

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 HOLY CONFIRMATION GRADE 7 & UP

Registration

Takes Place This Month Of September. Parents/Guardians Please Call Office For Appointment With Fr Simon

Bring To Appointment

Copy Of Baptismal Certificate Of Confirmandi; (If Not Baptized At St Jxxiii)

\$34 For YouCat Bible.

Mass Attendance

Confirmand Must Attend Mass Every Sunday

Sponsor

Who Will Be The Sponsor For The Mass Of Confirmation?

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Part Two

The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

224. What are the sacraments and which are they?

The sacraments, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, are efficacious signs of grace perceptible to the senses. Through them divine life is bestowed upon us. There are seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

225. What is the relationship of the sacraments to Christ?

The mysteries of Christ's life are the foundations of what he would henceforth dispense in the sacraments, through the ministers of his Church.

"What was visible in our Savior has passed over into his mysteries." (Saint Leo the Great)

226. What is the link between the sacraments and the Church?

Christ has entrusted the sacraments to his Church. They are the sacraments "of the Church" in a twofold sense: they are "from her" insofar as they are actions of the Church which is the sacrament of Christ's action; and they are "for her" in as much as they build up the Church.

227. What is the sacramental character?

It is a spiritual "seal" bestowed by the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. It is a promise and guarantee of divine protection. By virtue of this seal the Christian is configured to Christ, participates in a variety of ways in his priesthood and takes his part in the Church according to different states and functions. He is, therefore, set apart for divine worship and the service of the Church. Because this character is indelible the sacraments that impress it on the soul are received only once in life.

228. What is the relationship between the sacraments and faith?

The sacraments not only presuppose faith but with words and ritual elements they nourish, strengthen, and express it. By celebrating the sacraments, the Church professes the faith that comes from the apostles. This explains the origin of the ancient saying, "lex orandi, lex credendi," that is, the Church believes as she prays.

229. Why are the sacraments efficacious?

The sacraments are efficacious ex opere operato ("by the very fact that the sacramental action is performed") because it is Christ who acts in the sacraments and communicates the grace they signify. The efficacy of the sacraments does not depend upon the personal holiness

of the minister. However, the fruits of the sacraments do depend on the dispositions of the one who receives them.

230. For what reason are the sacraments necessary for salvation?

For believers in Christ the sacraments, even if they are not all given to each of the faithful, are necessary for salvation because they confer sacramental grace, forgiveness of sins, adoption as children of God, conformation to Christ the Lord and membership in the Church. The Holy Spirit heals and transforms those who receive the sacraments.

231. What is sacramental grace?

Sacramental grace is the grace of the Holy Spirit which is given by Christ and is proper to each sacrament. This grace helps the faithful in their journey toward holiness and so assists the Church as well to grow in charity and in her witness to the world.

232. What is the relationship between the sacraments and everlasting life?

In the sacraments the Church already receives a foretaste of eternal life, while "awaiting in blessed hope, the appearing in glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus" (Titus 2:13).

ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Takes place in the Adoration Chapel

Every Friday: 9AM to 6PM, concludes with evening Benediction at for a few hour and keep Lord. Pray for Church, your



to 6PM, concludes prayer and 5:40PM. Come minutes or an watch with the others, the family, yourself.

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 18 & 19 at 8:30 am

St. Philip Neri Parish

2100 Jane St., Toronto

Come to venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina on the occasion of the 50th commemoration anniversary of his passing. A Mass in honour St. Padre Pio will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. For information about the public veneration, please call 416-241-3101 or send an email to parish@stphilipneri.ca.

NOTE

Tomorrow is the Labour Day Holiday — Mass is at 10AM

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Sep 3, **10AM:**

+*Joeven Tabinga*

Tues Sep 4, **9AM:**

+*Fr Garnet Sauve*

Wed Sep 5, **7PM:**

+*Celedonia Calingasan*

Thurs Sep 6, **9AM**

+*Joeven Tabinga*

Fri Sep 7, **7PM**

+*Rigoberto Manabat*

Sat Sep 8, **9AM**

+*Catilina Garcia*

Saturday, September 8

5:15PM: +*Souls in Purgatory*

Sunday, September 9

9AM: *Thanksgiving of Willie Alon e's Family*

12:15PM: *Thanksgiving of Pamintuan Family*

5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

VIGIL CANDLES

Sat, September 8—Friday, September 14

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.

