

SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH

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“For By The Overshadowing Of The Holy Spirit She
Conceived Your Only Begotten Son....”

Preface Prayer of the Feast Day



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**THE SACRAMENTALS****351. What are the sacramentals?**

These are sacred signs instituted by the Church to sanctify different circumstances of life. They include a prayer accompanied by the sign of the cross and other signs. Among the sacramentals which occupy an important place are: blessings, which are the praise of God and a prayer to obtain his gifts, the consecration of persons and the dedication of things for the worship of God.

352. What is an exorcism?

When the Church asks with its authority in the name of Jesus that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called an exorcism. This is done in ordinary form in the rite of Baptism. A solemn exorcism, called a major exorcism, can be performed only by a priest authorized by the bishop.

353. What forms of popular piety accompany the sacramental life of the Church?

The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in the various forms of piety which accompany the sacramental life of the Church such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross and the rosary. The Church sheds the light of faith upon...popular piety.

CHRISTIAN FUNERALS**354. What is the relationship between the sacraments and the death of a Christian?**

The Christian who dies in Christ reaches at the end of his earthly existence the fulfillment of that new life which was begun in Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation, and nourished in the Eucharist, the foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The meaning of the death of a Christian becomes clear in the light of the death and Resurrection of Christ our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus goes "away from the body to be at home with the Lord."

355. What do funeral rites express?

Although celebrated in different rites in keeping with the situations and traditions of various regions, funerals express the paschal character of Christian death in hope of the resurrection. They also manifest the meaning of communion with the departed particularly through prayer for the purification of their souls.

356. What are the main moments in funerals?

Usually, funeral rites consist of four principal parts: welcoming the body of the deceased by the community with words of comfort and hope, the liturgy of the Word, the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and the farewell in which the soul of the departed is entrusted to God, the Source of eternal life, while the body is buried in the hope of the resurrection.

2017 ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP.

For regular users, if there are changes in address and contact information please advise the office.

If not yet using pre-numbered envelopes, we encourage you to register and a box of envelopes will be available for you. Envelope users are the major supporters of our Parish. We depend on your generosity. THANK YOU!

COFFEE 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.

FAMILY OF FAITH***2016 Tax Receipts***

Will be issued by the end of Feb 2017. These receipts are not issued by the parish. If you are one of the many donors who prefer to receive your tax receipts by email please contact the Donations Processing Centre via campaign@archtoronto.org. Please provide your full name, address, and the name of your parish.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 2, **10AM**: Thnksgv for Sheila, Shirley & Eric
 Tues, Jan 3, **9AM**: +Lori Tersigni
 Wed, Jan 4, **7PM**: +Lerma Ayala
 Thurs, Jan 5, **9AM**: +James Farkas
 Fri, Jan 6, **7PM**: For the Volunteers of StJXXIII
 Sat, Jan 7, **9AM**: For our Students & Teachers

Saturday, Jan 7
 5:15PM: Rose Almeda
Sunday, Jan 8
 9AM: The Parishioners
 12:15PM: +Rosalia Carag
 5:30PM: For A Holy Death

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Dec 31—Friday, Jan 6
 Sanctuary Tabernacle: +Lerma & +Isagani
 Chapel Tabernacle:

PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Grade 1 — Grade 8. Amy: 647-878-2534; 1st & 4th Sun

YOUTH CHOIR

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

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PARISH GROUP LEADERS

Lectio—Evangelization, Six Sessions

Saturday Feb 4 @ 11AM & Saturday Feb 18 @ 11AM

College/University Age

Upcoming: 6 Sessions with Your Age Group: OLW Lounge

MOM'S CATHOLIC GROUP

Coming to St JXXIII Parish in 2017

Check out the website for further information.
 www.catholicmomsgroup.com. St JXXIII: Angelina

JANUARY MOVIES TO CONSIDER Formed.org

Go To Movies: Female Saints, Watch "Miracle Of St Therese" Or Rome Reports, Watch Francis: The People's Pope Or Documentaries, Watch Defeating The Devil

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Second (2nd) Test Months of Jan/Feb

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Session 4: Wed, Jan 25 @ 7:30PM In the Hall

NEWYEAR SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	TIME	TIME
New Year Eve Mary Mother of God	Sat Dec 31	Mass Canceled 9AM	Holy Hour 3:45PM	Mass 5:15PM
New Year Mary Mother of God	Sunday, Jan 1	Mass 9AM	Mass 12:15PM	Canceled 5:30PM
New Year Day 2	Mon, Jan 2	Mass 10AM	--	--

SMILE

Family Affairs

A child's observation: If a mother laughs at dad's jokes, we have guests.

