

SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH

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**Living the Gospel locally and
around the world**

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

“It is important that we continue to
support the ShareLife appeal, to
provide for the needs of the
marginalized both here in our
communities and around the
world. Sometimes the results are
obvious and sometimes they’re
invisible, but always they make a
tangible difference in the lives of
the people we are helping.

**Please prayerfully consider how
you can be supportive today on
ShareLife Sunday.”**

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

*The Members of St Vincent d'Paul will be
accepting cash donations on Palm Sunday,
March 24/25, after all the Masses—Alms
for those in need.*

All donations will go to the purchase of
food vouchers for those families in our
parish boundaries without enough
resources to feed and pay the rent at the
same time. Let's be generous to our
neighbours.

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"

104. What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us?

In the course of his hidden life in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work and family love. His obedience to Mary and to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it.

105. Why did Jesus receive from John the "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3)?

To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the "Baptism" of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The Father proclaimed him to be "his beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon him. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism.

106. What do we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert?

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent.

107. Who is invited to come into the Kingdom of God proclaimed and brought about by Jesus?

All are invited by Jesus to enter the Kingdom of God. Even the worst of sinners is called to convert and to accept the boundless mercy of the Father. Already here on earth, the Kingdom belongs to those who accept it with a humble heart. To them the mysteries of the Kingdom are revealed.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

Takes Place after the Following Masses:

March 18, Sun 10AM / March 19, Mon: FEAST DAY MASS @ 7PM. Fellowship in Foyer after Mass

"PABASA"

Songs of the Passion of Christ—In Tagalog

The Eve of Holy Week: Sat, March 24-12 Midday to 12 Midnight. St John XXIII Parish Hall

VISITA IGLESIA

Church Visitations for the Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, March 30—7:30AM to 12NOON

Begin from St JXXIII & visiting 8 Churches and celebrating 2 stations at each Church. Sign-up in foyer.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
Sat/Sun March 24/25	Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)
Tues, March 27 @ 10AM St Michael's Cathedral	Chrim Mass Blessing of the Sacramental Oils
Wed, March 28 @ 7:30PM	Parish Confessions 12 Priests
Holy Thursday, March 29 @ 8PM	Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday, March 30 @ 3PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, March 31 @ 8PM	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 1 @ 9AM	Mass
Easter Sunday, April 1 @ 12:15PM	Mass
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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, March 19, 7PM:

+Joe Attar

Tues March 20, 9AM:

+Conchita Delfino

Wed March 21, 7PM:

+Virginia Garcia

Thurs March 22, 9AM

Thanksgiving by Mary Ylagan

Fri March 23, 7PM:

*+Vistacion Dacnay**(+Virgi Garcia: 40 days)*

Sat March 24, 9AM:

*+Jaime Tolentino***Saturday, March 24**5:15PM: *+Thelma Dunphy***Sunday, March 25**9AM: *+Asuncion, +Constancia, +Gregoria*12:15PM: *Thanksgiving by the CWL*5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

DEVOTIONS FOR LENT

Stations of the Cross

Immediately Following Friday 7PM Mass

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays: 4–5PM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$2,777.

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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

SENIOR'S GROUP

Meets after 9AM Mass on the 2nd & 4th Thurs of**Month—Next Meeting IS THURSDAY, March 22**

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, March 23—Thursday, March 29Sanctuary Tabernacle: **+Anthony & +Margarette**Chapel Tabernacle: **Thnksgv B-day by Rene G.**

NEW HYMN BOOKS

Cost

Each book is \$21. If 260 people pay this price it will come to a healthy \$5,460. **Right now the price of 60 books have been donated.**

THANKS.**Donors**

Those who donate will have their name or names inscribed on the front inside cover in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving.

To Donate

Please call Hayde at the office: 416-429-4000.

VOCATIONS

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow.

Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.

