

SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH

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Sunday Mass

Sat Vigil Mass 5:15PM / Sun Mass 9AM, 12:15PM & 5:30PM. (Wkds: 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

Fr Simon, Ms Olivia Dizon, Mr Carlton Paul

Catholic Cemeteries

Head Office: 416-733-8544

SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION

Sunday, Nov 19

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the service of our priests.

Let us honour the men who have been instruments of the our Faith. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of Nov 19. Envelopes will be distributed the weekend of Nov 12.

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a concrete way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

*St John XXIII Parish
Saturday, December 2*

The Catholic Women's League of our parish invites you to this day of preparation to enter into Advent. Fr Joseph Alozie of St Augustine's Seminary will be our guide for this day.

Recollection Day begins with 9AM Mass;

**9:30AM meditation;*

**10AM break;*

**10:30AM guided rosary reflection;*

**11:30AM Lunch;*

**12:30PM Silent Adoration/Confessions;*

**2:30PM Benediction/Conclusion.*

Sign-Up Sheet In Foyer

We need to know numbers

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Part One—The Profession of Faith

"I BELIEVE" – "WE BELIEVE"

The Transmission of Divine Revelation

11. Why and in what way is divine revelation transmitted?

God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1Tim2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to his own command, "Go forth and teach all nations" (Mat28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition.

12. What is Apostolic Tradition?

Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity by means of preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations until the end of the world.

13. In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur?

Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?

Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

15. To whom is the deposit of faith entrusted?

The Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the whole of the Church. Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith the people of God as a whole, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Magisterium of the Church, never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine revelation.

16. To whom is given the task of authentically interpreting the deposit of faith?

The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the deposit of faith has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone, that is, to the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, and to the bishops in communion with him. To this Magisterium, which in the service of the Word of God enjoys the certain charism of truth, belongs also the task of defining dogmas which are formulations of the truths contained in divine Revelation. This authority of the Magisterium also extends to those truths necessarily connected with Revelation.

17. What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium?

Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium are so closely united with each other that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.

CHRIST THE KING RALLY 2017

"Going Deeper: becoming fire to ignite the world" (Lk 3:16) Sat, Nov 25 – 8:30AM to 6PM.

Canada Christian College 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto
Join the celebration at the annual Christ the King Rally with unique programs for adults, youth and children! \$20 adults; \$5 youth and children free.

Praise & worship, rosary, healing procession, confessions, adoration and holy Mass, presided by Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, Archdiocese of Toronto.
Speaker: Larry Oney, Diocese of New Orleans.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 16

6:30PM—9:30PM

Book this date in your calendars—come on out for a fine meal, entertainment, carolling, etc.

*6:15PM—Nativity Play in the Church

*7PM—Dinner in Hall

*8:15PM—Entertainment/Carolling

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.

SICK & UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS?

Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000;
Fr Simon will bring Holy Communion each week to you or your relative.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MISSIONARY INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

"To Witness the Gospel in Asia"

Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue and peace, especially with those of other religions

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Mon, Nov 13, 7PM:
+*Lourđina Figueiredo*
Tues, Nov 14, 9AM:
+*Florencio e' Fidela Cruz*
Wed, Nov 15, 7PM:
+*Consuelo Monina Aglipay Verceles*
Thurs, Nov 16, 9AM
Thanksgiving by Fe Tolentino
Fri, Nov 17, 7PM:
Thanksgiving for Belle D.
Sat, Nov 18, 9AM:
Thanksgiving by Belle

Saturday, November 18
5:15PM: +*Lerma Glen*
Sunday, November 19
9AM: +*Eduardo Damasco Peralas*
12:15PM: +*Carmela e' + Antonio*
5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Nov 18—Friday, Nov 24
Sanctuary Tabernacle: +**Gertrudes Soriano**
Chapel Tabernacle: +**Mary & Titi**

WONDERFULLY GREAT THINGS

Children's Choir: Grade 1 Grade 8.
Sing 1st & 4th Sun @ 5:30PM Mass
Youth Choir
Grade 9 & Up: Sing 2nd & 3rd Sun @ 5:30PM
Mass
Chalice Children's Collection
Sunday, Oct 29—Goal: \$2,220. Total to Date: \$0