Your upcoming birthday reminds me of the words of the old Chinese scholar: Yung No Mo

You: "So, dad, I was thinking..."

Dad: "Ohhhhh and I wondered what that high-pitched grinding sound was!"

SENIOR'S GROUP

Meet 2nd & 4th Thurs of Month

Next Meeting is next THURSDAY, Jan 12 @ 9:30AM

Co-ordinator: Femi Barrera. 416-467-6492

TCDSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

January 18, 10AM

Imagine the Possibilities: Junior Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith based environment. Students develop a positive attitude about themselves and others, become more independent and responsible, develop self-regulation and social skills, solve problems.

Parents can apply online beginning Jan 18, 10AM: SOAR.tcdsb.org. Or they can register at their local school with the required documents beginning Jan 18: 10AM. WEB: www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration: 416-222-8282ext. 5314

VOCATIONS

WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD INTO OUR WORLD;

However, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts.

If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO CELEBRATES 175TH ANNIVERSARY

December 17 marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone.

Originally part of the Diocese of Kingston, on Dec 17, 1841, Pope Gregory 16 formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017.

BLACK NAZARNE NOVENA/FEAST DAY.

Feast Day Mass—Monday, Jan 9 @ 7PM

Jan 1st - Sun, 1:15pm / Jan 2nd - Mon 6:45pm / Jan 3rd - Tues 8:45am / Jan 4th - Wed 6:45pm / Jan 5th - Thurs 8:45am / Jan 6th - Fri 6:45pm / Jan 7th - Sat 8:45am / Jan 8th - Sun 1:15pm / Jan 9th - Mon 6:45PM

FERTILITYCARE TORONTO

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Are you planning to space your children and feel unsure of the family planning system you're using?

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Is your family complete and are wondering what comes next for family panning?

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Would you like to follow your faith but don't know a reliable, scientific family planning method?

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Do you have health concerns and want to learn more about your body and gynecologic health?

FertilityCare Toronto can help.

Are you suffering from infertility or recurrent miscarriage and don't know where to turn for effective help? **FertilityCare Toronto can help.**

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Optional Memorial: The Most Holy Name of Jesus--
Tues, 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" (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming class struggles and vendettas in Italian devotion grew, Franciscan and It spread even more Jesuits began 16th century.



bitter and often bloody family rivalries or city-states. The partly because of Dominican preachers. widely after the promoting it in the

In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office (feast day prayer) 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 (see Colossians 1:15-20). 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.

Memorial, St Andre Bessette (brother Andre), Religious--

Sat, Jan 7— Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of 12 children born to a French Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at 12, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed: shoemaker, baker, blacksmith—all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War.

At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of the Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said.

In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said,

"Some day, Saint Joseph is going to be honoured in a very special way on Mount Royal!"

When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel.



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Word of healing spread. When an at a nearby volunteered to person died. The a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year.

The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build. The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92. He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart."

Reflection

Rubbing ailing limbs with oil or a medal? Planting a medal to buy land? Isn't this superstition? Aren't we long past that? Superstitious people rely only on the "magic" of a word or action. Brother André's oil and medals were authentic sacramentals of a simple, total faith in the Father who lets his saints help him bless his children.

WIN GREAT PRIZES
Friars' Student Writing Award

Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated Jan 18-25. The Theme for this coming year is "*Reconciliation—The love of Christ compels us*" (cf. 2Cor5:14-20). Students should read the above Scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay:

As the Christian world reflects on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517-2017) and after reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-29, discuss the main obstacles to Christian reconciliation and ways to overcome them based on your own experiences.

First prize is an iPad Air 2 (64GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura HsO, and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to the Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is Jan 13. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or Fax it to 416-934-3400, ext 344

“...Mary Treasured All These Words And Pondered Them In Her Heart”

St Luke



The Readings:

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms 67:2-3,5-6,8

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Today we give thanks to Mary, the Mother of God. Her response to the angel, born of a humble heart, brought us life and salvation in the Child conceived in her womb.

