

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

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION GRADE 2 & UP

REGISTRATION

TAKES PLACE IN OCTOBER.
PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE CALL
OFFICE FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FR
SIMON

BRING TO APPOINTMENT

COPY OF BAPTISMAL
CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDATE (IF
NOT BAPTIZED AT ST JXXII) &
\$12 FOR PROGRAM.

MASS ATTENDANCE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
FAMILIES MUST ATTEND MASS
EVERY SUNDAY

ARCHDIOCESE OF
TORONTO
175TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
*Cardinal Thomas Collins,
Archbishop of Toronto, invites
you for a Mass and reception to
commemorate this historic
milestone.*

THIS Thursday, October 19, 2017
– 7PM
Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto
3220 Bayview Ave. (north of
Finch Ave.)

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART FOUR—CHRISTIAN PRAYER

—THE OUR FATHER—

"OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN"

582. Why can we dare to draw near to God in full confidence?

Because Jesus, our Redeemer, brings us into the Father's presence and his Spirit makes us his children. We are thus able to pray the Our Father with simple and filial trust, with joyful assurance and humble boldness, with the certainty of being loved and heard.

583. How is it possible to address God as "Father"?

We can invoke the "Father" because the Son of God made man has revealed him to us and because his Spirit makes him known to us. The invocation, Father, lets us enter into his mystery with an ever new sense of wonder and awakens in us the desire to act as his children. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are therefore aware of our being sons of the Father in the Son.

584. Why do we say "our" Father?

"Our" expresses a totally new relationship with God. When we pray to the Father, we adore and glorify him with the Son and the Holy Spirit. In Christ we are "his" people and he is "our" God now and for eternity. In fact, we also say "our" Father because the Church of Christ is the communion of a multitude of brothers and sisters who have but "one heart and mind" (Acts 4:32).

585. With what spirit of communion and mission do we pray to God as "our" Father?

Since praying to "our" Father is a common blessing for the baptized, we feel an urgent summons to join in Jesus' prayer for the unity of his disciples. To pray the "Our Father" is to pray with all people and for all people that they may know the one true God and be gathered into unity.

586. What does the phrase "Who art in heaven" mean?

This biblical expression does not indicate a place but a way of being: God transcends everything. The expression refers to the majesty, the holiness of God, and also to his presence in the hearts of the just. Heaven, or the Father's house, constitutes our true homeland toward which we are moving in hope while we are still on earth. "Hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3), we live already in this homeland.

**CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE
WITH A WORLDWIDE
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND!**

*Celebrate your love and take a fresh
look at your marriage!*

Spend a very special weekend together. A wknd of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a wknd getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The wknd format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. Upcoming Wknd: Oct20-22 (Queen of Apostles, Mississauga) G & M McCauley at (905) 792-1925.

COFFEE SUNDAY:*Last Sun of the Month*

9AM Mass: Coffee Sunday Group;
12:15PM Mass: Ailene & Jonathan &
Mary. *Thanks to these Volunteers for
their generosity.*

**NEXT CATHOLIC MOM'S
GROUP MEETING**

Saturday, October 28, 1-3PM

CHALICE*2017 Paid Off—\$2,220*

Now we begin collecting for the 2018
May bill.

Many thanks to our families for
supporting the loonies & toonies
donations of our young people.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Mon, Oct 16, 7PM:
+Helen Freedhoff
Tues, Oct 17, 9AM:
Thanksgiving for Dave & Christine
Wed, Oct 18, 7PM:
+Aida Pascua
[+Godofredo Quinones (40 Days)]
Thurs, Oct 19, 9AM:
+Moises Aglipay
Fri, Oct 20, 7PM:
+Edwiges & Bernardino Abued
Sat, Oc 21, 9AM:
+Kalir Palarca

Saturday, October 21
5:15PM: +Nierva Mostacho
Sunday, October 22
9AM: +Eduardo Damasco Perlas
12:15PM: +Oscar Anacta
5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Oc 21—Friday, Oct 27
Sanctuary Tabernacle: +Kitty Reville
Chapel Tabernacle:

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

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

Humorous Quotes

The right to be heard does not include the right
to be taken seriously.
Be careful when you follow the masses.
Sometimes the M is silent.
I'm on that new diet where you eat anything you
want and you pray for a miracle.
My boss told me "It's not rocket science." Yeah,
almost everything that exists is not rocket
science.
The first five days after the weekend are always
the hardest.
Not to brag but I don't even need alcohol to
make really bad decisions.
Lazy is such an ugly word. I prefer to call it
selective participation.
Yes officer I saw the speed limit, I just didn't see
your car.

PARISH FEAST DAY—TODAY

October 15

9AM Mass—We thank the Youth Groups &
Lectors for hosting breakfast
12:15PM Mass— We thank the 12:15PM Choir &
Friends for hosting us
5:30PM Mass—We thank the Legion of Mary &
Friends for hosting us
*After each Mass we will receive the Solemn
Blessing with the Relic of St John XXIII*

**PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH NEW
BEGINNINGS BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

Oct 23--7PM

Precious Blood Church, 1737 Lawrence Ave E.,
The loss of a loved one can be rather difficult to
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Contact/Info
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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 or an hour and the Lord. Pray for Church, your



Benediction at for a few minutes keep watch with others, the family, yourself.

