

## 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

## HOLY WEEK

### *Passion / Palm Sunday*

Today's Passion / Palm Sunday begins Holy Week.

### *Sacred Triduum*

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- Holy Saturday Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord, and Easter Sunday Masses. A joyous sharing in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Lord and Risen Saviour.

### GOOD FRIDAY

OBLIGATORY DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

### *The Fast on Good Friday.*

The Good Friday fast 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 Good Friday*

Abstinence on this day from meat does not include eggs or dairy products.

### *Age Requirements*

"All Catholics who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year.

**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"*

**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.

**108. Why did Jesus manifest the Kingdom by means of signs and miracles?**

Jesus accompanied his words with signs and miracles to bear witness to the fact that the Kingdom is present in him, the Messiah. Although he healed some people, he did not come to abolish all evils here below but rather to free us especially from the slavery of sin. The driving out of demons proclaimed that his cross would be victorious over "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31).

**109. In the Kingdom, what authority did Jesus bestow upon his Apostles?**

Jesus chose the twelve, the future witnesses of his Resurrection, and made them sharers of his mission and of his authority to teach, to absolve from sins, and to build up and govern the Church. In this college, Peter received "the keys of the Kingdom" (Matthew 16:19) and assumed the first place with the mission to keep the faith in its integrity and to strengthen his brothers.

**110. What is the meaning of the Transfiguration?**

Above all the Transfiguration shows forth the Trinity: "the Father in the voice, the Son in the man Jesus, the Spirit in the shining cloud" (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Speaking with Moses and Elijah about his "departure" (Luke 9:31), Jesus reveals that his glory comes by way of the cross and he anticipates his resurrection and his glorious coming "which will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21).

*"You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that*

*you truly are the splendor of the Father."* (Byzantine Liturgy)

**111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about?**

At the established time Jesus chose to go up to Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the Sanctus of the Eucharistic liturgy: "Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna (save us!)" (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem.

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

EVENT	DATE
Passion/Palm Sunday	Sat/Sun March 24/25
Chrim Mass: Blessing of Sacramental Oils	Tues, March 27 @ 10AM St Michael's Cathedral
Parish Confessions: 12 Priests	Wed, March 28 @ 7:30PM
Mass of the Last Supper	Holy Thursday, March 29 @ 8PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	Good Friday, March 30 @ 3PM
Stations of the Cross	Good Friday, March 30 @ 6:30PM
Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday, March 31 @ 8PM
Easter Mass	Easter Sunday, April 1 @ 9AM
Easter Mass	Easter Sunday, April 1 @ 12:15PM
5:30PM Mass Cancelled	Easter Sunday, April 1 Mass @ 5:30PM Cancelled

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, March 26, **7PM:**

+Renato Quilop

Tues March 27, **9AM:**

*Thanksgiving of Hayde*

Wed March 28, **7PM:**

+Joe Attar

Thurs March 29, **8PM**

*Mass of the Last Supper*

Fri March 30, **3PM**

*Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

Sat March 31, **8PM:**

*Easter Vigil*

**Saturday, March 31**

5:15PM: Cancelled

**Sunday, April 1**

9AM: +Raymon Deranny

12:15PM: +Emerenciana Labra

5:30PM: Cancelled

## VIGIL CANDLES

**Saturday, April 7—Friday, April 13**

Sanctuary Tabernacle: +Antonio Hernandez

Chapel Tabernacle: +Antonio Hernandez.

## NEW HYMN BOOKS

**Cost**

To date the price of 73 books have been donated:

\$1,551. 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## DEVOTIONS FOR EASTER

***Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

*Begins 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday Of Easter: 4—5Pm*

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

***Last Sunday's Offering—\$3,044.***

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

**1<sup>st</sup> ShareLife Collection**

\$3,862.80

## COMMUNION FOR THE SICK &amp; SHUT-INS

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

## SENIOR'S GROUP

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

## VOCATIONS

***Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord!***

Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997  
[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## CONFIRMATION—UPCOMING

**Holy Week Confessions:** Wed, March 28, 7:30PM  
**Session 7:** Wed, April 25, 7:30PM

1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION—UPCOMING:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Test—Section 3—First Holy Communion**

Make appointment for April

**First Communion Mass: Sat, April 21 @ 5:15PM**

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

## 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

## SCHOOL JOBS—STJXXIII SCHOOL

**1—A lunch time supervisor; 2—A supply lunch time supervisor.**

1 hour a day (11:45–12:45), 5 days a week. Pay is \$15.04 per hour this includes statutory holiday pay and vacation pay. The position means supervising the students while they eat and while outside during playtime. Person has to be able to deal with i) minor discipline issues; and also able to ii) climb stairs and be iii) outside for about 40mins each day.

## SMILE

**Lent Jokes**

Lent was invented so Catholics could take another shot at their New Year's resolutions.

I gave up lots of stuff for Lent. I lent my neighbour my mower, I lent my son my tuxedo, and I lent my daughter my car.

I wanted to give up my children for Lent, but nobody would take them.

Lent is when the vegetarians try to convert the Catholics.

If it weren't for capital punishment we wouldn't have Easter.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Winner of the 2018 Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay Senior Level**

Amanda Fernandes

Attends: St JXXIII Parish; Attends: St Patrick High Sch

## RETRouvaille WEEKEND: HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

**April 20—6:00 pm**

**At a hotel located in Mississauga, Ontario, close to Highway 401**

If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated, but want to try again then Retrouvaille can help. If you and your spouse want your marriage to work and are willing to put in a full weekend of hard work and your best effort, then you are invited to attend a Retrouvaille Weekend. Retrouvaille is a program to help married couples through difficult times in their marriage relationships. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Although Retrouvaille follows the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, couples of other faith expressions are also welcome.

Tel: 416-281-6007 Email: [www.torontoretrovaille.com](http://www.torontoretrovaille.com)  
 WEB: <http://www.torontoretrovaille.com>

## 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.

## TOTUS TUUS



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### 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**

## "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me"

JESUS



**This Sunday's Readings:** *Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47*

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as "King of the Jews." Notice how many times He is called "king" in today's Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery.

As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us.

He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today's First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today's Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see Psalm 22:1). Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today's Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God's love, His faith that God will deliver Him. Are we that much different from our Lord's tormenters? Often, don't we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love

Him and one another? Don't we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem's temple was torn. It was a sign that by His Death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God.

He was God and yet humbled himself to come among us, we're reminded in today's Epistle. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist.

His enemies never understood: His kingship isn't of this world (see John 18:36). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength, that truly this is the Son of God.

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 30, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

SJ23 Youth Ministry Easter Social

Friday, April 8, 2018 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; To date—4 Donations: \$337.

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)
Fr John Walsh (Scarbro Missions)
Fr. Bobby Cena (Studies)
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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 for a few minutes or an hour and keep watch with the Lord. Pray for 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**

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Catholic Women’s Fertility Health**

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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

**CATHOLIC ANSWERS**

