

### 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



### LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING VOCATIONS

"Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life," shares Matthew Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He adds, "The seminary could not run without the generous support of ShareLife donors." By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God's call.

**March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

**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"*

**112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus?**

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

**113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemned to death?**

Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.

**114. How did Jesus conduct himself in regard to the Law of Israel?**

Jesus did not abolish the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai but he fulfilled it by giving it its definitive interpretation. He himself was the divine Legislator who fully carried out this Law. Furthermore, as the faithful Servant, he offered by means of his expiatory death the only sacrifice capable of making atonement for all the "transgressions committed by men under the first Covenant" (Hebrews 9:15).

**115. What was the attitude of Jesus toward the temple in Jerusalem?**

Jesus was accused of hostility to the temple. On the contrary, he venerated it as "the house of his Father" (John 2:16); and it was there that he imparted an important part of his teaching. However, he also foretold its destruction in connection with his own death and he presented himself as the definitive dwelling place of God among men.

**NEW HYMN BOOKS**

***We Need To Replace the Gather Books***

They are beginning to age, more importantly they are in too short a supply; i.e., not enough to go around. Many pews do not have a copy, and if we have 10 choir members that's at least 8 or more books taken by the choir.

***Problem!***

The Gather hymnal is now in its 3rd edition and more expensive than the current Gather 2 edition. Price is \$15 US per book which is \$19.24 Canadian at current exchange. This does not include shipping or tax. We will need at least 260 books for two in each pew shelf plus 10 for the choir. The cost comes to the horribly frightening price of \$5,601.20 Canadian

***Solution***

We can all donate something, for example:  
50 people giving \$20 = \$1000 / 100 people for \$10 = \$1000 / 200 people for \$5 = \$1000

***Donors***

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

***To Donate***

Please call Hayde at the office: 416-429-4000 and give name, telephone #, message; and oh, yes the donation!

**PRAY FOR THE MARCH MISSION INTENTION**

***"Formation in Spiritual Discernment"***

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment for individuals as well as communities.

**VISITA IGLESIA**

***Church Visitations for the Stations of the Cross Good Friday, March 30—7:30AM to 12NOON***  
Begin from St John XXIII and visiting 8 Churches and celebrating 2 stations at each Church. Bus sign-up to come.

**"PABASA"**

***Songs of the Passion of Christ—In Tagalog***  
The Eve of Holy Week  
Saturday, March 24—12 Midday to 12 Midnight  
St John XXIII Parish Hall

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, March 5, **7PM:**  
*Thanksgiving for Violetta Labo*

Tues March 6, **9AM:**  
*Healing of Eyes of Loretto DanOnog*

Wed March 7, **7PM:**  
*+Feliz Papa e +Manuela Pasaylo*

Thurs March 8, **9AM**  
*Thanksgiving by Fe Tolentino*

Fri March 9, **7PM:**  
*+Rabinel Padua e Christina Raagas*

Sat March 10, **9AM:**  
*+Maria Theresa Garcia*

**Saturday, March 10**  
 5:15PM: *The Parishioners*

**Sunday, March 11**  
 9AM: *Thnksgvg by Tony e Flory Lamorena*  
 12:15PM: *Thanksgiving of William Sarbas*  
 5:30PM: *+Leonida Aglipay*

**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—\$3209.45**  
 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of Month—Next Meeting IS THURSDAY, March 8*

**VIGIL CANDLES**

**Saturday, March 10—Saturday, March 17**  
*Sanctuary Tabernacle: +Florencio & +Fidela*  
*Chapel Tabernacle:*

**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.**  
 Sing 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun @ 5:30PM Mass  
**Chalice Children's Collection**  
 Sun, FEB 25—Goal: \$2,220.  
 Total to Date: **\$2155.95**

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## CONFIRMATION—UPCOMING

*Session 5*

Wed, March 14, 7:30PM

*Sessions 6*

Wed, March 21 7:30PM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—  
UPCOMING*Reconciliation—First Confession*

Will be on Sat, March 17 @ 11AM in the Church.

*3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## SMILE

*Storing Up Treasure In Heaven*

An Usher picked up the Sunday collection every Sunday at the 9AM Mass. He noticed one parishioner always put only \$2 into the basket despite being extremely wealthy. He was definitely a miser.

Then one Sunday things changed, the wealthy man began to put lots more money into the basket every Sunday: sometimes \$50, \$100, even a \$1,000 note once. The Usher decided to find out what was going on. He said to man,

"I don't understand you, for years you put a measly \$2 into the collection every Sunday. Now you are putting huge amounts of cash into the basket—what's with that?"

"Well", said the man, "I can't take it with me, can I? So I'm sending it ahead."

