

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

BOOK & MEDIA FAIR WITH FINE DINING Next Weekend **Sat Feb 3 & Sun Feb 4**

We welcome Sister Carly Paula of the Daughters of St Paul to our parish at all our Masses on the above dates.

After each Mass you are invited down for a fine dining experience.

Before or after Mass you will find an extensive selection of Catholic Bibles, Books, Music CDs, and DVD movies for all ages. You are certain to find something inspiring for your self and others.

Info: about life and mission of Daughters of St Paul, www.pauline.org

CONFIRMATION UPCOMING

Session 4

Wed Jan 31, at 7:30PM

Mass & Stations of the Cross

Fri, Feb 16 @ 7PM

Parents & Sponsors Meeting with Fr Simon

Wed, Feb 21—7:30PM-8:15PM

Receive the Nicene Creed

Sat, Feb 24 @ 5:15PM Mass

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Part One—The Profession of Faith

"Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary"

90. Did the incarnate Son of God have a soul with human knowledge?

The Son of God assumed a body animated by a rational human soul. With his human intellect Jesus learned many things by way of experience; but also as man the Son of God had an intimate and immediate knowledge of God his Father. He likewise understood people's secret thoughts and he knew fully the eternal plans which he had come to reveal.

91. How did the two wills of the incarnate Word cooperate?

Jesus had a divine will and a human will. In his earthly life the Son of God humanly willed all that he had divinely decided with the Father and the Holy Spirit for our salvation. The human will of Christ followed without opposition or reluctance the divine will or, in other words, it was subject to it.

92. Did Christ have a true human body?

Christ assumed a true human body by means of which the invisible God became visible. This is the reason why Christ can be represented and venerated in sacred images.

93. What does the heart of Jesus exemplify?

Jesus knew us and loved us with a human heart. His Heart, pierced for our salvation, is the symbol of that infinite love with which he loves the Father and each one of us.

94. What is the meaning of the expression

"conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit...?"

This expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without the cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that "the Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Luke 1:35).

95. "...Born of the Virgin Mary": Why is Mary truly the Mother of God?

Mary is truly the Mother of God because she is the Mother of Jesus (John 2:1, John 19:25). The One who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became truly her Son is actually the eternal Son of God the Father. He is God himself.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM - BE INFORMED & REACH OUT TO YOUR MP

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision.

Please take the time to send a letter to send to your MP and the Minister responsible for this portfolio.

Sample letters are included in this bulletin handout—please choose one and send it to your Member of Parliament.

Our Member of Parliament—YASMIN RATANSI
House of Commons
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PRAY FOR THE JANUARY MISSION INTENTION

"Religious Minorities in Asia"

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 29, 7PM:

Thanksgiving by Zeny

Tues Jan 30, 9AM:

Health of Edith

Wed Jan 31, 7PM:

+Petra Damasco

Thurs Feb 1, 9AM

Thanksgiving by Hayde

Fri Feb 2, 7PM:

Thanksgiving by Siony Villar

Sat Feb 3, 9AM:

Thanksgiving by Nanay Deling

Saturday, February 3

5:15PM: *+Luciano Perlas*

Sunday, February 4

9AM: *The Parishioners*

12:15PM: *+Tarcila, Wendel, Danilo e3 Petra*

5:30PM: *+Claro Sirios, Zacarias sr/jr Balde*

CONFIRMATION—UPCOMING

Session 4—Wed Jan 31, at 7:30PM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—UPCOMING
2nd Test—Section 2—Reconciliation

This is preparation for the young people's first Confession. Make appointment for last week of January or anytime in Feb. First Confession will be on Sat, March 17 @ 11AM in the Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$2,569.35

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Feb 3—Friday, Feb 9

Sanctuary Tabernacle: +Souls in Purgatory

Chapel Tabernacle: +Klara Zathmarie

SENIOR'S GROUP

Meets after 9AM Mass on the 2nd & 4th Thurs of Month—Next Meeting IS THURSDAY, Feb 8

COFFEE SUNDAY: Last Sun of the Month

9AM Mass: Coffee Sunday Group; 12:15PM Mass:

Thank you Volunteers for your generosity.

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.

WONDERFULLY GREAT THINGS

Children's Choir: Grade 1--Grade 8.

Returns in March

Sing 1st & 4th Sun @ 5:30PM Mass

Chalice Children's Collection

Sun, Jan 28—Goal: \$2,220. Total to Date:

\$1850.45

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VOCATIONS

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities.

Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

SMILE

Patient to his doctor: I have forgotten so many things lately, and it's getting worse. What can I do?

Doctor: Yes, this is a known illness, unfortunately it has no cure. I'd also like to remind you about the 800 USD that you owe me?

Husband: "Oh the weather is lovely today. Shall we go out for a quick jog?"

Wife: "Hahaha, I love the way you pronounce 'Shall we go out and have a cake!'"

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 5:40 P.M. minutes or an watch with the others, the family, yourself.



Come for a few hour and keep Lord. Pray for Church, your

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 Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: March 2-4, 2018 please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: WHY YOUR MATTER MATTERS

Sat, Feb 03 at 9:30AM

St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd.,

Join us for a day to learn about "An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: Why Your Matter Matters". From 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ambrozic room. Mass will be celebrated in the seminary chapel followed by lunch.

