

## 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

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next*  
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creche, the wisemen,  
the shepherds, Christ,  
His Holy Mother, and St  
Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
MISSIONARY INTENTION FOR  
NOVEMBER  
*"To Witness the Gospel in Asia"*  
That Christians in Asia, bearing  
witness to the Gospel in word and  
deed, may promote dialogue,  
peace, and mutual understanding,  
especially with those of other  
religions

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH****Part One—The Profession of Faith**

"I BELIEVE" – "WE BELIEVE"

The Revelation of God

**6. What does God reveal to man?**

God in his goodness and wisdom reveals himself. With deeds and words, he reveals himself and his plan of loving goodness which he decreed from all eternity in Christ. According to this plan, all people by the grace of the Holy Spirit are to share in the divine life as adopted "sons" in the only begotten Son of God.

**7. What are the first stages of God's Revelation?**

From the very beginning, God manifested himself to our first parents, Adam and Eve, and invited them to intimate communion with himself. After their fall, he did not cease his revelation to them but promised salvation for all their descendants. After the flood, he made a covenant with Noah, a covenant between himself and all living beings.

**8. What are the next stages of God's Revelation?**

God chose Abram, calling him out of his country, making him "the father of a multitude of nations" (Genesis 17:5), and promising to bless in him "all the nations of the earth" (Genesis 12:3). The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the divine promise made to the patriarchs. God formed Israel as his chosen people, freeing them from slavery in Egypt, establishing with them the covenant of Mount Sinai, and, through Moses, giving them his law. The prophets proclaimed a radical redemption of the people and a salvation which would include all nations in a new and everlasting covenant. From the people of Israel and from the house of King David, would be born the Messiah, Jesus.

**9. What is the full and definitive stage of God's Revelation?**

The full and definitive stage of God's revelation is accomplished in his Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the mediator and fullness of Revelation. He, being the only-begotten Son of God made man, is the perfect and definitive Word of the Father. In the sending of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, Revelation is now fully complete, although the faith of the Church must gradually grasp its full significance over the course of centuries.

*"In giving us his Son, his only and definitive Word, God spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word, and he has no more to say." (Saint John of the Cross)*

**10. What is the value of private revelations?**

While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation which is Christ.

**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

**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. Guest Speaker: Deacon Larry Oney, Diocese of New Orleans.

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORT****THANK YOU**

We are grateful for the continued support and generosity of our parishioners toward the work of the church not only in the archdiocese, but also toward our brothers and sisters in Christ in the greater world.

In response to the appeal by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to support the Pray-Give-Speak Out campaign, the parishes and parishioners of the archdiocese raised **\$750,000** to support the humanitarian relief effort in *South Sudan, Yemen, Nigeria and Somalia*. These funds have been transferred to three organizations: Aid to the Church in Need, Canadian Jesuits International and Development & Peace - Caritas Canada.

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Mon, Nov 6, 7PM:  
+*Vincente Letrondo*

Tues, Nov 7, 9AM:  
+*Deceased—North Family*

Wed, Nov 8, 7PM:  
+*Lourđina Figueiredo (+Fr Campbell)*

Thurs, Nov 9, 9AM  
+*Jose Liares*

Fri, Nov 10, 7PM:  
+*Marina Mariathas*

Sat, Nov 11, 9AM:  
+*Rosario Lara*

**Saturday, November 11**  
5:15PM: +*Lerma & Isagani Ayala*

**Sunday, November 12**  
9AM: +*Rocchina & Carmela Scarano*  
12:15PM: *The Parishioners*  
5:30PM: *Thanksgiving for Rena Romero*

**VIGIL CANDLES**

**Saturday, Nov 11—Friday, Nov 17**  
Sanctuary Tabernacle: +*Monina Solevilia*  
Chapel Tabernacle: +*Souls in Purgatory*

**WONDERFULLY GREAT THINGS**

**Children's Choir: Grade 1 Grade 8.**  
Sing 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun @ 5:30PM Mass

**Youth Choir**  
Grade 9 & Up: Sing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun @ 5:30PM Mass

**Chalice Children's Collection**  
Sunday, Oct 29—Goal: \$2,220. Total to Date: \$0

**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.

**SMILE**

**Tax Issues**

After hearing a sermon on Psalm 52:3-4 (lies and deceit), a man wrote the Tax Man, "I can't sleep knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. Enclosed is a check for \$150. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the rest."

Two junior doctors were involved in a fight in the hospital. A senior consultant had to pull them apart. "What's all this about?" asked the consultant angrily. "It's the Tax Inspector in C ward," said one; "He's only got 2 days to live." "He had to be told," said the second doctor. "I know," said the first, "but I wanted to be the one to tell him!"

**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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**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.

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

**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.



**VOCATIONS**  
**"The greatest among you will be your servant."**  
*Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or  
 sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux,  
 Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at  
 416-968-0997.*  
[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
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**INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP**  
**Need Prayer Help?**  
 Call Beth at 416-467-6492. Your intention will be  
 emailed out to this prayer community. Only first  
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**COFIRMANDI**  
**Meeting this Wed, Nov 8 @ 7:30PM**  
 Bring your Bibles to meeting.

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

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK****Memorial—ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP—Date:**

**Saturday, November 11:** A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr.

Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside.

The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop.

Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all.

As death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."