CONFIRMATION—UPCOMING

Sessions 6: Wed, March 21 @ 7:30PM
Holy Week Confessions: Wed, March 28, 7:30PM

1st HOLY COMMUNION—UPCOMING:

3rd Test—Section 3—First Holy Communion
 Make appointment for March or April
First Communion Mass
 Saturday, April 21 @ 5:15PM Mass

COFFEE SUNDAY: *Last Sun of the Month*

9AM Mass: Coffee Sunday Group; 12:15PM Mass:
Thank you Volunteers for your generosity.

OPENING THE WORD
LENT THROUGH EASTER

Every Saturday: 10:30AM—Noon

Come and Reflect on Sacred Scripture's Teaching
 for the Sundays of Lent Facilitated By Carla
 Marcoccia, our youth minister.

Welcome to Opening the Word, a program
 offering prayer and insights for the Sunday
 Readings. Featuring a variety of experienced
 presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Jules Miles, Dr.
 Scott and Annie Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, and Dr.
 Ben Akers

PRAY FOR THE MARCH MISSION
INTENTION

"Formation in Spiritual Discernment": That the
 Church may appreciate the urgency of formation
 in spiritual discernment for individuals and
 parishes

SMILE

Anti-Jokes

- What is a vampire's favourite dessert?
 Vampires aren't real.
- An owl and a squirrel are sitting in a tree and the owl
 turns to the squirrel and says:
 Nothing, because owls can't talk. The owl then eats the
 squirrel because its a bird of prey.
- What is green, red, yellow, purple and orange?
 Colours.
- What leaves a bigger hole in your heart than
 breaking up with your girlfriend? A bullet.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

**Fri, March 23 (6:30PM) to Sun, March 25 (1:30PM), at
 St. Augustine's Seminary:**

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to
 cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with
 Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's
 call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and
 information on the process of becoming one of Christ's
 disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at
www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old
 require parental consent.

Info: contact (PASTOR) or the Office of Vocations: 416
 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
OVERNIGHT VIGIL—ADORATION CHAPEL

Next First Friday: April 6

Vigil Begins Fri 7:30PM and ends Sat 7:30AM
 Contact: Elaine Shaver—647-713-1198

MARCH FOR LIFE

**Thursday May 10—Day trip: Parliament Hill, Ottawa
 Rally: 12:30PM / March: 1:30PM**

We have booked 2 Coaches of 56 seats.
 Mass for Life @ 6AM; depart from StJXXIII at 6:30AM;
 depart Ottawa immediately after the March— 3PM.
 Washroom/coffee break at service centre going to
 Ottawa; dinner break on the way back at service centre.
 Price: \$10. [Sign-up sheet in foyer](#)

SAINT'S FEAST DAY

Solemnity: St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church—Mon, March 19: The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not. By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage. It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Mt 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the unknown number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Reflection: The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:41–51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus’ mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn’t believe that he came from such humble beginnings: “Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary...?” (Mt 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (Jn 1:46b).

St Joseph—Patron Saint of: Belgium, Canada, Carpenters, China, Fathers, Happy death, Peru, Russia, Social Justice, Travellers, Universal Church, Vietnam, Workers.



TOTUS TUUS

Dear Parents

We have four (4) young Missionaries coming to our parish from the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer for one week: Sunday, July 8—Saturday, July 14.

They will run a day program and evening program. The program name is “**Totus Tuus**” (Totally Yours) and is inspired by St John Paul II’s words to youth, “Give yourself totally to God”.

(Registration Fee: \$10 per Student)

The Day program commences on Mon to Sat of this week from 8:45AM to 2:30PM daily

During the week, the children *entering* grades 1 through 6 in the upcoming fall school year participate in 4 classes each day, attend daily Mass, learn the Mass parts and liturgical songs, participate in games, icebreakers, skits, songs, recess, and prayer. The grade school curriculum helps children to learn and be reinforced in important principles of their Catholic faith.

A typical day of Totus Tuus Day Camp:

8:45am—Arrival and Welcome / 9am—Intro and skit / 9:15am—Warm-up and songs / 9:30am—Class 1 / 9:55am—Snack / 10:10am—Music prep for Mass / 10:30am—Class 2 / 10:55am—Mass prep / Confession / 11:20am—Daily Mass / 12pm—Lunch Recess / 12:45pm—Cool down and water break / 1pm—Afternoon Intro and skit / 1:15pm—Class 3 / 1:40pm—Break / 1:55pm—Class 4 / 2:20pm—Review and closing prayer / 2:30pm—Dismissal

The evening program commences at 6:45PM to 9PM daily: Sunday to Friday of this week.