From before all ages, God had destined her for this decisive role in salvation history. She was to be the woman who in the fullness of time would bear God's only Son, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In times past, God spoke to His chosen people, the Israelites, through prophets (see Hebrews 1:1-2), and imparted His blessings upon them through His priests, as we hear in today's First Reading.

But now, He has sent His Son—to reveal His glory and His kingdom, to make His way of salvation known to all nations, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the Infant lying in the manger, God has shone His face upon us (see John 14:8-9).

Jesus is made a child of Israel, an heir of God's covenant with Abraham, by His circumcision in today's Gospel (see Genesis 17:1-14). And we have been made adopted sons and daughters by Baptism, which is the circumcision of Christ, the true circumcision (see Colossians 2:11; Philippians 3:3).

As children of God, Paul says today, we are heirs of the Father's blessings, which He promised to bestow on all peoples through the descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 12:3;22:18; Galatians 3:14). This is the blessing which Aaron imparted to Israel, the people descended from Abraham. And this blessing comes to us through Mary and the Child.

This is the good news of great joy that the shepherds make known in Bethlehem today (see Luke 2:10).

Like the shepherds, we too should make haste today to find Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and to glorify God for His blessings. And like Mary, we should keep His word and reflect upon it, letting it dwell richly in our hearts (see Colossians 3:16).

MARY ANSWERS

Question

I took my Evangelical friend to Mass with me last weekend, and after Mass she noticed a woman praying before a statue of Mary. She took the woman's action as proof that Catholics worship idols. I've given her all the arguments in your tract "Do Catholics Worship Statues?," but she still doesn't buy it. How else can I respond?

Answer

Perhaps a little logic will help open some doors. Ask for her reaction to this comment from a Catholic: "While I was attending a Protestant service the other day I noticed a woman praying to the Bible!" What would she say about that characterization? Would she say the Catholic misconstrued what was going on, that the woman was not praying to the Bible which she held in her hands with her eyes closed and the Bible pressed to her heart as she prayed, but to the God who inspired the Bible?

No one would jump to the unwarranted conclusion that this woman is treating her Bible as an idol. So why would she jump to the unwarranted conclusion that the woman she saw treated the statue of Mary as an idol? The same goes for having a picture of a deceased relative on the mantelpiece of her home. Would any reasonable person accuse her of ancestor worship? Of course not, so encourage her to use the same logic when she watches Catholics pray.

You might want to read Patrick Madrid's book, *Search and Rescue: How to Bring Your Family and Friends Into, or Back Into, the Catholic Church*.

Question

Is it required that Catholics be devoted to Mary?

Answer

Devotion is an emotional attachment, which cannot be required of anyone. All that is required is assent to those doctrines that the Church has declared to be true and binding upon Catholic consciences. As long as a Catholic gives assent of the will to the Marian doctrines, it is not required that he have any particular emotional attachment to the Blessed Mother.

That said, devotion can be developed just like emotional attachment to any person can be developed, and it is a pious action for a Catholic to develop a devotion to his spiritual Mother. One means of developing such an attachment is to learn more about the Blessed Mother through reading Marian apologetic and devotional literature.

YOUTH MINISTRY

GOD SQUAD & KIDS OF THE CROSS

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and the holiday season with family and friends. I am looking forward to seeing all that God has in store for our youth ministry this year. May God bless our ministry and continue to bring youth together in Christ's name.

Next God Squad Night:

Friday, January 6, 2017 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Parish hall.

Next Kids of the Cross Night:

Friday, January 13, 2017 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish hall.

XLT: RESOLVE

January 2, 7PM

Flato Markham Theatre

171 Town Centre Blvd., Markham

How will you welcome in 2017? Join Paul J. Kim (youth speaker), Kathleen & Jesse Leblanc (married couple) and Fr. Frank Portelli (Director of the Office of Catholic Youth) for an evening of prayer, praise, confessions and Eucharistic adoration. This ministry team will help teens and adults alike discern what they need to "resolve" to make 2017 a new and faith-filled year. Don't miss out on this perfect opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus and the Church. Usher in 2017 like you've never done before.

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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 Benediction at 5:40PM. Come for a few minutes or an hour and keep watch with the Lord. Pray for others, the family, Church, your 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.

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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.