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THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Part One—The Profession of Faith

I Believe in God the Father

MAN

66. In what sense do we understand man and woman as created “in the image of God”?

The human person is created in the image of God in the sense that he or she is capable of knowing and of loving their Creator in freedom. Human beings are the only creatures on earth that God has willed for their own sake and has called to share, through knowledge and love, in his own divine life. All human beings, in as much as they are created in the image of God, have the dignity of a person. A person is not something but someone, capable of self-knowledge and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with God and with other persons.

67. For what purpose did God create man and woman?

God has created everything for them; but he has created them to know, serve and love God, to offer all of creation in this world in thanksgiving back to him and to be raised up to life with him in heaven. Only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of the human person come into true light. Man and woman are predestined to reproduce the image of the Son of God made Man, who is the perfect “image of the invisible God” (Col1:15).

68. Why does the human race form a unity?

All people form the unity of the human race by reason of the common origin which they have from God. God has made “from one ancestor all the nations of men” (Acts17:26). All have but one Saviour and are called to share in the eternal happiness of God.

69. How do the soul and body form a unity in the human being?

The human person is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. In man spirit and matter form one nature. This unity is so profound that, thanks to the spiritual principle which is the soul, the body which is material, becomes a living human body and participates in the dignity of the image of God.

70. Where does the soul come from?

The spiritual soul does not come from one’s parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.

71. What relationship has God established between man and woman?

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. At the same time, they have been created in a reciprocal complementarity insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one for the other to form a communion of persons. They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony “one flesh” (Gn2:24). They are likewise called to subdue the earth as “stewards” of God.

72. What was the original condition of the human person according to the plan of God?

In creating man and woman God had given them a special participation in his own divine life in holiness and justice. In the plan of God they would not have had to suffer or die. Furthermore, a perfect harmony held sway within the human person, a harmony between creature and Creator, between man and woman, as well as between the first human couple and all of creation.

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE			
DATE & FEAST	CHOIR	DATE	TIME
Holy Family Vigil Mass	Hayde	Sat, Dec 30	5:15PM
Holy Family Masses	Tony Editha	Sun, Dec 31	9AM & 12:15PM
Mother of God Vigil Exposition & Benediction		Sun, Dec 31	6PM
Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass	Hayde	Sun, Dec 31	7PM
Mary, Mother of God Masses	Gina Editha	Mon, Jan 1	9AM & 12:15PM

PRAY FOR THE DECEMBER MISSION INTENTION

“For The Elderly”

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Dec 3, **7PM:**

+*Silvestra Canlas*

Mon, Jan 1:

9AM *Thnksqvgng to O.L. e3 Sacred Heart*

12:15PM *Thnksqvgng by Michael LaPorte*

Tues Jan 2, **9AM:**

Thnksqvg of Eric, Sheila e3 Shirley Dacanay

Wed Jan 3, **7PM:**

+*Paulino Aglipay*

Thanksgivngg by Anandappa Family

Thurs Jan 4, **9AM**

+*Lerma Glen Ayala*

Fri Jan 5, **7PM:**

+*Kelris Wilson*

Sat Jan 6, **9AM:**

Thanksgivng by Loreto e3 Rose

Saturday, January 6

5:15PM: *Purification Quinones*

Sunday, January 7

9AM: *The Parishioners e3 + Louis DeSouza*

12:15PM: *In Honour of the Mother of God e3
Blessed Paul VI*

5:30PM: +*Florinda Mutoc*

CONFIRMATION—UPCOMING

Session 4—Wed Jan 31, 2018, at 7:30PM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—UPCOMING

2nd Test—Section 2—Reconciliation

This is preparation for the young people's first Confession. Make appointment for last week of January or anytime in Feb. First Confession will be on Sat, March 17 @ 11AM in the Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$????