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NEXT CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP
Next Meeting is Saturday, Jan 27, 1-3PM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH OVERNIGHT VIGIL
St John XXIII—ADORATION CHAPEL
Next First Friday: February 2.
 Vigil Begins Fri 7:30PM and ends Sat 7:30AM
 Contact: Elaine Shaver—647-713-1198

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Feast: *The Presentation of the Lord*—Friday, Feb 2: At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ’s birth, and the gala procession in honour of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually “unclean” for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her “purification.” Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.) This feast emphasizes Jesus’ first appearance in the Temple more than Mary’s purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus’ birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Reflection: In Luke’s account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day’s end.



BLESSING OF CANDLES
Bring Your Candles
 Candles Will Be Blessed At the Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—Friday, Feb 2.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS
 Feast of St Blaise
 Takes place after THE 9AM Mass on Sat, Feb 3

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Mass—Friday, Feb 9 @ 7PM
 The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at this Mass.

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT BEGINS
When Is Ash Wednesday?—February 14

What is Ash Wednesday?
 This day marks the beginning of Lent. We attend Mass on this day and receive the Ashes on the forehead as a sign of sorrow for sin and as sign of our intention to become more faithful.

What is Lent?
 Lent is the penitential season of the Church’s year. It is 40 days of preparation to renew our Baptismal vows on Easter Sunday. During this time we seek closer union with the Lord through increasing the disciplines of *fasting, prayer, and giving of alms* (charitable giving).

Lenten Fast & Abstinence
 Catholics are obligated to Fast & Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

The Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
 The required fast on Ash Wed and Good Friday 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.

“He Commands Even The Unclean Spirits—And They Obey Him”

The People



This Sunday's Readings: *Dt 18:15–20; Ps 95:1–2, 6–9; 1 Cor 7:32–35; Mk 1:21–28*

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8–11; 31:12–17), and His deliverance of his covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see Deuteronomy 6:12–15).

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see Mark 3:22).

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see Judges 11:12; 1 Kings 17:18).

And as God by His word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see Psalms 104:7; Job 26:10–12), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see Psalms 106:9), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see Mark 4:39; Zechariah 3:2).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see Acts 3:22). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see Daniel 7:14, 27; Revelation 12:10), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see Exodus 31:12).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

DR. SCOTT HAHN

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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WHO MAY RECEIVE THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK?**Question**

May a person who is not physically ill (but is mentally or spiritually ill or suffering from addiction, etc.) receive the anointing of the sick?

Answer

This is a great question! The fact is that anyone who is baptized and of the age where he can go to confession is able to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick validly.

However, the discipline of the Roman rite Church restricts the reception of this sacrament to those who on account of age or infirmity are in some grave danger. They do not have to be dying, but their condition should be supposed serious. In the Byzantine rite of the Catholic Church, everyone is allowed to receive this sacrament once a year on Holy Wednesday of Holy Week. The tendency in the Roman rite nowadays is to be rather permissive in giving this sacrament, as one can see with the various Masses that are celebrated for the sick generally. Everyone is allowed to come forward who wants to, and there is no questioning of whether persons are seriously ill or not.

The fact is that the effect of the anointing of the sick is precisely the removal of the remains of sin (the fomes, or "kindling") in the soul in view of death and judgment, so it is a kind of "confirmation" complementing the sacrament of penance that removes sin itself. This sacrament is a kind of strengthening of the effects of sacramental confession, as confirmation strengthens the effect of baptism.

So, I think the practical solution is to seek this sacrament according to your best judgment when you attend a general Mass for the communal anointing of the sick but to limit requests for an individual appointment for times of obvious serious illness. You can also visit a Byzantine Catholic church on Holy Wednesday each year, which would be an enriching experience.

YOUTH GROUPS**Next God Squad Night: Lesson**

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

Next Kids of the Cross Night: Social

Friday, Feb 9 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

Announcements:**Catholic Women's League from St. John XXIII Parish Council**

Have, for the third year in a row, invited our youth ministry to participate in youth awards taking place throughout the Diocese. This year, there are two contests, one service award, and one scholarship that youth in our Parish can apply for.

Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

Grade 7 and 8 students are invited to prepare a speech with a topic of their choice. We are looking for two youth to represent St. John XXIII Parish. Details regarding criteria and prizes can be found in packages that are available in the youth minister's office. Deadlines: Parish Level: Sat, Feb 10, 2018; at 10:00 am; St. John XXIII parish. Regional Level: Sunday, March 4, 2018; 1:30-3:00 St John XXIII parish. Toronto Diocese Level: Sunday, March 25, 2018; 12:30-4:00 pm; St. Timothy's parish; 21 Leith Road (Don Mills Rd and Sheppard Ave. East.

Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Contest

The Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Contest supports and encourages an awareness and positive attitude towards a broad range of pro-life issues. We are looking for two intermediate level students (grades 7-9) to write an essay and poem, and two senior level students (grades 10-12) to write an essay and a poem. Details regarding criteria and prizes can be found in packages that are available in the youth minister's office. Deadline:

Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

Jean McCann Service Award

The Jean McCann Service Award for youth recognizes and affirms the role played in our Parishes by our confirmed Catholic youth ages 15-18. It is hoped that by recognizing a young person with this award we can emphasize the necessity of service to others and show appreciation to those young people who are taking the Gospel message seriously. There is an application form to be completed with a written submission component. Details regarding criteria and prizes can be found in packages that are available in the youth minister's office. Deadline:

Wednesday, February 21, 2018.


University of Toronto, St. Michael's College Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of the Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who had indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first college of choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Sciences. The value of this non-renewable scholarship is \$3,000. Details regarding eligibility can be found in packages that are available in the youth minister's office.

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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.

