

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

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Head Office: 416-733-8544

Living the Gospel by caring for the elderly

Ever since Erika had a stroke, her diminished mobility kept her from enjoying many activities. When LA Centre for Active Living planned a trip to the Garlic Festival, Erika worried her disabilities would get in the way. To Erika's delight, the ShareLife-funded agency ensured the trip was fully accessible for her. Having the most fun she's had in years, she felt like her disabilities disappeared. Last year, ShareLife-supported agencies provided care to over 6,300 seniors.

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MEMORIAL MASS FOR
+Rev. Msgr. Terence F. D'Souza+
SUNDAY, MAY 27 @ 12:15PM
Former Pastor of St John XXIII Parish: 1982—1987
Msgr D'Souza died on Sat, April 28, 2018.

Monsignor D'Souza was 85 years old and in his 58th year of the priesthood. He was ordained to the priesthood on January 17, 1960.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Part One—The Profession of Faith

"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH"

The Church in the Plan of God

THE CHURCH IS ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC

161. Why is the Church one?

The Church is one because she has as her source and exemplar the unity of the Trinity of Persons in one God. As her Founder and Head, Jesus Christ re-established the unity of all people in one body. As her soul, the Holy Spirit unites all the faithful in communion with Christ. The Church has but one faith, one sacramental life, one apostolic succession, one common hope, and one and the same charity.

162. Where does the one Church of Christ subsist?

The one Church of Christ, as a society constituted and organized in the world, subsists in (subsistit in) the Catholic Church, governed by the Successor of Peter and the bishops in communion with him. Only through this Church can one obtain the fullness of the means of salvation since the Lord has entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant to the apostolic college alone whose head is Peter.

163. How are non-Catholic Christians to be considered?

In the churches and ecclesial communities which are separated from full communion with the Catholic Church, many elements of sanctification and truth can be found. All of these blessings come from Christ and lead to Catholic unity. Members of these churches and communities are incorporated into Christ by Baptism and we so we recognize them as brothers.

164. How does one commit oneself to work for the unity of Christians?

The desire to restore the unity of all Christians is a gift from Christ and a call of the Spirit. This desire involves the entire Church and it is pursued by conversion of heart, prayer, fraternal knowledge of each other and theological dialogue.

165. In what way is the Church holy?

The Church is holy insofar as the Most Holy God is her author. Christ has given himself for her to

sanctify her and make her a source of sanctification. The Holy Spirit gives her life with charity. In the Church one finds the fullness of the means of salvation. Holiness is the vocation of each of her members and the purpose of all her activities. The Church counts among her members the Virgin Mary and numerous Saints who are her models and intercessors. The holiness of the Church is the fountain of sanctification for her children who here on earth recognize themselves as sinners ever in need of conversion and purification.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN AT MANRESA PICKERING

June 1 @ 7:00 pm: Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Michael Knox, SJ, Director, Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, will facilitate the retreat, "Praying with St. John de Brebeuf: A model of Christian Virtue for the Catholic in Canada." Cost: offering of \$185 per person. Includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. PHONE: 905-839-2864 EMAIL: pickmanresa@rogers.com WEB: www.manresa-canada.ca



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SATURDAY MAY 26, 2018 – 8:30AM to 5PM

Program concludes with anticipated mass
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(Bathurst & Bloor)



Speaker
Brother Don Quilao
Head Servant of the FCCCPC
(Filipino Canadian Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 14, 7PM:

+Corazon San Luis

Tues May 15, 9AM:

+Lourđina Figueiredo

Wed May 16, 7PM:

+Alfonso Tibet Perlas

Thurs May 17, 9AM

B-day Thanks by Imerenciana Quiambao

Fri May 18, 7PM

+Remegio Cosue

Sat May 19, 9AM

*+Esperanza Gabriel***Saturday, May 19**5:15PM: *+Carmela Scarano***Sunday, May 20**9AM: *+Clarita Damasco Perlas*12:15PM: *+Eugenia & Domitilo Abordo*5:30PM: *+Felipa Abarri***VIGIL CANDLES****Sat, May 19—Friday, May 25**Sanctuary Tabernacle: *+Teresa & Domingo Ayala*
Chapel Tabernacle:**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**COFFEE SUNDAY: Last Sun of the Month**9AM Mass & 12:15PM Mass: *Thank you*
*Volunteers for your generosity.***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT****Last Sunday's Offering—\$3285**

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

NEW HYMN BOOKS**Cost: \$21**Total Cost: \$6,000. *To date—\$3415 for 160 books—*
THANKS.

