

SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH

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Sat Vigil Mass 5:15PM / Sun Mass 9AM, 12:15PM & 5:30PM. (Wkds: Mon, Wed, Fri 7PM; Tues, Thurs, Sat 9AM)

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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.

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Before all Sun Masses/Sat Vigil Mass and the Wed Mass or by appointment. Confessional is in Adoration Chapel.

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Marriage

See Fr Simon before setting a date.

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If you know someone who wishes to become Catholic speak to priest.

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Head Office: 416-733-8544

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.

Msgr D'Souza was born in 1932 in Jacobabad, Sindh, British India (now Pakistan). After school in Karachi, he chose to become a priest, received religious training at the Christ the King Seminary (Pakistan) and was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Karachi in 1960. From 1960-68 he was Secretary to the Archbishop of Karachi, and from 1968-70 Secretary to the Papal Nuncio. From 1970-75 he served as Editor of the Christian Voice, and in 1973 was appointed Vicar General of Karachi. He was also parish priest of the Landhi parish.

In 1975 he accepted an offer by Bishop Fulton to come



to Toronto, Canada, because of the significant number of Pakistanis that had emigrated to this region.

Msgr D'Souza was Associate Pastor at Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga. He was Pastor of St. John XXIII Parish, Don Mills and Founding Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga. He retired in 2008 and was living in a private residence in Mississauga.

Msgr's funeral was held on Saturday, May 5 in Mississauga at St Francis Xavier Parish.

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: PEOPLE OF GOD,
BODY OF CHRIST, TEMPLE OF THE SPIRIT

153. Why is the Church the 'people of God'?

The Church is the 'people of God' because it pleased God to sanctify and save men not in isolation but by making them into one people gathered together by the unity of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

154. What are the characteristics of the people of God?

One becomes a member of this people through faith in Christ and Baptism. This people has for its origin God the Father; for its head Jesus Christ; for its hallmark the dignity and freedom of the sons of God; for its law the new commandment of love; for its mission to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; and for its destiny the Kingdom of God, already begun on earth.

155. In what way does the people of God share in the three functions of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King?

The people of God participate in Christ's priestly office insofar as the baptized are consecrated by the Holy Spirit to offer spiritual sacrifices. They share in Christ's prophetic office when with a supernatural sense of faith they adhere unflinchingly to that faith and deepen their understanding and witness to it. The people of God share in his kingly office by means of service, imitating Jesus Christ who as King of the universe made himself the servant of all, especially the poor and the suffering.

156. In what way is the Church the body of Christ?

The risen Christ unites his faithful people to himself in an intimate way by means of the Holy Spirit. In this way, those who believe in Christ, in as much as they are close to him especially in the Eucharist, are united among themselves in charity. They form one body, the Church, whose unity is experienced in the diversity of its members and its functions.

157. Who is the Head of this body?

Christ "is the Head of the body, the Church" (Col1:18). The Church lives from him, in him and for him. Christ and the Church make up the "whole Christ" (St

Augustine); "Head and members form, as it were, one and the same mystical person" (St Thomas Aquinas).

158. Why is the Church called the "Bride of Christ"?

She is called the "Bride of Christ" because the Lord himself called himself her "Spouse" (Mk2:19). The Lord has loved the Church and has joined her to himself in an everlasting covenant. He has given himself up for her in order to purify her with his blood and "sanctify her" (Eph5:26), making her the fruitful mother of all the children of God. While the term "body" expresses the unity of the "head" with the members, the term "bride" emphasizes the distinction of the two in their personal relationship.

159. Why is the Church called the temple of the Holy Spirit?

She is so called because the Holy Spirit resides in the body which is the Church, in her Head and in her members. He also builds up the Church in charity by the Word of God, the sacraments, the virtues, and charisms.

"What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the members of Christ, that is, the body of Christ, which is the Church." (Saint Augustine)



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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 7, 7PM:

+*Eduwiges e³ Bernardino Abued*

Tues May 8, 9AM:

+*Piedad, Jose, Mary Fernandes;*
+*Vinod Joshi*

Wed May 9, 7PM:

+*Louis D'Souza*

Thurs May 10, 9AM

+*Betty Simmonds*

Fri May 11, 7PM

+*Anthony Ramsawaksingh*

Sat May 12, 9AM

+*Bernardita Jamili*

Saturday, May 12

5:15PM: *Thanksgiving: Michael LaPorte*

Sunday, May 13

9AM: +*Petra Damasco Perlas*

12:15PM: *Thanksgiving for Mercedes Alon*

5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

VIGIL CANDLES

Sat, May 12—Friday, May 18

Sanctuary Tabernacle:
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Meets after 9AM Mass

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DEVOTIONS FOR EASTER

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays Of Easter: 4—5Pm

VOCATIONS

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people.

All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, call Fr. Chris Lemieux,

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Call Beth at 416-467-6492. Your intention will be emailed out to this prayer community. Only first name and intention will be shared.

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

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Total for 2017/18 achieved! \$2157.95

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.

Price: \$10. Sign-up sheet in foyer

1. Mass for Life @ 6AM;
2. depart from StJXXIII at 6:30AM;
3. depart Ottawa immediately after the March— 3PM;
4. washroom/coffee break at service centre going to Ottawa;
5. dinner break on the way back at service centre.

BUNDLE SUNDAY
TODAY

Saturday/Sunday—May 4/5/6

St Vincent d'Paul will be collecting gently used *clothing, shoes, linens and household goods* to support our neighbours in need and our residential programs. Please bring your donations and help others in your community.

The truck will be open all day Saturday and Sunday.
What an opportunity! Clean out your closets and drawers.

