

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, March 6

School Mass with distribution of the Ashes takes place
at 10:35AM

Parish Mass with distribution of Ashes takes place
at 7PM

DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday

Please see inside bulletin for minimum requirements
and age requirements for fasting and abstinence.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**PART THREE****LIFE IN CHRIST**

God's Salvation: Law and Grace
THE CHURCH MOTHER AND TEACHER

429. How does the Church nourish the moral life of a Christian?

The Church is the community in which the Christian receives the Word of God, the teachings of the "Law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2), and the grace of the sacraments. Christians are united to the Eucharistic sacrifice of Christ in such a way that their moral life is an act of spiritual worship; and they learn the example of holiness from the Virgin Mary and the lives of the Saints.

430. Why does the Magisterium of the Church act in the field of morality?

It is the duty of the Magisterium (teaching authority) of the Church to preach the faith that is to be believed and put into practice in life. This duty extends even to the specific precepts (rules) of the natural law because their observance is necessary for salvation.

431. What purpose do the precepts of the Church have?

The five precepts (rules) of the Church are meant to guarantee for the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer, the sacramental life, moral commitment and growth in love of God and neighbour.

432. What are the precepts (rules) of the Church?

They are: **1)** to attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation and to refrain from work and activities which could impede the sanctification of those days; **2)** to confess one's sins, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year; **3)** to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; **4)** to abstain from eating meat and to observe the days of fasting established by the Church; and **5)** to help to provide for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

433. Why is the Christian moral life indispensable for the proclamation of the Gospel?

Because their lives are conformed to the Lord Jesus, Christians draw others to faith in the true God, build up the Church, inform the world with the spirit of the Gospel, and hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.

DVD LENDING LIBRARY**Please Return DVDs**

Do you have a DVD at home which you have forgotten to return? Lent it out? Please get them back!
Many of the DVDs have been missing for too long.

RENOVATIONS**Ceiling**

No installation of ceiling for insulation. After consultation with an architect parishioner from Annunciation parish, his advice is that an insulated ceiling will greatly increase summer temperatures in the Church; this would necessitate air-conditioning be installed for June to August hot period. We cannot afford to install both.

Church Air-Conditioning

However, if we install air-conditioning this could also serve as additional heaters in the extreme cold temperatures of winter. This is an affordable option and we are now looking into actual costs.

Heaters

Replacement of Entrance heaters: \$13,000. The recent cold weather revealed that they are no longer functioning properly.

Doors

Replacement of all 6 Building doors. One estimate for all exterior doors of Church—\$19,000. Too much money, we will have to limit door replacement to front entrance and emergency exit from church.

REFUGEES**Can You Help?**

St John XXIII parish is co-sponsoring, along with a community of Catholics from the Mid-East, here in Toronto, three (3) refugees in Turkey who fled Iran in fear of their lives because they converted to Christianity and were being persecuted for this. The Office of Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT), will be handling the paperwork.

Unfortunately, we have learnt that Immigration Canada no longer allows siblings to enter Canada as family members, this means that these sisters have to be financially treated separately. Single sister is \$18,000 and mother and son are now \$27,000 which comes to a total of \$45,000 needs to be raised. These monies will ensure rent, food, and other living expenses for the first year in Canada. This money is required by immigration Canada so that the family will have a year to settle and find jobs. ORAT's office will bank these monies in a joint account with the Sponsoring group of Mid-East Catholics.

We cannot despair! "Love bears all things, hopes all things, believes all things, endures all things". If it is God's will that we help them enter Canada, then the Lord will provide funding for them.

DONATIONS

Donated: \$1,850

Pledge: \$5,000.