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

YOU CAN DONATE**Ambries**Cost was \$3744. *To date—Donations: \$1597 from 11*
*persons.**Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for donating \$500.***DEVOTIONS FOR EASTER****Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sundays Of Easter: 4—5Pm

VOCATIONS**Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to**
leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to
show them God's will for their future.Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you
are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent
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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.**CHILDREN'S CHOIR: GRD 1--GRD 8.****Sing 1st & 4th Sun @ 5:30PM Mass****CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION****Total for 2017/18 achieved! \$2157.95**
2018, May payment \$2220

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE 2018 – AN INVITATION FROM CARDINAL COLLINS

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, recently issued a call to action in advance of the June 7 provincial election to promote palliative care, conscience rights and



the protection of faith-based facilities.

His Eminence has asked Catholics to visit canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario to send a letter directly to all candidates in their riding for the June 7 election. A pre-written letter is provided which people can amend as they choose. If you did not receive Cardinal Collins' emailed letter and you would like to receive them in the future, please visit bit.ly/archtosignup Thank you for advocating on these important issues!

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SMILE

Heaven

Three highly decorated police officers die in a wild shoot out with narcotics dealers and go to heaven.

God greets them and asks, "When you are laid out in your casket, and your fellow officers and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first cop says, "I would like to hear them say, that I was the bravest cop on the force."

The second police officer says, "I would like to hear that I was a terrific cop who died in the line of duty."

The last cop replies, "I would like to hear them say ... Look, He's Moving!"

Two old men, Abe and Sol, sit on a park bench feeding pigeons and talking about baseball. Abe turns to Sol and asks, "Do you think there's baseball in Heaven?"

Sol, "I dunno. But let's make a deal, if I die first, I'll come back and tell you if there's baseball in Heaven, and if you die first, you do the same." They shake on it and sadly, a few months later, poor Abe passes on. Soon afterward, Sol sits in the park feeding the pigeons by himself and hears a voice whisper, "Sol... Sol..." Sol responds, "Abe! Is that you?"

"Yes it is, Sol," whispers Abe's ghost. Sol, still amazed, asks, "So, is there baseball in Heaven?" "Well," says Abe, "I've got good news and bad news." "Gimme the good news first," says Sol.

Abe says, "Well, there is baseball in Heaven." Sol says, "That's great! What news could be bad enough to ruin that?" Abe sighs and whispers, "You're pitching on Friday."

PRAY FOR THE MAY MISSION INTENTION

Mary, Guide of Missionaries

That Mary, Queen of the World and Star of Evangelization, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son Jesus.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH OVERNIGHT VIGIL—ADORATION CHAPEL

Next First Friday: JUNE 1

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

FEAST: St MATTHIAS, APOSTLE—Monday, May 14: According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus’ followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the **s c r i p t u r a l** recommendation that another should take his office. “Therefore, one of the men who accompanied the Lord Jesus among us, the baptism of John until the day taken up from us, witness to his resurrection” (Acts 1:21-22).



They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven. Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

Reflection: What was the holiness of Matthias? Obviously, he was suited for apostleship by the experience of being with Jesus from his baptism to his ascension. He must also have been suited personally, or he would not have been nominated for so great a responsibility. Must we not remind ourselves that the fundamental holiness of Matthias was his receiving gladly the relationship with the Father offered him by Jesus and completed by the Holy Spirit? If the apostles are the foundations of our faith by their witness, they must also be reminders, if only implicitly, that holiness is entirely a matter of God’s giving, and it is offered to all, in the everyday circumstances of life. We receive, and even for this God supplies the power of freedom.

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL: St JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR—Friday, May 18: Pope John I inherited the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Italy had been ruled for 30 years by an emperor who espoused the heresy, though he treated the empire’s Catholics with toleration. His policy changed at about the time the young John was elected pope.



When the eastern emperor began imposing severe measures on the Arians of his area, the western emperor forced John to head a delegation to the East to soften the measures against the heretics. Little is known of the manner or outcome of the negotiations—designed to secure continued toleration of Catholics in the West.

On his way home, John was imprisoned at Ravenna because the emperor had begun to suspect that John’s

friendship with his eastern rival might lead to a conspiracy against his throne. Shortly after his imprisonment, John died, apparently from the treatment he received in prison.

John’s body was transported to Rome and he was buried in the Basilica of St. Peter.

Reflection: We cannot choose the issues for which we have to suffer and perhaps die. John I suffered because of a power-conscious emperor. Jesus suffered because of the suspicions of those who were threatened by his freedom, openness, and powerlessness. “If you find that the world hates you, know it has hated me before you” (John 15:18).

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

In preparation for the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church, and the gift of Baptism.

Begins Fri May 11, 10 mins before the Mass and 10 mins before all weekday Masses; Sun prayer will be at 4:20PM during the holy hour. Novena ends Sat, May 19 at 8:50AM.

TOTUSTUUS

Dear Parents: We Have Four (4) Young Missionaries Coming To Our Parish This Summer For One Week: Sun July 8-Sat July 14. (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.

