

SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH

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**Sunday Mass**

Sat Vigil Mass 5:15PM / Sun Mass 9AM, 12:15PM & 5:30PM.

(Weekdays: 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

Sacrament Of First Holy Communion**Grade 2 & Up****Registration**

Takes Place This October. Parents/Guardians Please Call Office For Appointment With Fr Simon

Bring To Appointment

Copy Of Baptismal Certificate Of Candidate (If Not Baptized At St JXXIII)
& \$12 For Program.

Mass Attendance

First Holy Communion Families Must Attend Mass Every Sunday

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Part Two

The Seven Sacraments of the Church

THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

251. How is Christian initiation brought about?

Christian initiation is accomplished by means of the sacraments which establish the foundations of Christian life. The faithful born anew by Baptism are strengthened by Confirmation and are then nourished by the Eucharist.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

252. What names are given to the first sacrament of initiation?

This sacrament is primarily called Baptism because of the central rite with which it is celebrated. To baptize means to "immerse" in water. The one who is baptized is immersed into the death of Christ and rises with him as a "new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This sacrament is also called the "bath of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5); and it is called "enlightenment" because the baptized becomes "a son of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

253. How is Baptism prefigured in the Old Covenant?

In the Old Covenant Baptism was pre-figured in various ways: water, seen as source of life and of death; in the Ark of Noah, which saved by means of water; in the passing through the Red Sea, which liberated Israel from Egyptian slavery; in the crossing of the Jordan River, that brought Israel into the promised land which is the image of eternal life.

254. Who brought to fulfillment those prefigurations?

All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. At the beginning of his public life Jesus had himself baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan. On the cross, blood and water, signs of Baptism and the Eucharist, flowed from his pierced side. After his Resurrection he gave to his apostles this mission: "Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

255. Starting when and to whom has the Church administered Baptism?

From the day of Pentecost, the Church has administered Baptism to anyone who believes in Jesus Christ.

256. In what does the essential rite of Baptism consist?

The essential rite of this sacrament consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water over his or her head while invoking the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

257. Who can receive Baptism?

Every person not yet baptized is able to receive Baptism.

FAMILY AT THE HEART OF SERVICE

A gathering of families in the Archdiocese of Toronto with Archbishop Cardinal Thomas Collins

Saturday, November 17, 2018

9AM to 4PM

Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish

625 Middlefield Rd, Scarborough

—FREE—

Join us for a family-friendly day of inspirational talks from Cardinal Collins and families, prayer, praise and worship, and hands-on service activities.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1Peter 4:10

PLEASE REGISTER TODAY AT

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CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

2018 Benefit Dinner—Spotlight on Iraq

Saturday, November 17, 2018

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www.wwme.org or contact:

Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Oct 15, 7PM:

+Renato Lazaga

Tues Oct 16, 9AM:

+Rufino e³ Antonio Alon

Wed Oct 17, 7PM:

+Felipa Sabagun Corpuz

Thurs Oct 18, 9AM

+Moises Aglipay

Fri Oct 19, 7PM

+Eduviges e³ Bernardino Abued

Sat Oct 20, 9AM

+Khalib Palarca

Saturday, October 20

5:15PM: +Jean McNeill

Sunday, October 21

9AM: +Allyrine Joy deCastro

12:15PM: +Editha Vitasa

5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

FAMILY ENRICHMENT RETREAT

*Families of St JXXIII Parish You are Invited to a Family Enrichment Retreat***Saturday, November 3, 2018**Begins with Mass @ 9AM until 4PM in Parish Hall
Interested Families please register with CWL no later than October 21

Cost: Free

Simple lunch will be served

To register: Call Elaine Shaver 647-713-1198

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.

YOUTH CHOIR: Grd 7 & Up:

Sing 2nd Sunday @ 5:30PM

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

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

VIGIL CANDLES

Sat, October 20—Friday, October 26

Sanctuary Tabernacle:

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—\$???

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

Philippine Relief Collection

\$1,526.

CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Total for 2018/19 \$000.00:

Next Collection is Sunday, October 28

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
OVERNIGHT VIGIL—ADORATION CHAPELNEXT **First Friday: November 2**Vigil Begins Fri 7:30PM and ends Sat 7:30AM/ Info: Elaine
647-713-1198

SACRAMENT OF HOLY

CONFIRMATION

Mass & Session 2

Wednesday, October 24 @ 7PM

All Candidates for Confirmation must
attend Mass & Session

COME & SEE WEEKEND
ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Weekend of November 2 - 4, 2018

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to 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. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more info: 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org.



VOCATIONS

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream.

Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

For the Society of St Vincent dePaul

Truck will be in our carpark THIS weekend of Oct 13—14

ACCEPTING

All Clothing
(any condition)

All Footwear
(any condition)

Bedding
(Any condition)

Drapery/Towels
Toys
(new or nearly new)

DON'T ACCEPT

Books
(any kind)

Construction Material
(any condition)

Dishes
(any kind)

Furniture
(any condition)

Video/Audio Cassettes

SMILE

Poetry

That's not my age; it's just not true.
My heart is young; the time just flew.
I'm staring at this strange old face,
And someone else is in my place!

Roses are red.
Violets are blue.

God made me pretty.
What happened to you!

Last night I held a lovely hand,
It was so small and neat,
I thought my heart with joy would burst
So wild was every beat.
No other hand unto my heart
Could greater pleasure bring
Than the one so dear I held last night.
Four Aces and a King

PRAY FOR THE OCTOBER
MISSION INTENTION

Evangelization – The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may rouse themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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 5:40 P.M. Come for a few minutes or an hour and keep watch with the others, the Lord. Pray for Church, your family, yourself.