Total: \$6,850.00



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, March 4, 7PM:

Thanksgiving of E.J: B-day

Tues March 5, 9AM:

Thanksgiving: Violeta Aurelio

Wed March 6, 7PM:

Thanksgiving of Fe: B-day

Thurs March 7, 9AM

+Caridad e³ +Eugenio Palconit / Thnksgr

Fri March 8, 7PM

+Antonio Hernandez

Sat March 9, 9AM

*+Antonio Hernandez***Saturday, March 9**5:15PM: *+Tony Mohan***Sunday, March 10**9AM: *The Parishioners*12:15PM: *+Sandhurst e³ +Raj Family*5:30PM: *Leonida Aglipay*

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, March 9—Friday, March 15
Sanctuary Tabernacle: Rodolfo Naval Sr.
Chapel Tabernacle:

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000

CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Total for 2018/19 \$1,027. Next Collection—March 24

VIGIL

First Friday Overnight Vigil

Fri/Sat March 1/2, 7:30PM—12AM **TEMPORARY TIME CHANGE**
 In Adoration Chapel

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$2360.

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

PRAY FOR THE POPES MARCH

MISSION INTENTION

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**FIRST HOLY
 COMMUNION**
**2nd Test is in Feb/
 March**
**Call office when Child
 is ready for test.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Need Prayer Help?

Call Beth at 416-467-6492. Your intention will be emailed

VOCATIONS

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain".

Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto
 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

RETRouvaille WEEKEND: HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Friday, April 26, 6:00 pm

At a hotel located in Mississauga, Ontario, 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. This program will give you the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will also give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

416-281-6007 or info@torontoretrovaille.com

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PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & CENTRAL ITALY

May 5, 2019

With Fr. Bernard Messier, Companions of the Cross.

13 days in the footsteps of 30 Italian saints. Price includes all costs except nine lunches at \$4599 per person (double occupancy). Departing from Toronto.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION

Mass & Stations of the Cross

Fri, March 8 @ 7PM—8PM

Parents & Sponsors Meetings

Wed, March 13 @ 7:30PM—8:15PM

Reception of Nicene Creed

Sat March 16, 5:15PM Mass

Mass & Session 5

Wed, March 20: 7PM—9PM

DATE—CORRECTIONS

Rehearsal

Friday, May 17 @ 7:30PM (not May 4)

Retreat

Sat, May 18 @ 9:30AM-NOON (not May 5)

Confirmation Mass Date

Sat, May 18 (not May 5)

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

March 10: Sunday—10AM (in Chapel) / March 11: Monday—6:40PM / March 12: Tuesday—9:40AM / March 13: Wednesday—6:40PM / March 14: Thursday—9:40AM / March 15: Friday—6:40PM / March 16: Saturday—8:40AM / March 17: Sunday—10AM (in chapel) / March 18: Monday—6:40PM.

March 19: Tuesday

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Mass at 9AM

Fellowship after the mass.

SMILE

\$8 BILL

A crook mistakenly made a counterfeit \$8 bill instead of a \$10 bill. He decided to try it out anyway, so he went to the bank and asked for change. The teller looked at the \$8 bill and gave the crook two \$4 bills as change.

No BS

Before beginning the service, our pastor read aloud a note he'd been handed moments earlier. "It says here that I should announce that there will be no B.S. tomorrow morning," he said. He tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, "I'm hoping they mean 'Bible Study.'"

Daily Workout

My doctor took one look at my gut and refused to believe that I work out. So I listed the exercises

I do every day:

jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backward, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge, and beat around the bush.

STEWARDSHIP



"A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses but does not own these goods, and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which they have been cared for and made fruitful."—Cardinal Thomas Collins

Section 1

Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter**On Stewardship**

A SUMMARY

—Section 1: *The Meaning of Stewardship*—The Meaning of Stewardship in the Christian Life. This section explores the reality that we are invited by God to be good stewards of His gifts. "If we truly have the spirit of stewardship, we will not let God's gifts go to waste, and we will not selfishly cling to them, but use them graciously to serve others, and in doing so give glory to God." To read the full pastoral letter, download resources and learn more about deep stewardship, please visit www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

