

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



The Shepherds' Trust

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As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the service of our priests.

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The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese THIS weekend of Nov 16/17.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH
"The Creed"

MAN

66. In what sense do we understand man and woman as created "in the image of God"?

The human person is created in the image of God in the sense that he or she is capable of knowing and of loving their Creator in freedom. Human beings are the only creatures on earth that God has willed for their own sake and has called to share, through knowledge and love, in his own divine life. All human beings, in as much as they are created in the image of God, have the dignity of a person. A person is not something but someone, capable of self-knowledge and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with God and with other persons.

67. For what purpose did God create man and woman?

God has created everything for them; but he has created them to know, serve and love God, to offer all of creation in this world in thanksgiving back to him and to be raised up to life with him in heaven. Only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of the human person come into true light. Man and woman are predestined to reproduce the image of the Son of God made Man, who is the perfect "image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15).

68. Why does the human race form a unity?

All people form the unity of the human race by reason of the common origin which they have from God. God has made "from one ancestor all the nations of men" (Acts 17:26). All have but one Savior and are called to share in the eternal happiness of God.

69. How do the soul and body form a unity in the human being?

The human person is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. In man spirit and matter form one nature. This unity is so profound that, thanks to the spiritual principle which is the soul, the body which is material, becomes a living human body and participates in the dignity of the image of God.

70. Where does the soul come from?

The spiritual soul does not come from one's parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.

71. What relationship has God established between man and woman?

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. At the same time, they have been created in a reciprocal complementarity insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one for the other to form a communion of persons. They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony "one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). They are likewise called to subdue the earth as "stewards" of God.

72. What was the original condition of the human person according to the plan of God?

In creating man and woman God had given them a special participation in his own divine life in holiness and justice. In the plan of God they would not have had to suffer or die. Furthermore, a perfect harmony held sway within the human person, a harmony between creature and Creator, between man and woman, as well as between the first human couple and all of creation.

**OUR REFUGEE FAMILY
GOOD NEWS**

All documents have been forwarded to the Canadian Embassy in Ankara, Turkey. This means the case has been accepted by Immigration Canada. NOW let's ask Our Lady to obtain from her Son, Jesus, a quick settlement of their case so that they may come soonest and find peace and security in Canada. Amen.

Donations

GTA Iraqi Community: \$5,000/Anonymous: \$5,000
Parishioners & Parish Fundraisers: \$12,026.15
Parish Bequests: \$23,773.85
Parish Funds: \$500 (processing fees)
Total: \$46,300.00

**THE REFUGEE COLLECTION
Monthly Second Collection**

The purpose of this collection is to repay our parish savings so that we may have a reserve to fall back on if we encounter any emergencies: breakdown of equipment, etc. In this way, we will all have the opportunity to contribute to towards helping this family suffering and exiled from their homeland because of their faith in Christ.

NEXT COLLECTION—SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24



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



MASS INTENTIONS
 Mon, November 18, **7PM:**
+The Souls in Purgatory
 Tues, November 19, **9AM:**
Thanksgiving of Belle
 Wed November 20, **7PM:**
+Olivia Dizon
 Thurs, November 21, **9AM:**
Thanksgiving of the Laguatan Family
 Fri, November 22, **7PM**
+Rodolfo Orcino
 Sat, November 23, **9AM**
+Narciso Gabriel

Saturday, November 23
 5:15PM: *+Alyra Martin*
Sunday, November 24
 9AM: *+Pablo, +Felix, e³ Ricarda*
 12:15PM: *+Jocelyn Abarri*
 5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

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.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS
Next Youth Ministry Night: Service
 Friday, Nov 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
Next Youth Ministry Night: Social
 Friday, Nov 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

VOCATIONS
"By your endurance you will gain your souls."
 Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If you think 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

VIGIL CANDLES
Saturday, Nov 23—Friday, Nov 29
 Sanctuary Tabernacle:
 Chapel Tabernacle:

**SACRAMENTS OF
 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION**
First Test
THIS Month of November
 Call office for appointment with Fr Simon when child knows the material.
Sunday Mass
 Confirmandi attendance at Mass every Sunday is a sign that you are ready to receive God, the Holy Spirit, in a new and deeper way.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS
 Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION
HOLY HOUR
 First Sunday of Advent—December 1
 4-5PM
ADVENT CONFESSIONS
 Wednesday, December 19 @ 7:30PM
SUNDAY MASS
 Confirmandi attendance at Mass every Sunday is a sign that you are ready to receive God, the Holy Spirit, in a new and deeper way.

**CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION
 SUSPENDED FOR REFUGEE COLLECTION**

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.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?
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. Please help us to "love them both...mother and child. For more information: 416-469-1111 or toronto@birtright.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Last Sunday's Offering—\$2471.40
 To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.
Monthly Refugee Collection
 October: \$699
Refugee Collection Total To Date:
 \$1,444.
All Souls Donations
 \$1664.95

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Annual Christmas Fundraising Dinner-Dance
 Tickets on sale after each weekend Mass
 Date - November 23, 2019
 Place - Leaside Gardens
 1073 Millwood Road, Toronto, ON
 Time - 6:30 PM to 12:30 AM
 Cost of Ticket - \$35.00/adult \$15.00/child 3-12years old

PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS'S, NOVEMBER MISSION INTENTION
Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East
 That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

SMILE
Bumper Stickers
 I Love Animals – They Taste Great.
 No Baby On Board!
 Danger! On Board: Ninjas & Pirates & Stuff.
 Skinny People Freeze To Death Faster!
 Think! It's Not Illegal Yet.
 Buy A Hybrid. I Need The Gas For My Suv.
 Doubt Your Doubt Before You Doubt Your Faith.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT
November 21 @ 7:00 pm
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga
 The ACTS retreat is a three-day retreat led by those who have attended prior ACTS retreats. Men present the men's retreats; women present the women's retreats. The retreat focuses on adoration, community, theology and service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it in your daily life and to create lasting and supporting friendships.
CONTACT: Willy Klaudusz PHONE 647-281-5990
WEB: <https://actscanada.org/>

2020 DONATION ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER
Please call the office 416-429-4000 or email saintjohnxx_iiparish@outlook.com
 1. If you want to use pre-numbered donation envelopes;
 2. If there are changes in your name, address or contact information;
 3. If you have not registered yet in the parish and want to use envelopes.
Note
 If you have not used your 2019 envelopes, your number will be assigned to someone else.
Benefit To You
 Using pre-numbered envelopes means at the end of the year you will receive an income tax receipt by which you can reclaim the tax you paid on your donations.
Benefit To Your Parish
 Using envelopes reminds you to give each week. Your Church depends on your generosity.
Thank You!

CHRIST THE KING RALLY 2019
Sat, Nov 30 @ 8:30 am—6PM
The Toronto Pavilion, 190 Rainside Rd., Toronto
 "I will be with you always, until the end of the ages. (Matt 23:20)." Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join the celebration at the annual Christ the King Rally with unique programs for adults, youth and children. \$20 adults; \$5 youth and children free. Praise & worship, rosary, healing procession, confessions, Adoration and Holy Mass presided by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archdiocese of Toronto. **Speakers:** Fr. David Avila, Sr Hazel D'Souza; **Music Ministry:** IV24. **Tickets/Info:** Adults: 416-466-0776; Youth: 416-577-5851.

UPCOMING LENTEN MISSION
St John XXIII Parish
Preacher: Fr Francis Ching, Companions of the Cross
 "Growing in Partnership with Christ."
 We will focus on living a responsible discipleship, fighting vices and growing in virtues"
 March 29 to April 1, 2020
 Fr Francis is returning to lead us in this parish mission and the above is his theme for this mission.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Children's Gift Sign-Up In Foyer
 Our Parish Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 14 beginning with a Nativity Play immediately following the 5:15PM Mass. Following this we go downstairs to the hall for our meal and entertainment.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Optional Memorial: Mon, Nov 18: St. Peter's is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at Saint Peter's tomb to pray. In 319, Constantine built a basilica on the site that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries.

St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls stands near the Abazia delle Tre Fontane, where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake's grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine's doing.

Reflection: Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the Church is built, and the educated Paul, reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen, and missionary to the gentiles, are the original odd couple. The major similarity in their faith-journeys is the journey's end: both, according to tradition, died a martyr's death in Rome—Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword. Their combined gifts shaped the early Church and believers have prayed at their tombs from the earliest days.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Memorial: Thurs, Nov 21: Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honour of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.



...Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection: It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of

her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

St CECILIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR—*Memorial: Fri, Nov 22:*

St CLEMENT I, POPE, MARTYR—*Optional Memorial: Sat, Nov 23:*

St COLUMBAN, ABBOT—*Optional Memorial: Sat, Nov 23:* Columban was the greatest of the Irish missionaries who worked on the European continent. As a young man who was greatly tormented by temptations of the flesh, he sought the advice of a religious woman who had lived a hermit's life for years. He saw in her answer a call to leave the world. He went first to a monk on an island in Lough Erne, then to the great monastic seat of learning at Bangor.



After many years of seclusion and prayer, he traveled to Gaul with 12 companion missionaries. They won wide respect for the rigor of their discipline, their preaching, and their commitment to charity and religious life in a time characterized by clerical laxity and civil strife. Columban established several monasteries in Europe which became centres of religion and culture.

Like all saints, he met opposition. Ultimately he had to appeal to the pope against complaints of Frankish bishops, for vindication of his orthodoxy and approval of Irish customs. He reprovved the king for his licentious life, insisting that he marry. Since this threatened the power of the queen mother, Columban was deported back to Ireland. His ship ran aground in a storm, and he continued his work in Europe, ultimately arriving in Italy, where he found favour with the king of the Lombards. In his last years he established the famous monastery of Bobbio, where he died. His writings include a treatise on penance and against Arianism, sermons, poetry, and his monastic rule. The Liturgical Feast of Saint Columban is November 23.