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.

VOCATIONS
How has Jesus touched you and made you whole?

Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him 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
www.vocationstoronto.ca

3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE
The CWL of St JXXIII Parish invites you to this Fundraising Event Saturday November 26, 6PM 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

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.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Memorial—ST MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE, RELIGIOUS— Date: Monday, Oct 16: We learn compassion from allowing our lives to be influenced by compassionate people, by seeing life from their perspectives, and reconsidering our own values.

Born in Varennes, Canada, Marie Marguerite Dufrost de Lajemmerais had to interrupt her schooling at the age of 12 to help her widowed mother. Eight years later she married François d'Youville; they had six children, four of whom died young. Despite the fact that her husband gambled, sold liquor illegally to Native Americans, and treated her indifferently, she cared for him compassionately until his death in 1730.

Even though she was caring for two small children and running a store to help pay off her husband's debts, Marguerite still helped the poor. Once her children were grown, she and several companions rescued a Quebec hospital that was in danger of failing. She called her community the Institute of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal; the people called them the "Grey Nuns" because of the colour of their habits. In time, a proverb arose among the poor people of Montreal, "Go to the Grey Nuns; they never refuse to serve." In time, five other religious communities traced their roots to the Grey Nuns.

The General Hospital in Montreal became known as the Hôtel Dieu (House of God) and set a standard for medical care and Christian compassion. When the hospital was destroyed by fire in 1766, Mère Marguerite knelt in the ashes, led the Te Deum—a hymn to God's circumstances—rebuilding process. She fought the attempts of government officials to restrain her charity, and established the first foundling home in North America.



Pope Saint John XXIII, who beatified Mère Marguerite in 1959, called her the "Mother of Universal Charity." She was canonized in 1990.

Reflection: Saints deal with plenty of discouragement, plenty of reasons to say, "Life isn't

fair" and wonder where God is in the rubble of their lives. We honour saints like Marguerite because they show us that with God's grace and our cooperation, suffering can lead to compassion rather than bitterness.

Feast—ST LUKE, EVANGELIST—Wed, Oct 18: Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.



Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy

Reflection: Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

"...Come To The Wedding Banquet"

Jesus



This Sunday's Readings: *Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23:1-6; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14*

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king (see *Matthew 5:35*), Jesus the bridegroom (see *Matthew 9:15*), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see *Isaiah 7:25*). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God has sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people – good and bad alike – to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see *Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50*).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that

once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see *Ephesians 2:11-14*).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplied whatever we need.

And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see *Hebrews 12:22-24*).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see *Revelation 19:8*)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see *Ephesians 4:1*).

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

www.catholic.com

HOW TO KNOW WE ARE
"COOPERATING WITH GRACE"**Question**

How do we know if we are "cooperating with grace"?

Answer

You know in the same way you know you are cooperating in any other matter. You know when you are playing along with teammates in a game, or following the policies of your workplace, or following your physician's directions, or going along with a friend's preferences, or performing in a band or choir. When you do the things that are required in all these areas, you are cooperating.

So in our spiritual life, we cooperate with grace by keeping the commandments and by repenting when we break them, by making use of the means of grace, prayer, the holy sacraments, penance, and works of mercy. It's all about the love of God. If you love him and him in your neighbour, then you are cooperating with grace. Read St. John's short and beautiful letters in the New Testament, and you will see what it means to cooperate with grace. He was Our Lord's beloved friend, and friends know how to cooperate with each other.

KEEP LINES OPEN TO GENDER-CONFUSED
DAUGHTER**Question**

Our daughter has been battling mental illness for more than six years (in and out of hospitals). Now she says she is "gender-queer" and wants us to call her by her new name. Do we need to honour this request?

Answer

The most important thing is that you keep up loving communication with your daughter. I would suggest that you call her by whatever name she asks you to, so that she will not cut off talking with you. In these very difficult challenges it is good to avoid unnecessary drama!

I also suggest that you very gently ask her "permission" to use the name you gave her at birth also, since the name you gave her was given in love. This could keep the door open, reminding her in a non-aggressive way of her true and original identity as a woman and as your daughter. This will pass, but not without some sorrow and humiliation. I am praying for you and for her. There is so much confusion in our days. May Our Lady bring her healing and peace.

YOUTH GROUPS

Next God Squad Meeting: Service Night

Fri, Oct 20 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall. Join us as we support Knights of Columbus who will be having an open house in the Parish Hall. We will help the Knights with set-up and serve in duties they need help with as they promote their ministry. Snacks and drinks will be provided, don't forget to bring a friend.

Next Kids of the Cross Meeting: Lesson and Baking

Friday, October 27, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

We will join in prayer, followed by a Thanksgiving lesson and bake cupcakes together! Don't forget to bring a friend.

COME & SEE WEEKEND

The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men 17 years and older, to attend a Come & See Weekend

Friday, November 3 (begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday November 5 at St. Augustine's Seminary. The weekend offers time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. Or contact (Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT


Single Catholic men, 17 years and older
Friday, Nov 10 to Sunday, Nov 12 at St. Francis Centre, Caledon

The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men to attend a Discernment Retreat from Fri, Nov 10 (begins:7PM)—Sun Nov 12 at St. Francis Centre. 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. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. Info (parish priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: 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.