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. Sign-Up Sheet in Foyer

**"Go Into All The World And Proclaim The Good News
To The Whole Creation"**

Jesus



This Sunday's Readings: *Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; Ps 98:1–4; 1 Jn 4:7–10; Jn 15:9–17*

For some, Easter may be a dim memory by now. But, those who celebrate Ascension Day know exactly how long it's been since then. The Feast of the Ascension, as it's also known, takes place 39 days after Easter Sunday (this year, that will be Thursday, May 25) and is believed to mark the day that Jesus ascended to Heaven.

Although Ascension Day commemorates Jesus' departure from Earth, it's not at all a cause for sadness. In fact, it's a pretty joyful day in the Christian calendar. His ascension is often cited as the final sign of his divinity, or his godly power. Much like Jesus' resurrection, which is what Easter celebrates, it's an affirmation of the Christian faith.

And that's why both Western and Eastern forms of Christianity celebrate Ascension Day. It's considered to be one of the oldest Christian celebrations (it's been traced back to the year

68 A.D.), and it's as significant as Easter or Christmas.

And while Easter has a bunny and Christmas has a jolly man in a red suit, Ascension Day doesn't have a kooky mascot. By comparison, it's a pretty low-key (albeit meaningful) celebration. Depending on the church, a special Thursday Mass may be held for Ascension Day, or the weekly Sunday Mass will address the events of the ascension. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, it used to be customary to raise a cross or figure of Jesus above the church altar or even through the roof of the church to represent Jesus ascending to heaven.

You probably won't see a display like that at any church near you. But, to observant Christians, that image of Jesus rising up and leaving Earth behind remains a powerful symbol and will serve as a point of reflection this Thursday.

Scott Hahn

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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MAY I PARTICIPATE IN JIU JITSU?

Question

As a practicing Catholic, am I allowed to participate in jiu jitsu?

Answer

Yes, there is no objection to Catholics practicing this martial art. Hundreds of thousands of Brazilian Catholics have practiced it for many years. It is practically a national sport in Brazil, and has no religious connotations that would prevent participation. The important thing from a moral point of view is to have a life with a balance of prayer, work, bodily exercise, and social recreation.

WHEN ARE THE SOULS IN PURGATORY RELEASED?

Question

When are the souls in purgatory released? St. Gertrude's prayer suggests 1,000 per day? At Final Judgment?

Answer

The souls of the departed who are awaiting their entry into full happiness in heaven are freed from their detention whenever they are ready, so pretty much all the time, given how many of them there are. The offering of St. Gertrude would certainly be a very powerful one to make for the holy souls, since it depends so much on deep faith in the power of Christ's Blood.

As for the thousand souls it is supposed to free, well, there is no way to know such a number. Perhaps our faith and confidence in Our Lord will suggest to us the idea that even more may be freed and enter heaven than a thousand! The Precious Blood of Jesus is infinitely powerful to save an infinite number of sinners!

WHERE DID JOHN TAKE MARY?

Question

When Jesus told John "Behold your mother," where did John take her? In other words, where did he live?

Answer

Our Lady lived wherever he did. So, at first in Jerusalem, probably on Mount Sion, and then perhaps later in Asia Minor where he ministered and where he died. The ancient Western and Eastern tradition favour the former, and the more recent Western tradition has also the latter opinion.

There is a popular shrine of the house of Our Lady and St. John in Ephesus in modern-day Turkey that is based on revelations given to Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich, but the Fathers and the ancient liturgies show Our Lady ending her earthly life in Jerusalem, where there are shrines, both Catholic and Orthodox to her Dormition (falling asleep). Of course, they could have been in Ephesus and then moved back.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Next God Squad Night: Easter Bible Study Series

Friday, May 18 from 6-8PM in the Parish hall.

Next God Squad Night: Game Night Social

Friday, May 25 from 6-8PM in the Parish hall.

Join us, as we celebrate May birthdays and fellowship together. Friends and siblings are welcome to join.

THE AWAKENING OF A GIANT

Movie Life of Saint Veronica Giuliani

TODAY:

Sunday, May 13, 2018 @ 2:30, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

York Cinema—115 York Blvd, Richmond Hill

St. Veronica's body remains incorruptible. She was considered by Pope Leo XIII to be most full of grace after Our Lady. Our Lady herself referred to St. Veronica as "heart of my heart" and "my favourite daughter." Tickets bought on-site. sainteверonica@sawtelrab.org

YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP TO YELLOWKNIFE AND FORT PROVIDENCE

*July 16—23, 2018, Cost: \$1,300:
Includes transportation, meals and accommodation.*

Information night: Monday, April 23rd, 2018, @ 7PM

Office of Catholic Youth, 54 Hoskin Ave, Toronto M4T 1W2

Registration Ends & Deposit is due (50% of the cost): Friday, May 25, 2018

Young Adults (19-39) are invited to join us. Travel to Yellowknife and Fort Providence to serve the community. Learn about our missions in Canada and Indigenous culture.

To enter fully into the missionary experience, simple accommodations will be arranged, which may include a few nights of roughing it.

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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

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.

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