

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.

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**Next Sunday, May 27, is
ShareLife Sunday. Please give
generously.**

MEMORIAL MASS FOR
+Rev. Msgr. Terence F. D'Souza+
NEXT 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

166. Why is the Church called "Catholic"?

The Church is catholic, that is universal, insofar as Christ is present in her: "Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church" (Saint Ignatius of Antioch). The Church proclaims the fullness and the totality of the faith; she bears and administers the fullness of the means of salvation; she is sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race.

167. Is the particular Church catholic?

Every particular Church (a diocese or eparchy) is catholic. It is formed by a community of Christians who are in communion of faith and of the sacraments both with their Bishop, who is ordained in apostolic succession, and with the Church of Rome which "presides in charity" (Saint Ignatius of Antioch).

168. Who belongs to the Catholic Church?

All human beings in various ways belong to or are ordered to the Catholic unity of the people of God. Fully incorporated into the Catholic Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, are joined to the Church by the bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government and communion. The baptized who do not enjoy full Catholic unity are in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church.

169. What is the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Jewish people?

The Catholic Church recognizes a particular link with the Jewish people in the fact that God chose them before all others to receive his Word. To the Jewish people belong "the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, the promises, and the patriarchs; and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ" (Rm9:4, 5). The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to the revelation of God in the Old Covenant.

170. What is the bond that exists between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions?

There is a bond between all peoples which comes especially from the common origin and end of the entire human race. The Catholic Church recognizes that whatever is good or true in other religions comes from God and is a reflection of his truth. As such it can prepare for the acceptance of the Gospel and act as a stimulus toward the unity of humanity in the Church of Christ.

171. What is the meaning of the affirmation "Outside the Church there is no salvation"?

This means that all salvation comes from Christ, the Head, through the Church which is his body. Hence they cannot be saved who, knowing the Church as founded by Christ and necessary for salvation, would refuse to enter her or remain in her. At the same time, thanks to Christ and to his Church, those who through no fault of their own do not know the Gospel of Christ and his Church but sincerely seek God and, moved by grace, try to do his will as it is known

through the dictates of conscience can attain eternal salvation.

172. Why must the Church proclaim the Gospel to the whole world?

The Church must do so because Christ has given the command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt28:19). This missionary mandate of the Lord has its origin in the eternal love of God who has sent his Son and the Holy Spirit because "he desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1Tim2:4).

173. In what sense is the Church missionary?

The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, continues the mission of Christ himself in the course of history. Christians must, therefore, proclaim to everyone the Good News borne by Christ; and, following his path, they must be ready for self-sacrifice, even unto martyrdom.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN AT MANRESA PICKERING

**June 1 @ 7:00 pm: Manresa Jesuit Spiritual
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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. T: 905-839-2864 pickmanresa@rogers.com www.manresa-canada.ca



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Speaker
Brother Don Quilao
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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 21, **10AM:**
+Francisco Figueroa

Tues May 22, **9AM:**
+Ian deGuzman

Wed May 23, **7PM:**
+Joe Attar

Thurs May 24, **9AM**
+Teresa e' Domingo S. Ayala

Fri May 25, **7PM**
B'ck Nazarene Devotees — *Thnksgr*

Sat May 26, **9AM**
+Paulina Williams

Saturday, May 26
5:15PM: +Joe Attar

Sunday, May 27
9AM: +Felisa Tolentino
12:15PM: *The Parishioners* / +Msgr T d'Souza
5:30PM: *Thanksgiving by CWL*

VIGIL CANDLES

Sat, May 26—Friday, June 1
Sanctuary Tabernacle:
Chapel Tabernacle:

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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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*
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Last Sunday's Offering—\$2602.05
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DEVOTIONS FOR EASTER

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays Of Easter: 4—5Pm

LAST SUNDAY FOR HOLY HOUR

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
deacon, 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
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YOUTH CHOIR: Grd 7 & Up

Sing 3rd Sunday @ 5:30PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: GRD 1--GRD 6.

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!