Reflection: Now that public sexual license is becoming extreme, we need the Church's memory of a young man as concerned about chastity as Columban. And now that the comfort-captured Western world stands in tragic contrast to starving millions, we need the challenge to austerity and discipline of a group of Irish monks. They were too strict, we say; they went too far. How far shall we go?

OUR LADY'S SATURDAY—*Optional Memorial: Sat, Nov 23:*

“By Your Endurance You Will Gain Your Souls”

Jesus



This Sunday's Readings: *1st Reading: Malachi 4.1-2; 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12; Gospel: Luke 21.5-19 - The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times*

Contemplating Life and Death

Benjamin Franklin has been quoted to say that there are only two things certain in life: death and taxes. While much can be said about the latter, let us focus on the former, namely, death. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship asserts that “the thought of death is spiritually fruitful, as it forces each of us to consider our priorities.”

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Mass readings point toward Christ's Second Coming and the end of our earthly life. Through the contemplation of our limited time on earth, we can ask ourselves if we are appropriately using our gifts to serve Christ in the poor and

our neighbour. One great gift we can share is that of our time. Cardinal Collins says that, “we can use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The blessed used their time here to care for those in need.”

Two practical ways we can effectively and generously use our time is in prayer and active presence with our neighbour. It is primarily important to spend time in prayer, in order to begin to know, love and worship God and come to understand His love and mercy for us. Consequently, with the fire of God's love fostered through our time in prayer, our time spent with others will be more fruitful, as it will now be God's love within us reaching out to others. So as we journey with our eyes fixed heavenward, let us generously give our time to God and our parish community.

Stewardship, Archdiocese of Toronto

MY CATHOLIC LIFE! A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL CONVERSION!

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/>

KNOWING GOD'S WILL

Question: A friend of mine was just diagnosed with cancer. I want to pray for her so she gets better. But how do I know that's really God's will?

Answer: Your question is a wonderful question to ask! And the fact that you ask it reveals that you already understand a lot about the "mystery" of human illness and suffering.

When we are confronted by a serious illness, whether it is our own or a loved one, we experience many emotions, feelings, thoughts and questions. We may find ourselves, at first, in denial, especially if the illness is serious like cancer. We may may experience confusion, despair, sadness, anxiety and anger. We may immediately look for a way to be cured and turn to God for our healing. All of these experiences, thoughts and feelings are very normal and fully understandable. But, in the end, I think your question gets at something very important: "What should we pray for?"

The best advice I can give you is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches. One area we find answers is in the teaching on the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. First, regarding serious illness, the Catechism states: "Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude (CCC1500). It goes on to say, "Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him" (CCC1501).

So the first thing to point out is that a serious illness, like cancer, will have a dramatic impact on a person and that person's loved ones. But what we must realize is that even though serious illness can be very hard to experience, there are many good things that can come from it. It is, in fact, a very good thing for us to realize that we are ultimately powerless in some areas. This is a realization that can help us turn to God and rediscover what is truly important in life. This is a good thing!

When it comes to seeking a cure I'd say that it is essential that we seek the best medical attention we can get. God gave us science and medicine for our good and the more we can use it responsibly the better. So seeking an appropriate medical cure for illness is always a good thing. But, in the end, we need to realize that our lives are ultimately in God's hands. So as far as praying for a cure we can turn to the purpose of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Catechism states that one of the purposes of that Sacrament is "the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul" (CCC1532). This is a very

important statement because it shows us that the most important thing to pray for is not only a physical cure. What's more important is to say something like, "Lord, if a physical healing is what is best for my friends soul then please heal him/her." God is the only one Who knows what is best for us and this kind of prayer respects that fact. This is important because, in the end, the most important thing is that we let an illness simply draw us closer to God. And if that illness is to end in physical death, what's most important is that the person grow closer to God through their illness so that they are ready to be with God forever!

This is hard to deal with in life but in my experience as a priest God gives those who are seriously ill a lot of extra grace to begin seeing things this way.

Perhaps the best prayer of all is simply to surrender your friend to God and tell God that you trust Him and that you want what's best. God can sort out the details and conclusions if we only trust Him!

FR SIMON'S UPCOMING TRANSFER

12 *Wonderful Years*

Who will replace me has not yet been decided—this will be known sometime in May of next year, 2020. Let us begin praying for your 'new pastor to be'. If we do this together, he will become a blessing to you, and bring you Jesus in a new and beautiful manner. Date of transfer is June 24, 2020.

PRAYER

Mercy. Ask. Thanksgiving. Adoration.

(M. A. T. A.)

Begin with seeking *Mercy*.

Continue *Asking* for grace.

Be amazed and *Thankful* for all His gifts.

Marvel in *Adoration* of His holy light.

(Don't be surprised if your prayer does not follow the above order)

THE WORDS OF POPE, SAINT JOHN XXIII

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do"

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Takes place in the Adoration Chapel

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