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000

SENIOR'S GROUP

Meets after 9AM Mass on the 2nd & 4th Thurs of Month—Next Meeting IS THURSDAY, Jan 11

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Jan 6—Friday, Jan 12

Sanctuary Tabernacle: + Chapel Tabernacle: +

COFFEE SUNDAY: Last Sun of the Month

9AM Mass: Coffee Sunday Group; 12:15PM Mass: *Thank you Volunteers for your generosity.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Need Prayer Help?

Call Beth at 416-467-6492. Your intention will be emailed out to this prayer community. Only first name and intention will be shared.

WONDERFULLY GREAT THINGS

Children's Choir: Grade 1 Grade 8. Returns in March

Sing 1st & 4th Sun @ 5:30PM Mass

Chalice Children's Collection

Sun, Dec 31—Goal: \$2,220. Total to Date: \$1850.45

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VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family.

Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Takes place in the Adoration 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.

BLACK NAZARENE NOVENA

Sun, Dec 31—1:15PM / Mon, Jan 1—1:15PM / Tues, Jan 2—8:45AM / Wed, Jan 3—6:45PM / Thurs, Jan 4—8:45AM / Fri, Jan 5—6:45PM / Sat, Jan 6—8:45AM / Sun, Jan 7—1:15PM / Mon, Jan 8—6:45PM / Tues, Jan 9—FEAST DAY

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH OVERNIGHT VIGIL HAS ARRIVED AT St John XXIII—ADORATION CHAPEL

BEGINS THIS FRIDAY: ***Jan 5 and continues on every first Friday of the Month.***

The Catholic Women's League of the Parish is sponsoring this devotion. They invite us all to join them.

Vigil Begins Fri 7:30PM and ends Sat 7:30AM

Contact: Elaine Shaver—647-713-1198

Benefits

- Most of the benefits will be invisible. The measurable benefits will occur in individual lives:
- Increased faith in the True Presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
 - Answered prayer requests, both spiritual and material
 - Conversions of heart and overcoming of habitual sins
 - Families growing closer together

SMILE

Getting Rid Of Them

Taking It With You

Lying on his deathbed, the rich, miserly old man calls to his long-suffering wife. "I want to take all my money with me," he tells her. "So promise me you'll put it in the casket."

After the man dies, his widow attends the memorial service with her best friend. Just before the undertaker closes the coffin, she places a small metal box inside.

Her friend looks at her in horror. "Surely," she says, "you didn't put the money in there."

"I did promise him I would," the widow answers. "So I got it all together, deposited every penny in my account, and wrote him a check. If he can cash it, he can spend it."

MAJOR RELIC OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

To Visit The Archdiocese Of Toronto—Jan 12 – 14

A first-degree relic of missionary St Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto. The forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at the Church of the Gesù in Rome...will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica Jan12, St Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga Jan13 & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto Jan14.

This is the first time the relic has been on Canadian soil. The body of St Francis Xavier, which is in Goa, India, as well as the relic of his arm, are incorrupt—they have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552. Close to 100,000 people will visit the various events across the country—the same number of people it is believed Francis baptized with his right arm and hand.

NEXT CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

Next Meeting is Saturday, Jan 27, 1—3PM

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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Optional Memorial: The Most Holy Name of Jesus—

Wed, Jan 3: Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “that name that is above every name” (2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of St Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Dominican and Jesuits began the 16th century.



In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

Reflection: Jesus died and rose for the sake of all people. No one can trademark or copyright Jesus’ name. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary. Everything that exists was created in and through the Son of God (Col1:15-20). The name of Jesus is debased if any Christian uses it as justification for berating non-Christians. Jesus reminds us that because we are all related to him we are, therefore, all related to one another.

Optional Memorial: St Elizabeth Seton, Religious—

Thurs, Jan 4: “Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born Aug, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr Bayley, did not have much use for churches

but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others.

The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new “holocaust,” as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness.

At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed, penniless, with five small children to support.

While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicism in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809.

The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son.