—Section 2: *The Spirituality of Deep Stewardship*—This section explores the concept that deep stewardship is not fundraising. "We can only be satisfied with deep stewardship, which means a profound inner conversion as individuals and as a community in which we become committed to living generously in every way, as the Gospel calls us to do." To read the full pastoral letter, download resources and learn more about deep stewardship, please visit www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

Section 3: *Reasons to Become Involved with Stewardship*

—The reasons being: it is Biblical, fruitful, realistic, comprehensive, continuous, proactive and it addresses the engagement dilemma. "Stewardship calls for nothing less than both individual and communal conversion, rooted in faith and fruitful in action." To read the full pastoral letter, download resources and learn more about deep stewardship, please visit www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

—Section Four: *The Way Forward*—To continue to develop vibrant parishes, it is key that we try to increase active engagement. "It is a lively faith family that challenges us as disciples to do great things for Jesus, in the spirit of the Acts of the Apostles." To read the full pastoral letter, download resources and learn more about deep stewardship, please visit www.archtoronto.org

LENT

Suggestions For Lent

Don't Try To Do All--Pick What Is Achievable

—Attend the *Lenten Mission at StJXXIII*: March 24—27

—Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures before you go to Mass.

—Try a new spiritual practice. Sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Sign up for a silent retreat or spend at least one hour in silent meditation each weekend.

—Take something on: 40 days of letter writing, or 40 acts of kindness, or 40 phone calls to the important people in your life.

—When you first sit down in front of your computer at work, or at the very end of your workday, try a 10-minute guided prayer from Sacred Space based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius.

—Go to a weekday Mass one day during the week. Many parishes offer them early in the morning, at noon, or after work.

—If you don't have a crucifix in your apartment or house, buy a simple one and put it in your bedroom.

—Read the entire Gospel of Mark in one sitting. As the shortest Gospel, it is the most concise story of Jesus' life, and the cross, a central Lenten symbol, plays an even more prominent role than in the other Gospels.

—Attend the Stations of the Cross somewhere. Many parishes offer these during Lent and often on Fridays. Or check out Busted Halo's Virtual Stations of the Cross.

—Unplug from your Smart Phone or turn off your car radio on your commute. The silence may be jarring at first, but you may find that you are able to concentrate better and will be more observant of your surroundings.

—Use a book of daily reflections and keep it by your bed. Local parishes often offer these during Lent.

—Think about a habit that has kept you from being whom God is calling you to be. Consciously give up that habit for Lent.

—Spend at least one weekend or evening volunteering during Lent. Serve a meal at your local soup kitchen. Visit the elderly. Stock shelves at a food pantry.

—Make a commitment to fast from insensitive, cruel comments about others. So, no gossiping or going down the Twitter rabbit hole.

—As a part of your Lenten almsgiving, make a point to learn more about a particular social issue (immigration, human trafficking, racism, the environment, public education, child poverty). Give money to an organization related to your chosen issue that supports the dignity of the human person.

—Pray for somebody. As you're walking the streets, driving the highways, or sitting in your cubicle at work, pick out a person who appears to be in need and pray for that person. Be mindful of these words, "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle."

—Get to know your neighbours. Introduce yourself, plan a dinner, or bring food to an older person on your block.

—Read the Works of Mercy as Jesus describes them in Matthew 25:31-46. Then put this teaching into practice and choose an act of service you can perform throughout Lent.

—Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Can't remember how? Here's a simple guide: tell the priest it's been a while, and ask him to guide you through it.

DEVOTIONS OF LENT

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday Of Lent After 7PM Mass

Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction Of The Blessed Sacrament

Every Sunday Of Lent: 4PM—5PM

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?

Lent is 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 increasing the disciplines 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 required fast on Ash Wed and Good Friday involves eating only one full meal on those days. One or two smaller meals may be taken on those days, but may not total one full meal. The required fast does not allow eating anything between meals.

Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstinence on these days from meat does not intend the omission of eggs or dairy products.