AMBRIES

Cost was \$3744.

To date—Donations: \$2486.

HYMN BOOKS

Donated: \$ 3,895.25

Cost: \$6,000

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$2933.30

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

Fr Giovanni's Mission Appeal

\$2786.50

Kerala India—Flood Relief

\$100 to date

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

CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Total for 2018/19 \$000.00:

Next Collection is Sunday, September 23

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

OVERNIGHT VIGIL—ADORATION CHAPEL

COMING **First Friday: Sept 7**

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

Sacrament Of First Holy

Communion

Grade 2 & Up

Registration

Takes Place Next Month In 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

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Big Thank You Parishioners

Total sales + donations: \$2215.65—Expenses: \$692.53

MSG cash going in to treasury: \$1523.12

A SUPPORT FOR THE NURSING COMMUNITY

At the end of June, the Canadian chapter of the National Association of Catholic Nurses officially launched, with a Mass at the Newman Centre in Toronto.

Below, President-Elect Helen McGee – a psychiatric nurse and Advanced Practice Clinical Leader – explains the organization's mission and why this type of support is needed for Canadian nurses. Her opinions do not represent those of her employer.

1. What is the association's mission?

The association supports and strengthens the vocation of nurses and other health professionals within the apostolic tradition of the Catholic Church. It invites health practitioners to anchor their personal lives and professional practice in the Word, nourished through the sacraments, and in witness to Christ...

2. How does membership benefit Canadian Catholic nurses?

Our association links Canadian health professionals with support and resources that promote our mission....

3. Why is fellowship important for Catholic nurses in Canada at this time?

...Recent developments, such as legalizing assisted suicide in Canada, present urgent challenges in clinical and academic settings. Catholic health professionals need safe spaces and support to deal with their current isolation and moral distress.

4. How has the battle over conscience rights impacted nurses?

...The current battle over conscience rights shows that we need the support of colleagues, prayer and participation in the sacraments to effectively navigate academic and clinical settings.

5. How has the nursing field changed for Catholic practitioners– and how does the association respond to these changes?

Nursing practice always involves moral issues.... Our association supports members as they develop effective strategies to achieve accommodation of their moral decisions and continue to care for patients in the context of legal but morally controversial procedures.

For more information on NACN-Canada, or to become a member, email nacn.canada@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father ...".

God's gifts should prompt a response of gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life or diaconate, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

PRAY FOR THE SEPTEMBER

MISSION INTENTION

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

SMILE

NY Traffic School Exam Answers

Q: Who has the right of way when four cars approach a four-way stop at the same time?

A: The pick-up truck with the gun rack and the bumper sticker saying, "Guns don't kill people. I do."

Q: When driving through fog, what should you use?

A: Your steering wheel.

Q: What is the difference between a flashing red traffic light and a flashing yellow traffic light?

A: The colour.

Q: How do you deal with heavy traffic?

A: Heavy psychedelics.

Car Identity Crisis:

Q: When is a car not a car?

A: When it turns into a parking lot.

Q: What did the traffic light say to the car?

A: Don't look, I'm changing.

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN DISCERNMENT RETREAT

*Saturday, Sep 15, 9AM at St. Philip Neri Parish
2100 Jane St., Toronto*

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars invite young men from the age of 18 to 40 to join them in discerning a religious and priestly vocation. We will share our life as religious men, following the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, Padre Pio and blessed Solanus Casey. If you are interested in joining us, we look forward to meeting you.

CONTACT: Fr. Louis

PHONE: 226-881-0065

EMAIL: friarlouiscap@yahoo.ca

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Memorial: **St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor—Monday, September 3:** Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope’s seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of “Gregorian” chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, Pastoral Care, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called “the Great,” Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.



An Anglican historian has written: “It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great.”

Reflection: Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work. Gregory’s description of bishops as physicians fits in well with Pope Francis’ description of the Church as a “field hospital.”