She died Jan 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Reflection: Elizabeth Seton had no extraordinary gifts. She was not a mystic or stigmatic. She did not prophesy or speak in tongues. She had two great devotions: abandonment to the will of God and an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote to a friend, Julia Scott, that she would prefer to exchange the world for a “cave or a desert.” “But God has given me a great deal to do, and I have always and hope always to prefer his will to every wish of my own.” Her brand of sanctity is open to everyone if we love God and do his will.

**"...My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation...A Light For
Revelation To The Gentiles And For Glory To Your People
Israel"**

Simeon



This Sunday's Readings: *Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40*

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16-18).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings – for mothers, fathers and children – is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their "familial" ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 3:3-6; 10:21).

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us, and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (see Revelation 21:3,7).

DR. SCOTT HAHN

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ROCK AND CORNERSTONE

Question

What is the difference between Peter being the rock and Jesus being the cornerstone in Matthew 16:18?

Answer

Sacred Scripture uses images taken from human sense experience. The image of a rock foundation is from nature; the image of a cornerstone is from human art in architecture. They are similar in that they are both stone and on both depend the stability of what is built from them.

There are many images and names that are used both of Christ and his members, of God and his creatures. This is possible because, in the case of Christ, his human creatures are all actual or potential members of his. He says of his member: "Whatsoever you do the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me." That includes naming. Peter is a "rock" because Christ is a rock. In the other direction, the faithful experience or should experience that Christ is a rock because of the rocklike faith of Peter and his successors. So, in a sense there is no difference.

In theology and liturgy, words that speak of God also tell us of creatures, and words that speak of creatures also tell us of God. But in the end we must remember that what and who God is goes far beyond any human words or names. Before this reality, St. Peter the Rock exclaimed, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" How beautiful that our Saviour and his Father and their life-giving Spirit both correspond in a way to our human words and yet are also so far beyond them. We have a lot to look forward to in heaven!

YOUTH GROUPS

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas and holiday season with your family and friends. I pray God continues to bless our ministry and time together, that we would seek to know, love and serve Christ more each time we gather together in His name. Looking forward to what God has planned for our ministry in 2018.

Upcoming Youth Events

Next Kids of the Cross Night: Service

Fri, January 12 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

Next God Squad Night: Service

Friday, January 19 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall

Announcements:

Catholic Women's League from St. John XXIII Parish Council have, for the third year in a row, invited our youth ministry to participate in youth awards taking place throughout the Diocese. This year, there are two contests, one service award, and one scholarship that youth in our Parish can apply for.

Deadlines are to be announced soon.

Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

Grade 7 & 8 students are invited to prepare a speech with a topic of their choice. We are looking for two youth to represent St J XXIII Parish. Details regarding criteria and prizes can be found in packages that are available in the youth minister's office.

Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Contest

The Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Contest supports and encourages an awareness and positive attitude towards a broad range of pro-life issues. We are looking for two intermediate level students (grades 7-9) to write an essay and poem, and two senior level students (grades 10-12) to write an essay and a poem. Details regarding criteria and prizes can be found in packages that are available in the youth minister's office.

Jean McCann Service Award

The Jean McCann Service Award for youth recognizes and affirms the role played in our Parishes by our confirmed Catholic youth ages 15-18. It is hoped that by recognizing a young person with this award we can emphasize the necessity of service to others and show appreciation to those young people who are taking the Gospel message seriously. There is an application form to be completed with a written submission component. Details regarding criteria and prizes can be found in packages that are available in the youth minister's office.

University of Toronto, St. Michael's College Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of the Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who had indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first college of choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Sciences. The value of this non-renewable scholarship is \$3,000. Details regarding eligibility can be found in packages that are available in the youth minister's office.

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MORE GOOD NEWS

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

& K of C of St JXXIII

The Catholic Women's League of JXXIII & the Knights of Columbus are donating a new floor for our Hall this summer.

Also, CWL have kindly accepted to research the possibility of federal financing for a wheel-chair lift that can be installed on the staircase leading down to the hall. This is a program offered to charitable institutions for disability access to buildings.

