

## 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**

## CELEBRATING THE LITURGY OF THE CHURCH

**233. Who acts in the liturgy?**

In the liturgy it is the whole Christ (Christus Totus) who acts, Head and Body. As our High Priest he celebrates with his body, which is the Church in heaven and on earth.

**234. Who celebrates the heavenly liturgy?**

The heavenly liturgy is celebrated by the angels, by the saints of the Old and New Testament, particularly the Mother of God, by the Apostles, by the martyrs, and by the "great multitude which no one could number from every nation, race, people, and tongue." (Rev7:9). When we celebrate the mystery of our salvation in the sacraments we participate in this eternal liturgy.

**235. How does the Church on earth celebrate the liturgy?**

The Church on earth celebrates the liturgy as a priestly people in which each one acts according to his proper function in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The baptized offer themselves in a spiritual sacrifice; the ordained ministers celebrate according to the Order they received for the service of all the members of the Church; the bishops and priests act in the Person of Christ the Head.

**236. How is the liturgy celebrated?**

The celebration of the liturgy is interwoven with signs and symbols whose meaning is rooted in creation and in human culture. It is determined by the events of the Old Testament and is fully revealed in the Person and work of Christ.

**237. From where do the sacramental signs come?**

Some come from created things (light, water, fire, bread, wine, oil); others come from social life (washing, anointing, breaking of bread). Still others come from the history of salvation in the Old Covenant (the Passover rites, the sacrifices, the laying on of hands, the consecrations). These signs, some of which are normative and unchangeable, were taken up by Christ and are made the bearers of his saving and sanctifying action.

**238. What is the link between the actions and the words in the celebration of the sacraments?**

Actions and words are very closely linked in the celebration of the sacraments. Indeed, even if the symbolic actions are already in themselves a language, it is necessary that the words of the rite accompany and give life to these actions. The liturgical words and actions are inseparable both insofar as they are meaningful signs and insofar as they bring about what they signify.

**239. What are the criteria for the proper use of singing and music in liturgical celebrations?**

Since song and music are closely connected with liturgical action they must respect the following criteria. They should conform to Catholic doctrine in their texts, drawn preferably from Sacred Scripture and liturgical sources.

They should be a beautiful expression of prayer. The music should be of a high quality. Song and music should encourage the participation of the liturgical assembly. They should express the cultural richness of the People of God and the sacred and solemn character of the celebration. "He who sings, prays twice" (Saint Augustine).

**240. What is the purpose of holy images?**

The image of Christ is the liturgical icon par excellence. Other images, representations of Our Lady and of the Saints, signify Christ who is glorified in them. They proclaim the same Gospel message that Sacred Scripture communicates by the word and they help to awaken and nourish the faith of believers.

**ST. THERESE of Lisieux****Novena & Feast Day 2018**

- 1<sup>st</sup> day – Sep 22 – Saturday @ 8:40 am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day – Sep 23 – Sunday @ 10:00 am Chapel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> day - Sep 24 – Monday @ 6:40 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> day - Sep 25 – Tuesday @ 8:40 am
- 5<sup>th</sup> day - Sep 26 - Wednesday @ 6:40 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> day – Sep 27 - Thursday @ 8:40 am
- 7<sup>th</sup> day- Sep 28 – Friday @ 6:40 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> day- Sep 29 – Saturday @ 8:40 am
- 9<sup>th</sup> day – Sep 30 – Sunday @ 10:00 am Chapel

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 7:00pm– Feast Day**

**ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*****Takes place in the Adoration Chapel***

Every Friday:  
concludes with  
and Benediction  
Come for a few  
hour and keep  
Lord. Pray for



9AM to 6PM,  
evening prayer  
at 5:40 P.M.  
minutes or an  
watch with the  
others, the

**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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Sep 10, PM:

*Intention of Marjorie Lacho*

Tues Sep 11, 9AM:

*+Joven Tabinga*

Wed Sep 12, 7PM:

*+Mariam e Vivian Maltese*

Thurs Sep 13, 9AM

*+Brigida Lauzon*

Fri Sep 14, 7PM

*Thanksgiving of Fernandes Family*

Sat Sep 15, 9AM

*Thnksg for 90<sup>th</sup> B-day of Porfiria Mabalbin***Saturday, September 15**5:15PM: *+Lourđina Figueiredo***Sunday, September 16**9AM: *Thnksgv: Lenita Eborae e Emmy Lou Villanueva*12:15PM: *+Emerenciana Labra*5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

## VIGIL CANDLES

**Sat, September 15—Friday, September 21**Sanctuary Tabernacle: **+Elizado Congzon; Wdd Annv of Gerry & Josie**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of Month

## COFFEE SUNDAY

**Last Sun of the Month**

9AM Mass &amp; 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—\$3,225**

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

**Kerala India—Flood Relief**

\$400 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 &amp; Up:

Sing 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 5:30PM

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

**Sing 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 CHAPELNEXT **First Friday: October 5**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, explains the organization's mission...