Saint Gregory the Great is the Patron Saint of: England, Epilepsy, Musicians, Teachers

Options Memorial: **BLESSED DINA BELANGER—Tuesday, September 4:** Blessed Dina Belanger was born and baptized on 30 April 1897 in St-Roch, Québec, the daughter of Olivier Octave Belanger & Séraphia Matte. Her parents lived at 168 Notre Dame Parish of Jacques Cartier, Portneuf County. Dina was baptized at St. Roch, Québec. She studied music and planned to become a concert pianist. While studying in New York, Dina lived with the Religious of Jesus-Mary. She returned home and decided to enter the religious life in the Congregation of Jesus-Marie at Sillery, where the nuns had their mother house. She entered the convent at the age of 24, in August 1921. She entered the order of Jesus-Marie in February 1922 and received the name Sister Marie Sainte-Cécile of Rome and took her final vows on 25 August 1923. As a nun, Dina Belanger taught music.



On two occasions the sisters sent her to teach at Saint-Michel of Bellechasse but both times, illness brought her back to Sillery where she stayed (teaching music) until her death. She could have taught in many areas as she had excelled in all her studies but due to her having shown such great talent in music at a young age and her continued education at the Conservatory of New York from 1916 to 1918, her superiors judged her best qualified to teach music.

"For It Is From Within, From The Human Heart, That Evil Things Come"

Jesus

The human heart

- As a man thinks in his heart so he is (*Pv 23:7*)
- out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts (*Mk 7:21*)
- But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. (*Lk 2:19*)



This Sunday's Readings: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23*

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honour God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us — the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honour.

"Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service?

Scott Hahn

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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WHAT IF ONE SPOUSE WANTS A BREAK FROM INTIMACY?

Question

If a husband and wife have multiple children, and one spouse feels emotionally and physically that a break from pregnancy is needed but one spouse will not abstain, what should be done?

Answer

I would counsel that the one spouse defer to the other spouse who feels emotionally and physically that a break from seeking to become pregnant is needed. As Bl. Paul VI wrote:

With regard to physical, economic, psychological and social conditions, responsible parenthood is exercised by those who prudently and generously decide to have more children, and by those who, for serious reasons and with due respect to moral precepts, decide not to have additional children for either a certain or an indefinite period of time (Humanae Vitae 10).

Taking such a conjugal break is how, for example, a husband can sacrificially lay down his life for his wife (see Eph. 5:25). St. Paul also specifically encourages couples to take needed breaks from conjugal intimacy (1 Cor. 7:5).

Perhaps you could get also the helpful advice of good married Catholic friends and/or your parish pastor. If necessary, consulting a good marriage counselor who is respectful of your Catholic faith could also be helpful.

SHOULDN'T THE EUCHARIST HEAL PEOPLE?

Question

If the Eucharist is really Christ, shouldn't it heal sick or wounded people who receive it?

Answer

Not necessarily. By that reasoning, the sacrament of baptism should accomplish the same thing, because we receive God in his divinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in receiving baptism. And while baptism washes away our sins and gives us the gift of sanctifying grace—and there is nothing greater than that—the healing of sick or wounded people typically doesn't accompany reception of baptism.

Similarly, in the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Christ in his divinity as well as his glorified body, blood, soul, and divinity, but physical healings don't typically accompany reception of the Eucharist. And yet, again, we receive an increase of sanctifying grace and grow closer to our Lord Jesus, and so we truly experience a foretaste of heaven.



CWL OF SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH COUNCIL 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

Carla Yousef—our youth minister returns to for September.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND: HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES—MISSISSAUGA

September 14, 6:00 pm

At a hotel located in Mississauga, close to Highway 401

If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated, but want to try again then Retrouvaille can help. If you and your spouse want your marriage to work and are willing to put in a full weekend of hard work and your best effort, then you are invited to attend a Retrouvaille Weekend. Retrouvaille is a program to help married couples through difficult times in their marriage relationships. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Retrouvaille follows the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, couples of other faith expressions are also welcome. 416-281-6007; www.torontoretrovaille.com

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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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Is your family complete and are wondering what comes next for family panning? **FertilityCare** Toronto can help.

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