## COME AND SEE WEEKEND

*Fri, March 23 (begins 6:30PM) to Sun, March 25 (ends 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](http://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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
OVERNIGHT VIGIL  
St John XXIII—ADORATION CHAPEL  
*Next First Friday: April 6*

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

Sign-Up Sheet in Foyer

## Past Totus Tuus Summer Camps



### VOCATIONS

*Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder.*

Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### 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 St.JXXIII at 6:30AM; depart Ottawa immediately after the March—aprox 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

### 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 Monday to Saturday of this week from 8:45AM to 2:30PM daily

During the week, the children entering grades one through six in the upcoming fall school year participate in four 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. Furthermore, Totus Tuus strives to help students be clear and consistent in their faith. College students who are on fire with their faith give the students examples which the youth can observe and then imitate. This process teaches them that being a witness to their faith in the world around them is a very realistic and worthwhile goal. Finally, Totus Tuus endeavours to show children that the humble, yet courageous process of seeking Christ is a journey that must be aided by prayer and the Sacraments.

*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 preparation for Mass / 10:30am—Class#2 / 10:55am—Mass prep / Confession / 11:20am—Daily Mass / 12:00pm—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 Program includes instruction, small group discussions, quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship. The team teaches in such a way as to continually offer a dialogue by which participants feel respected in their most basic dignity.

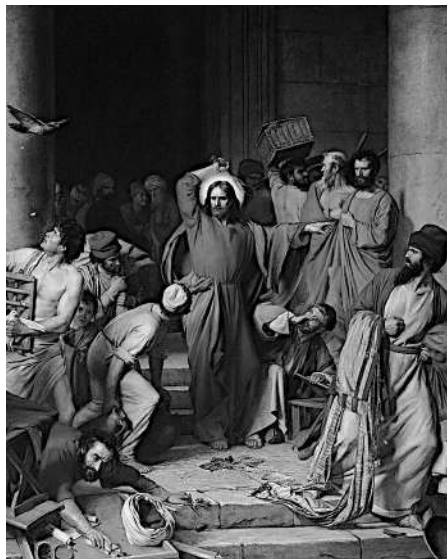
*A typical evening of the Grade 7-12 Program:*

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—NitePryer/9pm—Dismissal

**Sign-Up Sheet in Foyer**

## ***"Destroy This Temple, And In Three Days I Will Raise It Up"***

The Father



**This Sunday's Readings:** *Ex 20:1–17; Ps 19:8–11; 1 Cor 1:22–25; Jn 2:13–25*

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17)—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan.

He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1–5; Isaiah 56:7).

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5).

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalm 50:7–13).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21–23; Amos 5:25).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36–40), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the cross (see John 15:13)

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle.

Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16), and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23–24).

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14,23). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5–7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5).

DR. SCOTT HAHN

### CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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DOES NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)  
REQUIRE LOTS OF CHILDREN?

**Question**

Does natural family planning require couples to have as many children as they can afford/handle?

**Answer**

Not at all. Couples are free to have as many or as few children as they choose based on their circumstances and their relationship. Obviously, it would be a very good thing if couples were as generous as possible in having children. Yet this generosity has to be measured according to their capabilities and relationship. There are many people who feel that having a very large family without an extended family nearby is too difficult a task, and so they tend to have fewer children.

The point is clear: we are never allowed to use immoral means either to avoid conception or to foster it; rather, we should strive to give our children the best possible upbringing, materially, spiritually, and educationally. There is no way that the use of NFP, even if the couple is not being as generous as they could be, amounts to a grave sin, because the marriage acts undertaken while using it are perfectly moral.

HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN A DEATHBED WEDDING?

**Question**

How do you explain to someone why a man and woman would get married when one of them is expected to die the same day from cancer?

**Answer**

The reason is that if the couple have been previously married invalidly, then they can receive the grace of the sacrament before the death of one of them, and that is no small benefit to their souls. Even if they were not previously married at all, the bestowal of the grace of the sacrament is a more than sufficient reason. Of course, this is not an obligation. Sometimes also there can be economic reasons of inheritance and so on that might indicate that they should be legally married to protect the interests of the surviving partner.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Next Kids of the Cross Night: Lent Bible Study Series**  
Friday, March 9, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

**Next God Squad Night: Lent Bible Study Series**  
Friday, March 16, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

**Totus Tuus**

4 Young Missionaries from the Archdiocese will come to our parish in July for one week. The Day Camp is for the elementary level & the Evening Camp is for the high school level.  
*Sign-Up Sheet in Church Foyer.*

#### 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. including tax

An Ambry is also a container in which the three glass containers are stored. On order is a wooden Oak Ambry which will be placed on the wall behind the Baptismal Font & Easter Candle.  
Cost is \$3,103.95

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



#### NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH


**Takes Place after the Following Masses:**

- March 10 - Sat: 9:30 AM / March 11 - Sun: 10 AM
- March 12, Mon 7:30PM / March 13 - Tues 9:30AM
- March 14, Wed 7:30PM / March 15, Thurs 9:30AM
- March 16, Fri **6:40PM** / March 27, Sat 9:30AM
- March 18, Sun 10AM
- March 19, Mon: FEAST DAY MASS @ 7PM
- Fellowship in Foyer after Mass

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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 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**

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.

**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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