PLEASE

No construction materials, no books, no furniture, no dishes, no video/ audio cassettes.

SMILE

Prayer

Dear Lord,

So far I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm really glad about that.
But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed.
And from then on, I'm going to need a lot more help.

Now I lay me down to sleep.

I pray the Lord my shape to keep. Please no wrinkles
Please no bags. And please lift my backside before it sags.
Please no age spots. Please no grey. And as for my belly,
please take it away. Please keep me healthy. Please keep me young, and thank you Dear Lord
For all that you've done.

Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.
"Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you."
"Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

Johnny's mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. The cat was sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat's afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

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

PRAYER VIGIL FOR SEMINARIANS
BEING ORDAINED*Friday May 11—6pm-Midnight*

St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd, M1M 1M3
Parishioners are welcome to visit the Seminary on this date between 6PM & Midnight to pray for those to be Ordained to the Priesthood the following day.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Optional Memorial: Saints Nereus and Achilleus—Saturday, May 12, Martyrs: Devotion to these two saints goes back to the fourth century, though almost nothing is known of their lives. They were praetorian soldiers of the Roman army, became Christians, and were removed to the island of Terracina, where they were martyred. Their bodies were buried in a family vault, later known as the cemetery of Domitilla. Excavations by De Rossi in 1896 resulted in the discovery of their empty tomb in the underground church built by Pope Siricius in 390. Two hundred years after their deaths, Pope Gregory the Great delivered his 28th homily on the occasion of their feast. "These saints, before whom we are assembled, despised the world and trampled it under their feet when peace, riches and health gave it charms."

Reflection: As in the case of many early martyrs, the Church clings to its memories though the events are clouded in the mists of history. It is a heartening thing for all Christians to know that they have a noble heritage. Our brothers and sisters in Christ have stood in the same world in which we live—militaristic, materialistic, cruel and cynical—yet transfigured from within by the presence of the Living One. Our own courage is enlivened by the heroes and heroines who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith and the wounds of Christ.

*Optional Memorial: St Pancras—Saturday, May 12, Martyrs—*St. Pancras Railway Station in London got its name from an early Christian martyr about whom we have very little information. He is said to have been martyred at 14 during the persecution of Diocletian. He was buried in a cemetery which later was named after him. Pope Gregory the Great built a monastery for Benedictines and, when Augustine of Canterbury came to England, he named the first church he erected after Pancras. Hence the name of the railway station.

Pancras (Pancratius) appears in fictionalized form in Cardinal Wiseman's novel *Fabiola*. German farmers had a saying that three saints whose names are similar—Pancras, Servatz and Bonifatz—were the

"ice men" because it was often unseasonably chilly on their feast days, May 12, 13, 14.

Reflection: Again we have a saint about whom almost nothing is known, but whose life and death are cherished in the Church's memory. Details fall away or are mixed with legend. But a single, powerful fact remains: He died for Christ and his heroism sent a wave of inspiration through the Church of his day. It is good for us to share that feeling.

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 Friday May 11, 10 mins before the Mass and 10 mins before all weekday Masses; Sunday prayer will be at 4:20PM during the holy hour. Novena ends Saturday, May 19 at the morning Mass 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

"You Did Not Choose Me But I Chose You"



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*

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (Gen 22:16–18).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5–11).

In his love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all

nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham, but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7–9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ, and new life through Him.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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LET A CHILD DECIDE ABOUT BAPTISM?**Question**

What do I say to parents who tell me they will let their child decide on baptism?

Answer

It seems that the parents need instruction in the faith, or that their own faith is not strong. You should encourage them to go to Mass each Sunday and pray with the child at home, even if they are not having the child baptized. How will the child decide if he or she has never been taught anything about the Faith at all? This is just a recipe for having no religion and being ignorant, and ignorance is not a good way to prepare to make such an important decision. I doubt, however, that these parents know very much about the Faith. Encourage them cheerfully and maybe they will come around.

SHOULD I OFFER MASS FOR AN ATHEIST'S SOUL?**Question**

I would like feedback on whether one should have a Mass offered for someone who has died who was an atheist.

Answer

By all means, you may have a Mass offered for an atheist who has died. Obviously, he or she is not an atheist anymore! And should the person be in purgatory, the help received from the Holy Mass is considerable, especially if the atheist was originally baptized and so has the character of baptism, which relates the soul directly to receiving the fruits of divine worship.

IS TV MASS AS GOOD AS THE REAL THING?**Question**

Is watching Mass on television the same as going to Mass?

Answer

Watching Mass on TV is not the same as attending Mass and does not fulfill someone's Sunday/holy day obligation. However, if someone is unable to attend Mass, then there is no obligation to attend Mass. Being with the community of faith and in the presence of the eucharistic Lord is not the same as watching it on TV. After all, would you consider internet video chat with a loved one the exact same as being in the same room?

Now, even though they are not the same does not mean watching Mass is without merit or benefit. Continuing with the internet analogy, if you're unable to physically be with someone, being able to see them is a good second best. While watching Mass on TV someone can reflect upon the readings, hear the homily, and pray along with the community at that Mass. These all good and pious things that bring spiritual benefit. However, that benefit is not the same as being present in church with the Lord and receiving him in Communion.

YOUTH MINISTRY**Next God Squad Night: Easter Bible Study Series**

Friday, May 11, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

Next Kids of the Cross Night: Easter Bible Study Series

Friday, May 18, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

THE AWAKENING OF A GIANT**Movie Life of Saint Veronica Giuliani**

Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 7 & 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 12, 2018 @ 1, 6 & 8 p.m.

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.

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 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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