COFFEE SUNDAY:

Last Sun of the Month
9AM Mass: Coffee Sunday Group; 12:15PM Mass:
Ailene & Jonathan & Mary. *Thank you Volunteers
for your generosity.*

SMILE

Money Matters

I took four tires to a friend's garage sale and was asking \$30 apiece. I needed to leave for a few minutes, so I asked him to watch them for me. "Sure," he said, "but if someone offers less, how low are you willing to go?" "Try for more, but I will accept \$15," I said, and left. When I returned, my tires were gone. "How much did you get for them?" I asked excitedly. "Fifteen dollars each." "Who bought them?" "I did!"

From our local TV news station, this undeniably true travel suggestion: "Next up, ten money-saving tips for your trip to Hawaii. Don't go away!"

SPIRITUS VIA (The Spiritual Way)

Young Adult Ministry (18–35 years old)

Spiritus Via is a young adult ministry of the Archdiocese of Toronto. St JXXIII is supporting this ministry for its young adults by contributing \$1,000 and 3 young adults to be on the Core or Support Teams.

Monthly events

The first Wed of every month: social, prayer, catechesis, outreach

Monthly Parish Small Groups

To be scheduled by small group members

Monthly Theology on Tap/Annual Retreat

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3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

The CWL of St JXXIII Parish invites you to this Fundraising Event Sat Nov 25, 6:30PM till 12:30AM Where: Leaside Community Gardens, 1073 Millwood Rd., Toronto.

Tickets: \$25 for dinner, some entertainment, and dance the night away.

Dress: Semi-formal.

Info/Tickets: Tess Capunihan @ 647-500-6014

Join Us And Lets Have Some Fun For a Cause

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

1st Test—Month of November

Call Office for Appointment

VOCATIONS

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Are You Using Donation Envelopes?

Dear Parishioner,

Please register and begin using donation envelopes. In using envelopes you will be reminded weekly of St John XXIII's need of your financial support.

ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Takes place in the Adoration 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 Church, your family, yourself.



WIN GREAT PRIZES

The Friar' Student Writing award.

Ages 14—18 are invited to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated Jan 18-25, 2018. The theme is

"Your right hand, O Lord, Glorious In Power" (cf Exodus15:6)

Read the scripture passage Exodus 15:1-21 and respond to the following question:

Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is treated by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christian of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.

1st prize: iPad Pro(128GB); 2nd prize: Kobo Aura H2O Edition 2; 3rd prize to 6th prizes: 1 year subscription to the Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries: Jan 8, 2018. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or Fax it to 416-934-3409 (full name, email address, tel#, name of school on front page of essay). Info: 416-934-3400, ext 344 Or 416-934-3410,ext 403

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Catholic Women's Fertility Health

Are you planning to space your children and feel unsure of the family planning system you're using? FertilityCare Toronto can help.

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

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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Optional Memorial—ST GERTRUDE, VIRGIN—Date:

Thurs, Nov 16: Gertrude, a Benedictine nun in Helfta, Saxony, was one of the great mystics of the 13th century. Together with her friend and teacher Saint Mechtild, she practiced a spirituality called “nuptial mysticism,” that is, she came to see herself as the bride of Christ. Her spiritual life was a deeply personal union with Jesus and his Sacred Heart, leading her into the very life of the Trinity.

But this was no individualistic piety. Gertrude lived the rhythm of the liturgy, where she found Christ. In the liturgy and in Scripture she found the themes and images to enrich and express her piety. There was no clash between her personal prayer life and the liturgy.

Reflection: Saint Gertrude’s life is another reminder that the heart of the Christian life is prayer: private and liturgical, ordinary or mystical, but always personal.

Optional Memorial—ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND—

Date: Thurs, Nov 16: 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.

Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by 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.

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.”

Parishioners & Fr Simon taking a break in between serving meals at Good Shepherd Refuge Monday Oct 23, 2017



WANT TO EXPERIENCE WHAT IT IS LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE?

You Can

Just contact any one of the following people and they will take you to help serve or prepare a meal, do the laundry, make up the beds, etc. You can arrange a time that is mutually agreeable to you both.

