whole country is under Communist rule.

Reflection: It may help a people who associate Vietnam only with a 20th-century war to realize that the cross has long been a part of the lives of the people of that country. Even as some people ask again the unanswered questions about US involvement and disengagement, the faith rooted in Vietnam's soil proves hardier than the forces that willed to destroy it.

VIETNAMESE MARTYRS



"Truly I Tell You, Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"

Jesus



The Readings:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 122:1-5

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

Week by week the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year.

Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7-9; 69:21-22; Wisdom 2:18-20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins, acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And

He calls on the name of Jesus, seeks His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4-5).

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the Kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His Kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the new covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His Kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23-32).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

**CATHOLIC ANSWERS
ON PRAYER**

Question

My son is dating a Lutheran (Protestant) girl who finds it hard to understand why we have a crucifix in every church. I explained that because of Christ's love for us, he suffered and died on the cross for our sins and our salvation. She says Jesus' Resurrection is what they focus on. Could you please explain further?

Answer

Jesus did not redeem us on Easter Sunday. He redeemed us on the cross on Good Friday. He also said that to be his disciple we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him (Matt.16:24-27). Nowhere in Scripture do we find him replacing such attention with Easter Sunday! To behold the image of Jesus hanging on the cross is to recognize the greatest event in history. It is to remember how incapable we are of fully appreciating what his infinite love is—and how infinitely fortunate we are to know such love (even though imperfectly) through the gift of faith.

Question

I read that Christ did not say, "Love the sinner, hate the sin." Who did?

Answer

It's from St. Augustine. His Letter 211 (c. 424) contains the phrase *Cum dilectione hominum et odio vitiorum*, which translates roughly to "With love for mankind and hatred of sins." The phrase has become more famous as "love the sinner but hate the sin" or "hate the sin and not the sinner" (the latter form appearing in Mohandas Gandhi's 1929 autobiography).

YOUTH MINISTRY

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*

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 God Squad Night:

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

Youth Ministry Christmas Cookie Bake
Day:

Saturday, December 3, 2016 from
2:00-4:00pm the Parish Kitchen.

Join us for an afternoon of baking
Christmas cookies together, which we will
be selling the following day in order to
fundraise for a member of the Knights of
Columbus who is retiring.

Youth Ministry Christmas Cookie Bake
Sale:

Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 9:30am-
5:30pm the Parish.

SJ23YM will be having a bake sale in
order to fundraise for a member of the
Knights of Columbus who is retiring. We
will also participate in the Holy Hour
Mass dedicated to the youth who are being
confirmed from 4:00-5:00pm the day of our
bake sale.

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
Savior 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.



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.