*Reflection:* Martin's worry about cooperation with evil reminds us that almost nothing is either all black or all white. The saints are not creatures of another world: They face the same perplexing decisions that we do. Any decision of conscience always involves some risk. If we choose to go north, we may never know what would have happened had we gone east, west, or south. A hyper-cautious withdrawal from all perplexing situations is not the virtue of prudence; it is in fact, a bad decision, for "not to decide is to decide."

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

**THIS FAMILY LIVES IN FLEMINGDON PARK*****Fr Simon Guarantees This Is a Genuine Need***

My name is Elyas Sadeqi Abdullah and I'm a grade 12 high school student. I have a sister 2 years older than me. We are both diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy type 2 (SMA II) and we are permanently on power wheelchairs. My family needs an accessible vehicle... We have received funding from 4 charities (\$40,000) but it is not enough to cover the whole cost of the vehicle (van conversion costs over \$70,000). Any donation would help. Sincerely, Elyas

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**CATHOLIC SINGLES Formal CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE**

***For Catholic SINGLES from 19-99 Yrs on Sat, Dec 9: 7:30pm-11:45pm at a Toronto Church Hall; \*TTC & Wheelchair Accessible, Parking on St.***

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***"Whoever Exalts Himself Will Be Humbled,  
And Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted."***

Jesus



**This Sunday's Readings:** *Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Psalm 131:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12*

Though they were Moses' successors, the Pharisees and scribes exalted themselves, made their mastery of the law a badge of social privilege. Worse, they had lorded the law over the people (see *Matthew 20:25*). Like the priests Malachi condemns in today's First Reading, they caused many to falter and be closed off from God.

In a word, Israel's leaders failed to be good spiritual fathers of God's people. Moses was a humble father-figure, preaching the law but also practicing it – interceding and begging God's mercy and forgiveness of the people's sins (see *Exodus 32:9-14; Psalm 90*).

And Jesus reminds us today that all fatherhood – in the family or in the people of God – comes from the Father in heaven (see *Ephesians 3:15*).

He doesn't mean we're to literally call no man "father." He himself referred to Israel's founding fathers (see *John 7:42*); the apostles taught about natural

fatherhood (see *Hebrews 12:7-11*), and described themselves as spiritual fathers (see *1 Corinthians 4:14-16*).

The fatherhood of the apostles and their successors, the Church's priests and bishops, is a spiritual paternity given to raise us as God's children. Our fathers give us new life in baptism, and feed us the spiritual milk of the gospel and the Eucharist (see *1 Peter 2:2-3*). That's why Paul, in today's Epistle, can also compare himself to a nursing mother.

God's fatherhood likewise transcends all human notions of fatherhood and motherhood. Perhaps that's why the Psalm chosen for today includes one of the rare biblical images of God's maternal care (see *Is 66:13*).

His only Son has shown us the Father (see *John 14:9*) coming to gather His children as a hen gathers her young (see *Matthew 23:37*). We're all brothers and sisters, our Lord tells us today. And all of us – even our spiritual fathers – are to trust in Him, humbly, like children on our mothers' laps.

DR. SCOTT HAHN

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## PURGATORY IS NOT FOR FORGIVING OF SINS

**Question**

What can I do when I am in purgatory to receive forgiveness for my sins?

**Answer**

There is nothing anyone in purgatory can do either to receive forgiveness for sins or to obtain remission of the temporal punishment due for their sins that is being expiated in purgatory. Forgiveness for sins happens before death. All those who are in purgatory have had their sins forgiven. What happens in purgatory is that they are doing penance for the temporal punishment that was due for the sins they have been forgiven.

Souls in purgatory also cannot do anything to shorten their stay there. That is something that can only be done in this life—either by doing penance for our own sins before our death or by praying for and obtaining indulgences for the souls in purgatory. The reason it is so important for Christians to pray for the souls in purgatory is because they can do nothing to help themselves.

## NEXT CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

*Meeting Saturday, Nov 25, 1—3PM*

## THANKS

***St Vincent d'Paul Food Drive for Thanksgiving***

Thank you StJXXIII! You gave over \$900 for the food drive. We were able to give 18 families \$50 food vouchers for Thanksgiving. This enabled the families to purchase the food they required according to their culture and religion.

## 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, A d o r a t i o n & C o n f e s s i o n .  
Registration: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) (under Programs) Info: 416-968-0997

## YOUTH GROUPS

*Confirmation Preparation Update*

Last week, **RE: Generation** visited the Parish to speak to our Confirmandi about true love. In their presentation, the speakers emphasized we are beloved children of God, created uniquely by God with gifts to share with the world. We are loved by God and should make time to find things we love about ourselves so we can share our gifts with those we encounter. True love is sacrificial love; when we give our love (sexual), it should not be for the wrong reasons, rather, as a choice we make to love others as Christ showed us how to love.

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**Next Kids of the Cross Meeting: Social**

Friday, Nov 10 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

**Next God Squad Meeting: Social**

Friday, Nov 17 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

## THANKS

***Thanks to the Youth Group & the Lectors; the 12:15 Choir; the Legion of Mary & Mission Support Group*** for hosting the wonderful meals on the Feast of StJXXIII

## WOMEN AT THE HEART OF PEACE.

***Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world.***

On November 25-26 (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.

## DISCERNMENT RETREAT

***Single Catholic men, 17 years and older***

*Fri, Nov 10-12 at St. Francis Centre, Caledon*

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. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). 17 years old require parental consent. Info (parish/priest) or 416 968 0997; email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.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.