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“The Good Shepherd”, as it is affectionately called, is well known on the streets of Toronto. It’s a place to get a hot meal, clean clothes, a safe, clean bed for the night. It’s a place to go when you need someone to listen, someone to help.

THIS FAMILY LIVES IN FLEMINGDON PARK

Fr Simon Guarantees This Is a Genuine Need

A brother and sister with Spinal Muscular Atrophy type 2 (SMA II) who are permanently on power wheelchairs. Cost of the vehicle (van conversion costs over \$70,000).

Any donation would help. To Donate Online go to: www.gofundme.com/elyass-accessible-vehicle

CATHOLIC SINGLES CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE: Dec 9: 7:30pm-11:45pm—at a Church Hall;

Christmas Dinner! Professional DJ. SEATING BY AGE GROUP! \$45 . CASH Bar. NOT TICKETS AT THE DOOR! Pre-Pay all Tickets by Nov 25 by CASH or E-Transfer to canadacatholicsingles@gmail.com Call:647-207-3162

***"Keep Awake Therefore,
For You Know Neither The Day Nor The Hour"***

Jesus



This Sunday's Readings: *Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63:2-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Matthew 25:1-13*

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see Mark 2:19). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see Hosea 2:16-20). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again

to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9; 21:1-4).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.

We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God – virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see 1 Kings 17:16). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see Proverbs 8:22-31,35; 9:1-5), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.

DR. SCOTT HAHN

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WHY ARE SOME SAINTS BODIES INCORRUPT

Question

Why have the bodies of some saints stayed incorrupt?

Answer

Similar to how the Father did not allow Jesus' body to experience corruption while in the tomb (see Acts 1:27), God provides that the bodily remains of some of his faithful ones will not undergo bodily corruption. The best example is arguably St. Bernadette Soubirous, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared several times in Lourdes, France in 1858.

Some might attribute the apparent miracle of bodily incorruption to scientifically explainable reasons, yet to date, no explanation has been provided. In addition, St. Bernadette died long before modern embalming processes, which themselves delay but do not ultimately prevent the decay of one's bodily remains. For more information, you may be interested in Joan Carroll Cruz's book The Incorruptibles (Tan Books).

WHERE IS THE NEW JERUSALEM

Question

Is the New Jerusalem or the Holy City Jerusalem in heaven, or is it some where else?

Answer

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready (Rev. 19:7).

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Rev. 21:2).

He took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God (Rev. 21:10).

But the Jerusalem above is freeborn, and she is our mother (Gal. 4:26).

The "new Jerusalem" is a symbol of the Church, the bride of Christ. As such it exists both in heaven and on Earth through the communion of saints. At the Last Judgment, it will exist in the transformed world through the resurrection.

NEXT CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP
Meeting Saturday, Nov 25, 1—3PM

YOUTH GROUPS
New Study Series: Mini Bible Lessons on Teen Topics
 We will explore different issues that teens are facing today using Scriptural references to help ground us in God's Word on how we should be responding to these matters. Some of the topics we will be discussing will be contentment, anger, the call to be different, guilt, laziness, priorities, self-image, stress, time management and understanding our parents.
Upcoming Youth Events
Next God Squad Meeting: Social
Friday, November 17, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.
Next Kids of the Cross Meeting: Service
Friday, November 24, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF PEACE.
Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world.
 On Nov 26 (Christ the King Feast) Archbishop Collins is asking that the entire Archdiocese participate in signing a postcard to be sent to the Minister of International Development. The government has not increased the budget for their new policy on international development which states that women around the world are important in ending violence. Instead, over \$600 million dollars has been allocated to providing abortions around the world.

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
(grades 11 & 12) on November 25, 2017
 The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga, on Saturday, November 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration&Confession. Info: 416-968-0997

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth —and the right of every child to be born"
 Birthright, a pro-life crisis pregnancy service, needs your help. Volunteers, men and women, are needed to assist those facing an unplanned pregnancy, to provide support an comfort as well as practical solutions. training is provided. For more information call 416-469-111 Or email: toronto@birthright.org

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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.