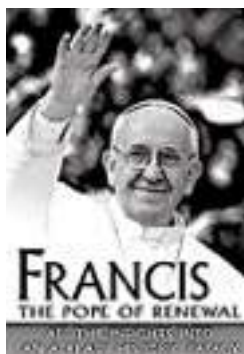
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Watch: Francis, the Pope of Renewal

This film describes the surprising ascension to the top of world's popularity of the almost unknown Argentinian cardinal. It also reflects the renewal of the Catholic Church's image that he has generated. A brief street poll with people of various nationalities and beliefs suggests the extension of this phenomenon. What can be the causes of such spectacular change in the public opinion?



SMILE

On To Priests!

A priest asks the convicted murderer at the electric chair, "Do you have any last requests?" "Yes," replies the murderer. "Can you please hold my hand?"

For the umpteenth time Mrs Youngston came to her parish priest to tell him, "Father, I'm so scared! Joe says he's going to kill me if I continue to come to your church."

"Yes, yes, my child," replied Father Francis McCrady, more than a little tired of hearing this over and over. "I will continue to pray for you, Mrs. Youngston. Have faith - the Lord will watch over you."

"Oh yes, Father, he has kept me safe thus far, only...."

"Only what, my child?"

"Well, Father, now he says if I keep coming to your church, he's going to kill YOU!"

"Well, now," said the priest, "Perhaps it's time to check out Father Lawrence Greider's parish over on the other side of town."

There was a very strict order of monks who lived by a rule that permitted speaking only once on one day a year, one monk per year. When the day came around, the monk whose turn it was stood up and said, "I don't like the mashed potatoes here, they're too lumpy." And he sat down. A year later, another monk stood up and said, "I rather like the mashed potatoes here, they're very tasty."

Another year went by and it was a third monk's turn. He stood up and said, "I'm leaving the monastery. I can't stand this constant bickering."

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

Optional Memorial: St Rita Caschia, Religious—Tuesday, May 22: Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had joined the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.



Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counselled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

Reflection: Although we can easily imagine an ideal world in which to live out our baptismal vocation, such a world does not exist. An "if only" approach to holiness never quite gets underway, never produces the fruit that God has a right to expect.

Rita became holy because she made choices that reflected her baptism and her growth as a disciple of Jesus. Her overarching, lifelong choice was to cooperate generously with God's grace, but many small choices were needed to make that happen. Few of those choices were made in ideal circumstances—not even when Rita became an Augustinian nun.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHINA

Thursday, May 24

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians", the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection.

We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens. When you obediently said "yes" in the house of Nazareth, you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in

your virginal womb and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption.

You willingly and generously cooperated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live.

From that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in his footsteps by taking up his Cross. Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unflinching trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built.

Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen! (Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI)

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

**"Lord, Send Forth Your Spirit, And Renew The Face
Of The Earth."**

P s l a m
Response



This Sunday's Readings: *Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23*

Those paying close attention to today's readings will have noticed an inconsistency: when was the Spirit given to the disciples? According to John, it was given to them the evening of the Resurrection. But we read in the Acts of the Apostles that it came upon them fifty days later, after the Ascension, on the Jewish pilgrimage feast of Pentecost.

Trying to pin down what must have been a powerful religious experience for the first Christians is a tricky thing—and perhaps that is the way it should be—for the Spirit itself cannot be contained, pinned down, quantified. But what both versions have in common is the place where the Spirit was given: He came upon them in the upper room, the place where the fearful disciples took refuge after the crucifixion....

In the midst of this fear and tentativeness they experience the Spirit—this "ruah" the wind/spirit/breath spoken of so often in the Scriptures as the very presence of God. This wind cannot be stopped, contained or controlled—it even invades upper rooms that are sealed against it—it changes all present. These first disciples are transformed from a group of self-absorbed cowards to joyful people able to communicate in ways they never thought possible. They speak and preach in foreign tongues to the many international Jewish pilgrims present in Jerusalem. No longer tentative, self-conscious and

self-doubting, they freely reach out...with the saving message of God's love for humanity in Jesus Christ.

