

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE****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

**ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY**

***The Holy Hour On The 4 Sundays of Advent.  
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:30PM to 5PM.***

The word Advent means “coming” and/or “waiting”. Advent celebrates and prepares us for the 3 comings of Christ: His coming now into our hearts; His first coming which we celebrate at Christmas in His Nativity; and His final coming in glory to judge the living and the dead.

**Come, Watch, Prepare For His Coming During These Holy Hours.  
See bulletin insert for Holy Hour program.**

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**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  
 "The Creed"

*"Jesus Ascended into Heaven  
 and Is Seated at the Right Hand of  
 God the Father Almighty"*

**132. What does the Ascension mean?**

After forty days during which Jesus showed himself to the apostles with ordinary human features which veiled his glory as the Risen One, Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in his humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us his Spirit and he gives us the hope of one day reaching the place he has prepared for us.

*"From thence He shall come to judge the living  
 and the dead"*

**133. How does the Lord Jesus now reign?**

As the Lord of the cosmos and of history, the Head of his Church, the glorified Christ mysteriously remains on earth where his kingdom is already present in seed and in its beginning in the Church. One day he will return in glory but we do not know the time. Because of this we live in watchful anticipation, praying "Come, Lord" (Revelation 22:20).

**134. How will the coming of the Lord in glory happen?**

After the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world the glorious coming of Christ will take place. Then will come the definitive triumph of God in the parousia (Jesus' second coming) and the Last Judgment. Thus the Kingdom of God will be realized.

**135. How will Christ judge the living and the dead?**

Christ will judge with the power he has gained as the Redeemer of the world who came to bring salvation to all. The secrets of hearts will be brought to light as well as the conduct of each one toward God and toward his neighbour. Everyone, according to how he has lived, will either be filled with life or damned for eternity. In this way, "the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13) will come about in which "God will be all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28).

**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, and yourself.



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Advent Confessions	Wednesday, December 18	7:30PM-9PM
Advent Holy Hour	Sunday, December 22	3:30PM-5PM
Christmas Carols Children's Choir	Tuesday, December 24	11:15PM-11:50PM
Christmas Midnight Mass	Tuesday, December 24	11:59PM
Christmas Day Masses	Wednesday, December 25	9AM & 12:15PM
St Steven's Mass	Thursday, December 26	10AM
Holy Hour Vigil	Tuesday, December 31	5:45PM-6:45PM
Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass	Tuesday, December 31	7PM
Mary, Mother of God Masses	Wednesday, January 1	9AM & 12:15PM

**OUR REFUGEE FAMILY**

**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 this family towards helping exiled from their h o m e l a n d because of their faith in Christ.



**NEXT COLLECTION—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, November 25, **7PM:**

+*Rodolfo Orcino*

Tues, November 26, **9AM:**

+*Zaldy Balde*

Wed November 27, **7PM:**

+*Cathy Williams*, +*Stewart Family*  
(+*Priscilla Munro*)

Thurs, November 28, **9AM:**

*Thanksgiving of B. Armstrong: B-day*

Fri, November 29, **7PM**

+*Deceased: Black Nazarene Devotees*

Sat, November 30, **9AM**

+*Jose Liarez*

**Saturday, November 30**

5:15PM: *Thnksgvng: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary*

**Sunday, November 31**

9AM: +*Rosita Dacanay*

12:15PM: *Thnksgvng: Thelma, Edith, Edna, Wilma*

5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

### VIGIL CANDLES

**Saturday, Nov 30—Friday, Dec 6**

Sanctuary Tabernacle: +**Souls in Purgatory**  
Chapel Tabernacle:

### COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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

### 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.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

***Last Sunday's Offering—\$2629.50***

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

**Monthly Refugee Collection**

October: \$699

**Refugee Collection Total To Date:**

\$1,444.

***Shepherds Trust Collection***

\$1660.35

### 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: Lesson***

Friday, Nov 29, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

***Next Youth Ministry Night: Service***

Friday, Dec 6, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

### VOCATIONS

***"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."***

Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others and you are sure to hear, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." 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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### 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.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION

***HOLY HOUR***

NEXT Sunday: Advent—December 1  
4-5PM

***ADVENT CONFESSIONS***

Wednesday, December 19 @ 7:30PM

***SUNDAY MASS***

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### 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', 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 Office Desk Signs

Off course I talk to myself.  
Sometimes I need expert advice.