Totus Tuus offers evening instruction for junior and senior high school youth (grades 7-12) during the week in the evenings: 7pm—9pm. We have found that energetic, faithful, college-aged teachers can effectively impact junior and senior high school youth. The team teaches in such a way as to continually offer a dialogue by which participants feel respected in their most basic dignity.

A typical evening of the Grade 7-12 Program:

6:45pm—Arrival and welcome / 7pm—Intro and skit
7:30pm—Session1 & Q&A / 8pm—Break and refreshment
8:15pm—Session2 & Q&A / 8:45pm—NitePrayer / 9pm—Dismissal

Sign-Up Sheet in Foyer

***"And I, When I Am Lifted Up From The Earth,
Will Draw All People To Myself"***

JESUS



This Sunday's Readings: *Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33*

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him.

In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see John 3:14-15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus didn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offered himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gave Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9).

Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts.

Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

DR. SCOTT HAHN

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

March 30, Good Friday, after the 3PM Liturgy /
March 31, Holy Sat, 7PM before 8PM Vigil
(chapel) / April 1, Easter Sun, 1:15PM / April 2,
Mon 7:30PM /
April 3, Tues 9:30AM / April 4, Wed 6:30PM /
April 5, Thurs 9:30AM / April 6, Fri 7:30PM / April
7, Sat 9:30AM.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Next God Squad Night: Lent Bible Study Series
Friday, March 23 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish
hall.

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Friday, March 30 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish
hall.

YOU CAN DONATE

Ambries

An Ambry is a glass container in which the Sacred
Oils are kept. We have purchased the three glass
containers for the Oil of the Infirm, Oil of Sacred
Chrism, and Oil of Salvation. Cost was \$237.00.

An Ambry is also a container in which the three
glass containers are stored. Oak Ambry cost is
\$3,507.46

Donors will be recognized by having their names
inscribed on a plaque attached to the top or
bottom of the wooden ambry.



CONFESSIONS

HOLY WEEK—Wednesday, March 28 @ 7:30PM




FOURTEEN (14) PRIESTS TO HEAR OUR CONFESSIONS

- Fr Larry Marcille (Blessed Sacrament Parish)
- Fr Peter Lacmanaec (O. L. The Annunciation)
- Fr Steven Kwon (St Edith Stein)
- Fr Marc Syrenne (Chaplain—York University)
- Fr Ben St Croix (York University/Retreats)
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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 Benediction at 5:40PM. Come minutes or an hour and keep watch with the others, the family, yourself.



Benediction at 5:40PM. Come for a few hours and keep watch with the others, the family, yourself.

LENT IS HERE!!!

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?

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 an increase 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 fast on Ash Wed and Good Friday involves eating only one full meal. One or two smaller meals may be taken on those days, but may not total one full meal. No eating between meals.

Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstinence on these days from meat can include eggs or dairy products.

Age Requirements

"All Catholics at 15 are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60 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 Feasts) in commemoration of our Saviour's death.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: GRADE 1--GRADE 8.

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

CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Total for 2017/18 achieved! Total to Date: \$2157.95

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.

FERTILITYCARE TORONTO

Catholic Women's Fertility Health

Are you planning to space your children and feel unsure of the family planning system you're using?

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Is your family complete and are wondering what comes next for family panning? **FertilityCare** Toronto can help.

Would you like to follow your faith but don't know a reliable, scientific family planning method?

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Do you have health concerns and want to learn more about your body and gynecologic health?

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Contact/Info 416-465-2868 www.fertilitycare.ca/

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

www.catholic.com

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELL IN NON-CHRISTIANS?

Question

If the Holy Spirit only dwells in a baptized person, does it mean that non-baptized people do not have Holy Spirit in them?

Answer

The

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