### 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](mailto:nacn.canada@gmail.com).*

## VOCATIONS

*Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom?*

Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997  
[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## PRAY FOR THE SEPT MISSION INTENTION

### *Young People in Africa*

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

## SMILE

### *Optimist:*

A college student who opens his wallet and expects to find money.

### *The Devil & The Saint*

Two college students, Frank and Matt, are riding on a New York City subway when a beggar approaches them asking for spare change. Frank adamantly rejects the man in disgust. Matt, on the other hand, whips out his wallet, pulls out a couple of singles and gladly hands them over to the beggar with a smile. The beggar thanks him kindly and then continues on to the other passengers. Frank is outraged by his friend's act of generosity. "What on earth did you do that for?" shouts Frank. "You know he's only going to use it on drugs or booze." Matt replies, "And we weren't?"

## 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](mailto:friarlouiscap@yahoo.ca)

## NOVENA TO ST POPE JOHN XXIII

### *Patron Saint of Our Parish*

Begins October 5 & Ends On October 13

Novena is recited 15 Minutes before the Weekday Masses

On Sunday, Nov 14, Novena will be recited during the Holy Hour—4-5PM

FEAST DAY: Sat/Sun Oct 14

We will celebrate with Fine Dining in the Hall after all Masses

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**FEAST: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—**

*Friday, September 14:* Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

*Reflection:* The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. *To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty.* It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's



authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods.

**MEMORIAL: OUR LADY OF SORROWS—Saturday,**

*September 15:* For a while there were two feasts in honour of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

*Reflection:* John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church; the beloved disciple represents all believers. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, he handed over his Spirit. Mary and the Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God—almost an echo of Luke's account of Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history.



## ***"He Makes The Deaf To Hear And The Dumb To Speak"***

St Mark



**This Sunday's Readings:** *Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146:7-10; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37*

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon, or "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1-5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

Scott Hahn

## CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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WHY DO WE PRAISE GOD?

### Question

Why do we praise God?

### Answer

Imagine someone who never grew up being told to say thank you. Such a person would never be really be appreciative of anything he received in life because he would simply expect it to be done. He would have no appreciation for the hard work, sacrifices, or generosity of others. And while others might simply shrug off his lack of appreciation, he missing out on a part of life that comes from appreciating others and being grateful for what we receive.

The Prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers speaks well when it states:

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

We give praise first and foremost because it is right to praise God's goodness. After all, God could be less merciful and still be perfectly just.

The praise we give to God is partly our just duty to God but also helps to keep us mindful of God's goodness and love.

As the Preface IV for weekdays states:

For, although you have no need of our praise,  
yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift,  
since our praises add nothing to your  
greatness,  
but profit us for salvation . . .

If we fail to appreciate God's goodness and mercy and fail to grasp his generosity in our lives, we stunt our spiritual growth. We would risk falling into the sin of presumption and losing our salvation.

**CAN ANYONE ACHIEVE HEROIC VIRTUE?**

### Question

Can anyone achieve heroic virtue?

### Answer

Jesus reminds in Scripture that "with God all things are possible" (Mat19:26). Of course, we must cooperate with God's grace. In the Sermon on the Mount (Mat 5-7), Jesus provides us with a blueprint for holiness, without which heroic virtue cannot be attained.

Indeed, if heroic virtue is to be attained, we must strive to "seek first [God's] kingdom and his righteousness" (Mat6:33), realizing, as St. Paul proclaims, that we "can do all things in him who strengthens me" (2Cor12:8-10). In the process, Jesus reminds us, we must exercise radically childlike faith, because the road to eternal life is narrow and hard (Mat7:13-14). So we must be committed, like a great athlete, to undergo redemptive suffering so that our virtue may be refined, realizing that God's "power is made perfect in weakness" (2Cor. 12:8-10). And, as we progress in virtue, we will increasingly attain the incomparable peace of Christ that



## 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](mailto:nonic11@yahoo.ca) Lolita @lolitaperry@rogers.com or (647)273-2147; or any fellow CWL member

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Announcements

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break. Looking forward to seeing everyone and introducing you to baby Luke. Praying for the Lord's peace and joy on our ministry this year, excited to see God's work in our lives as we begin a fresh start together.

#### **New Series from Formed: Who am I to judge?**

We are living in a relativistic culture. Society tends to say that there is no absolute right or wrong for everyone.

Some here may agree with that statement, while others may accept that there is a moral standard, but struggle to convincingly explain that moral conviction to others. Many of us likely shy away from the topic of morality out of fear of offending others or being labelled "intolerant." We are all affected daily by this relativistic worldview. Join us for a powerful 8-part series called Who Am I to Judge? where we will answer the question: How do we talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth?

#### *Upcoming Youth Events*

##### *Next God Squad Night: Lesson*

Friday, September 14, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

##### *Next Kids of the Cross Night: Lesson*

Friday, September 21, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

## 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 follows the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, couples of other faith expressions are also welcome. 416-281-6007; [www.torontoretrovaille.com](http://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.

## FERTILITYCARE TORONTO

### ***Catholic Women's Fertility Health***

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

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