BIRTHRIGHT

Volunteers Required

Birtright, a pro-life crisis pregnancy service, needs your help. Volunteers, men and women, are needed to assist those facing an unplanned pregnancy, to provide support and comfort as well as practical solutions. Training is provided. Do you have time to offer 3 or 4 hours a week in a life-saving cause? Info: 416-469-1111 or toronto@birthright.org.

FEAST DAY OF ST POPE JOHN XXIII

Patron Saint of Our Parish

TODAY: Sat/Sun Oct 14

We celebrate with Fine Dining in the Hall after all Masses

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Memorial: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr—

Wednesday, October 17: Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.

Reflection: Ignatius's great concern was for the unity and order of the Church. Even greater was his willingness to suffer martyrdom rather than deny his Lord Jesus Christ. He did not draw attention to his own suffering, but to the love of God which strengthened him. He knew the price of commitment and would not deny Christ, even to save his own life.



FEAST: St Luke, Evangelist—Thursday, October 18: Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy

Reflection: Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

Saint Luke is the Patron Saint of: Artists/Painters, Brewers, Butchers, Notaries, Physicians/Surgeons



HUMANITARIAN RELIEF –INDONESIA & PHILIPPINES

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:
www.archtoronto.org
 - By phone through the Development Office –
416-934-3411
 - Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – 2018 Philippines – Disaster Relief
OR Name of Parish – 2018 Indonesia – Disaster Relief
- We offer our prayers for all those impacted by these natural disasters. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to assist those in crisis.

WARD 11: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, October 18 – 7:30 pm

St. Brigid's Parish (300 Wolverleigh Blvd, between Coxwell and Woodbine Ave. two blocks north of the Danforth) is hosting an all-candidates meeting and discussion for the Catholic Trustee position in Ward 11 on Thursday, October 18th at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Church Hall. All are invited to attend. St John XXIII School is in Ward 11 / Election Date: Oct 22

"For Humans It Is Impossible, But Not For God; For God All Things Are Possible"

Jesus



This Sunday's Readings: *Wisdom 7:7–11; Psalm 90:12–17; Hebrews 4:12–13; Mark 10:17–30*

The rich young man in today's Gospel wanted to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He sought what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviours to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look

of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see Revelation 1:14).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us."

Scott Hahn

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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**SHOULD I FINANCIALLY SUPPORT
A PROTESTANT CHURCH?****Question**

May or should Catholics donate to a nondenominational church when that is the request in lieu of flowers?

Answer

I infer you're speaking of honouring the memory of someone who has died and who apparently wasn't Catholic. Given that the Protestant church in question has teaching at odds with Catholicism to one extent or another, I would instead counsel you do one of three things:

1. Give to a non-religious charity your friend/relative supported, and let their family know that.
2. Give to a good Catholic cause in honor of your friend/relative, in which you case you may not want to let the family know, at least during their time of bereavement
3. Have a Mass or Masses offered for the repose of the person's soul, particularly if he or she is indeed not Catholic.

Regarding the first option, if you're not sure, you could discretely ask someone who was a mutual friend. Regarding the third option, that might be your best choice, and all concerned may one day be very grateful for your consideration, even if they may not appreciate it at the moment.

**ANIMA CHRISTI:
A Mystical Prayer**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me,
And bid me come to you,
That with your saints I may praise you
Forever and ever. Amen.

ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL**Is now considering applications for September 2019**

Our School is the only independent Catholic school for boys from Grade 7 to 12. Open Houses for interested parents and their sons will be held on Thurs, Oct 18 & Tues, Oct 23: 7:30PM-9:30PM. Location: 1515 Bathurst St (at St Clair Av West). While St Michael's is an dependent school we offer a generous bursary programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

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**CWL OF SAINT JOHN XXIII PRESENTS****2018 Raffle Tickets Sales Campaign
Supporting the Parishes' Projects**

Cost: \$1 a ticket, a rim or bundle @ \$20

Prizes: **1st** prize-\$1,000/**2nd** prize - \$600 / **3rd** prize - \$400

Launch: Sat, June 23 after the 5:15 mass

Draw: Nov 2018, CWL 4th Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance fund-raising event – TBA. Info: Veronica Gomez at nonic11@yahoo.ca Lolita @lolitaperry@rogers.com or (647)273-2147; or any fellow CWL member

YOUTH MINISTRY*Upcoming Youth Events***Next God Squad Night: Social**

Fri, Oct 12, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

Next Kids of the Cross Night: Social

Fri, Oct 19, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

9th Annual Mass to End Woman Abuse

THIS **Thursday, October 18 - 7 p.m.**

**St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
75 Churchill Avenue, North York**

Catholic Family Services of Toronto and St. Edward the Confessor Parish (75 Churchill Avenue, North York) and their CWL Council will host the 9th Annual Mass to End Woman Abuse on Thurs, Oct 18 at 7PM. This annual event hopes to raise awareness about abuse of women and girls. Prior to the Mass, brief presentations will be made about our Violence Against Women programs. After Mass, there will be a gathering with light refreshments in the Church Hall. We invite you to join us as we take action in the fight to end women abuse. Info: email info@cfstoronto.com or call 416-921-1163.

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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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Are you planning to space your children and feel unsure of the family planning system you're using?

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Would you like to follow your faith but don't know a reliable, scientific family planning method?

FertilityCare Toronto can help.

Do you have health concerns and want to learn more about your body and gynecologic health?

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Are you suffering from infertility or recurrent miscarriage and don't know where to turn for effective help?

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Contact/Info 416-465-2868 www.fertilitycare.ca /