

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.

Catholic Cemeteries

Head Office: 416-733-8544

PEACE BE WITH HER *Strong and empowered women: lasting and inclusive peace!*

A peace agreement is 35% more likely to last at least 15 years if women help build it? By adopting effective community-based and non-violent approaches and by forming networks that cross political, religious and ethnic boundaries, women transform peace and reconciliation processes.

Together, let's take action for peace!

In June 2017, Canada committed to ensuring that women and girls have the opportunity to take active roles in establishing and maintaining peace in their communities. Despite its remarks in support of women and peace, the government did not increase the international aid budget.

Next Sunday, Nov 26

The Solemnity of Christ the King

Archbishop Collins is asking that the entire Archdiocese sign the Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Action Card to be sent to the Prime Minister. Together, let's call on the Canadian government to give women the resources they need to be at the heart of peace.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Part One—The Profession of Faith

"I BELIEVE" – "WE BELIEVE"

The Transmission of Divine Revelation

"Sacred Scripture"

18. Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth?

Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a "religion of the Book", but of the Word of God – "not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living" (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).

19. How is Sacred Scripture to be read?

Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith themselves.

20. What is the Canon of Scripture?

The Canon of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The Canon consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

21. What is the importance of the Old Testament for Christians?

Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Saviour of the universe.

22. What importance does the New Testament have for Christians?

The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church.

23. What is the unity that exists between the Old and the New Testaments?

Scripture is one insofar as the Word of God is one. God's plan of salvation is one, and the divine inspiration of both Testaments is one. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other.

24. What role does Sacred Scripture play in the life of the Church?

Sacred Scripture gives support and vigour to the life of the Church. For the children of the Church, it is a confirmation of the faith, food for the soul and the fount of the spiritual

life. Sacred Scripture is the soul of theology and of pastoral preaching. The Psalmist says that it is "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). The Church, therefore, exhorts all to read Sacred Scripture frequently because "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (Saint Jerome).

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 Bp Kasun, 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.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS
Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000

PRAY FOR THE NOV. MISSION INTENTION
"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 20, **7PM:**
+*Lourđina Figueiredo*

Tues, Nov 21, **9AM:**
+*Frank Duff*

Wed, Nov 22, **7PM:**
Early Recovery of Rolando Rojas

Thurs, Nov 23, **9AM**
+*Jaime Tolentino*

Fri, Nov 24, **7PM:**
+*Souls of Black Nazarene Devotees*

Sat, Nov 25, **9AM:**
+*Narciso Gabriel*

Saturday, November 25
5:15PM: +*Elyre Martin*

Sunday, November 26
9AM: +*Giuseppe Morra* & +*Angela DePaola*
12:15PM: +*Jocelyn Abarri* & *Parishioners*
5:30PM: +*Anthony Mariathas*

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Nov 25—Friday, Dec 1
Sanctuary Tabernacle: +
Chapel Tabernacle: +

WONDERFULLY GREAT THINGS

Children's Choir: Grade 1 Grade 8.
Sing 1st & 4th Sun @ 5:30PM Mass
Youth Choir—Defunct!!!!
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:
Thank you Volunteers for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION—UPCOMING

Holy Hour
1st Sunday of Advent—Dec 3: 4PM—5PM
Attendance required
Advent Confessions
Wed, Dec 20: 7:30PM—12 Priests available.
Attendance required
Movie
Go online to "formed.org"; input our parish access code: MRFx27; fill out your profile and password. Click on "Watch", click on "Movies", scroll down to the movie "Maria Goretti" and watch movie.
Session 4
Wed Jan 31, 2018, at 7:30PM

SMILE

St. George and the Dragon
A tramp knocks on the door of an inn known as St. George and the Dragon. The landlady answers. "Could you give a poor man something to eat?" asks the tramp.
"No!" yells the woman, slamming the door in his face. A few minutes later, he knocks again. "Now what do you want?" the woman asks.
He replied, "Can I speak to George?"

Funny Train Conductor
Halfway between New York City and Washington, D.C., the train's engine fell silent.
"I've got good news and bad news," the conductor announced. "The bad news is we lost power." My fellow passengers groaned.
"The good news," he added, "is we weren't cruising at 30,000 feet."

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2018 DONATION ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER

Please call the office if there are changes in your address or contact information.

If not yet using a pre-numbered envelopes, we encourage you to register and a box of envelopes will be available for you.

Unused pre-numbered envelopes will be assigned to other parishioners.

Envelope users are the major supporters of our Parish.

We depend on YOUR GENEROSITY. THANK YOU!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
1st Test—Month of November
Call Office for Appointment

VOCATIONS

What will you say when you meet God face to face?

Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.
vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

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. Lets Have Some Fun For a Cause

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" (Exd5:6).

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). 416-934-3410,ext 403

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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Memorial—THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—Date: Tues, Nov 21: Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honour of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection: It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION

TODAY—*Sunday, Nov 19*

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

VOLUNTEER AT GOOD SHEPHERD

You Can

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. Arrange a time that is agreeable to you both. Call—Lolita Perry @ 647-273-2147 / Alan Orozco @ 416-906-1316 / Fr Simon @ 416-429-4000 "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 for someone to listen, someone to help.

CATHOLIC SINGLES CHRISTMAS

DINNER & DANCE: Dec 9: 7:30pm-11:45pm

Christmas Dinner! Professional DJ. SEATING BY AGE GROUP! \$45 . CASH Bar. NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR! Pre-Pay all Tickets by Nov 25 by CASH or E-Transfer to

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"...Enter Into The Joy Of Your Master."

Jesus



This Sunday's Readings: *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30*

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us.

This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time.

By our baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life (see 2 Peter 1:4). He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith (see Romans 12:3,8).

We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading, and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord" – in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see Acts 9:31; Proverbs 1:7).

This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to.

He has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (see 1 Corinthians 3:9), using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (see 1 Peter 4:10).

In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness – greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God (see 1 Corinthians 10:31). That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

DR. SCOTT HAHN

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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WHY BAPTIZE BABIES?

Question

Why should we baptize newborn babies?

Answer

Baptism is conferred upon infants to free them from original sin, to initiate them into the Church as Christians, and to give them the supernatural grace of God that will allow them to be formed in sanctity. Baptism is the gateway to the other sacraments, and so it prepares the child for later reception of confirmation and the Eucharist, among other sacraments. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called. The sheer undeservedness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer baptism shortly after birth (1250).

WHY IS JESUS CALLED SON OF GOD?

Question

Why is Jesus Christ called the Son of God if he is actually not a real son?

Answer

As the Son of God, Jesus is like us in that he has a Father and we mere human beings have fathers as well. Jesus is infinitely different than us in that he is eternally begotten of his Father, whereas our human fathers precede us in existence. This is an aspect of the great mystery of the Trinity.

In addition, God has revealed himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (see Matt. 28:18-20). God is "an eternal exchange of love" (Catechism 221) and has destined us to share in that exchange as his adopted sons and daughters (Catechism 1997).

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**

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 Kids of the Cross: Service Night

Fri, Nov 24 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

Next God Squad: Service Night

Fri, Dec 1 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

NEXT CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

Meeting this Coming Saturday, Nov 25, 1—3PM

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 and comfort as well as practical solutions. training is provided. For more information call 416-469-1111 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.