It seems to me that what we have read today is crucial for understanding Pope Francis' focus on joy as the Spirit's gift to believers and a necessary requirement for being credible evangelizers. He has pointed out that we sometimes place too much emphasis on Church structures and ways of proceeding that often make us tentative and self-conscious, isolating us from discerning the real needs of our suffering world.... The Spirit empowers us to leave the security of the upper room and equips us to reach out with joy to humanity in all its diversity and complexity....

Like Jesus's first disciples we cannot leave the upper room without help. We need the Spirit in order to shed our fear and go out to the streets and witness to what God raising Christ from the dead really means for our world: justice, mercy, compassion toward the poor, community with one another, self-sacrifice and forgiveness. This is why Pentecost has been called the "birthday" of the Church. And the most important lesson at this birthday celebration is to remind ourselves that this amazing power to communicate the Good News and to move hearts and minds is **not** due to our efforts or our cleverness. It comes from God's Spirit that enables us to witness to the One who suffered, died and rose again for us to transform our fears—and our world.

Scott Hahn

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OK TO PULL THE PLUG IF NO BRAIN ACTIVITY?

Question

Can artificial means of maintaining life be terminated if there is no sign of brain activity?

Answer

If there is *absolutely no* brain activity, then life supports can be removed, but often what is called "brain dead" in popular language is actually not. One must be insistent and know whether all activity whatsoever has ceased or just some principal functions of the brain. This is important, since sometimes there is pressure to remove supports for extraneous reasons, such as the harvesting of organs for donation.

IS SOMEONE WHO IS BIPOLAR FREE TO MARRY?

Question

Is someone being treated with psychiatric medication for bipolar disorder free to marry?

Answer

The principle at work here is that of freedom. Does the mentally afflicted person have the freedom necessary to make a commitment to marriage? Very often the use of medications allows a person to function freely and responsibly, so in this case the person could be free to marry. It would be important, however, in the case of someone really diagnosed with bipolar disorder to have a reasonable expectation of stability in maintaining the treatment on the part of the patient and also full knowledge and acceptance on the part of the partner.

This means that a marriage entered into when both were sane cannot be undone or annulled later if one of the parties falls ill again. We say "in sickness and in health." So the time for discernment and responsible free choice is before the vows are taken. The pre-existing condition should not be a way out of the commitment if it was clearly known and accepted before the marriage. I personally know of successful marriages on the part of bipolar persons. Love conquers all!

IS A MAN WITH ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN FREE TO MARRY ANOTHER WOMAN?

Question

Is a man with 2 children born out of wedlock six weeks apart with 2 different mothers free to marry a 3rd woman?

Answer

Having children out of wedlock does not prevent marriage. However, the man needs to examine his intention to be in a bond of marriage as a lifetime commitment. Children by several partners may indicate a lack of responsibility, so this needs to be addressed. Also, his potential wife should recognize that unless he is caring for the children he already has by other women, then he will likely not be a suitable partner for her. She has to be aware of everything

and accept his existing children as part of their life together. And he needs to take care of them. This means that his previous relationships will always be present in some way in his marriage to the third woman. This is a great challenge for both of them, and they should be clear-headed about it before they marry.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Next God Squad Night: Lesson

Fri, May 25, 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

Next Kids of the Cross Night: Game Night Social

Fri, June 1 6PM-8PM in the Parish hall. Join us for a night of fellowship together with dinner, board games and snacks. Friends and siblings are welcome to join.

CRADLE OF HOPE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 23—8:30AM

Canada Christian College—50 Gervais Dr., Toronto

Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Mass, adoration, confession, praise & worship and healing procession. Guest speakers include Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Mark Nimo, Lalith Perera, Fr. Matthias Amuzu, Fr. Ben St. Croix and Bishop Robert Kasun of the Archdiocese of Toronto; T: 647-669-7524, 647-447-1513 or 647-887-5517; WEB: www.ccrctor.com

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.

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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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