Age Requirements

"All Catholics who have completed their 14th year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th 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 on Solemnities) in commemoration of our Saviour's death.

LENTEN MISSION

St John XXIII Parish

"Called and Sent"—March 24 to 27, 2019

Preacher: Fr Francis Ching, Companions of the Cross

"Out Of The Good Treasure Of The Heart, The Good Person Produces Good..."

Jesus

**Our God
Governs
our life**
Luke 6:45



This Sunday's Readings: *First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7—In his conversation is the test of the man; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92: 2-3,13-16—The just shall flourish like a palm tree; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58—Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ; Gospel Reading: Luke 6:39-45—Each tree is known by its yield.*

Background on the Gospel Reading

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of

yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires.

Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

www.catholic.com

HOW CAN I HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH MARY?

Question

How can I have a relationship with Mary if praying the rosary is not my favourite? How can I learn to enjoy it?

Answer

Praying the rosary regularly is not necessary to have a relationship with the Blessed Mother. By virtue of your being a baptized member of the Church, Mary is your spiritual mother (John 19:27, Rev. 12:17). So you can pray informally to the Blessed Mother, including asking for her intercessory help in various ways.

A good way to get more out of the rosary is to focus on the respective mysteries while you're praying the ten Hail Marys associated with each mystery. Meditate on what's going on in the event(s) of each mystery, placing yourself as an observer or even an active participant.

In the process, ask Our Lord and Our Lady to help you draw lessons/guidance from the various mysteries for your own life. If you get inspiration while praying the rosary to apply in your life, don't give yourself a hard time that you've become "distracted." Take it as a blessing and continue meditating on a mystery, and perhaps write down the inspiration so you don't forget it. In addition, don't feel bad if you linger on an inspiration while praying the rosary, because doing so can also be a gift from God.

If you approach the rosary in this way, no matter how frequently you pray it, I think you'll begin to appreciate the rosary more and profit more from praying it, because you'll be encountering Our Lord and Our Lady in a more personal and otherwise profitable way.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Fri, March 15 (7PM) to Sun, March 17 (1:30PM), at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and info on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Men 17 years old require parental consent. Info: Vocation Office: 416 968 0997;

vocations@archtoronto.org

Register online at

www.vocationstoronto.ca.



Living for Christ
Prayer Community

COMING TO ST JOHN XXIII PARISH

This Wednesday

The Living for Christ Prayer Community (LFCPC) – John 23rd Chapter will begin meeting THIS Wednesday, March 6 after the 7PM Mass in the Church basement, and every Wednesday following this date.

Welcome All

Open to all, the evening is a combination of praise and worship songs, teachings, witnessing and an opportunity to pray as a community. It is a gathering of Christians to worship and thank Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, as the Holy Spirit moves us.

TODAY representatives will speak briefly after communion to invite you to "come and see".

The Living for Christ Prayer Community exists solely to glorify God:

•**To Exalt Him:** LFCPC is a place of worship—by giving Him our highest affection and placing Him above everything else in our lives. ...We achieve this through our praise and worship at the beginning of our program.


•**To Equip The Body:** LFCPC is a place of learning—...To us, studying the Bible is vital because it not only instructs us intellectually but also guides us spiritually. ...We achieve depth through discipleship.

•**To Encourage The Body:** LFCPC is a place you can call "Home"—In St John 13:34–35 Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another; by this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." ...We make it a priority to build lasting bonds between members of our Church family—bonds of concern and genuine commitment to one another...

•**To Evangelize The World:** LFCPC is a place to grow. Following the great commission of our Lord, we evangelize because we understand our responsibility and commit our lives to share the life-giving message of the Gospel. We achieve growth through evangelism.


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ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Takes place in the Adoration Chapel
 Every Friday: 9AM to evening prayer and 5:40PM. Come for a hour and keep watch others, the Church,
 6PM, concludes with Benediction at few minutes or an with the Lord. Pray for your family, yourself.

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