Life is all about how to handle plan B.

Note to self: Just because it pops into my head does not mean that it should come out of my mouth.

I don't mind coming to work.....but the eight hours wait to go home is harsh.

You don't have to be crazy to work here.....we'll train you.

Today will be awesome.

"Be strong," I whispered to my wifi signal.

This printer is now called Bob Marley because it is always 'jamming'

Stay strong, weekend is coming soon.

### 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.

### 2020 DONATION ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER

*Please call the office 416-429-4000  
or email saintjohnxx\_iiiparish@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!**

### ST VINCENT D PAUL

#### **Talk**

Anita Dias, president of the Conference, will speak after communion about the work of St Vincent d Paul in the parish on the weekend of Nov 30/Dec 1.

#### **Collection**

The following week, December 7/8, we will take up a collection after communion for those families who are in need this Christmas season.

### 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.

### 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.

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK****St CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR**—*Optional Memorial: Mon, Nov 25:*

According to the Legend of St. Catherine, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became Christians—as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred.

Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried the body of Saint Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai.



Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. Catherine is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated especially in Germany and Hungary.

*Reflection: The pursuit of God's wisdom may not lead to riches or earthly honours. In Catherine's case, this pursuit contributed to her martyrdom. She was not, however, foolish in preferring to die for Jesus rather than live only by denying him. All the rewards that her tormentors offered her would rust, lose their beauty, or in some other way become a poor exchange for Catherine's honesty and integrity in following Jesus Christ.*

Saint Catherine of Alexandria is the Patron Saint of: Lawyers, Librarians, Philosophers, Students, Teachers

**St ANDREW, APOSTLE**—*Feast: Sat, Nov 30:* Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his

brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

*Reflection: As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.*

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of: Fishermen, Greece, Russia, Scotland.



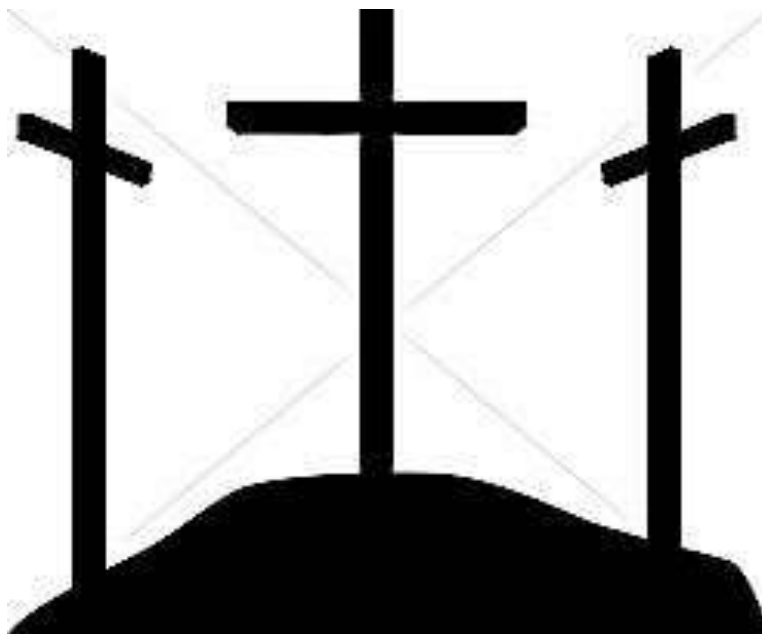
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**“Jesus Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom.”  
“Truly I Tell You, Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise.”**

The Good  
Thief's  
Prayer &  
Jesus'  
Promise  
to Him



**This Sunday's Readings:** *1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1.12-20; Gospel: Luke 23.35-43 – Jesus and the Repentant Thief*

### **Building up the Kingdom**

“Thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.” These familiar words from the Our Father can provide us with rich reflection on this great feast of Christ the King, for where there is a king, there is a kingdom as well.

As we pray the Our Father, we are asking that the Kingdom of God may continuously be built up here on earth. In addition to our practice of praying, we as good stewards can help build up the Kingdom through our deeds. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship proclaims that through “worthy deeds in this life, people

also make a limited but real human contribution to building up the kingdom.”

This should fill those striving to live a life of stewardship with great excitement and zeal, for by faithfully sharing our time and talents with the parish community, we are actively contributing to the building of the Kingdom.

Each time we share our time in visiting people in need, in using our musical talents in the choir or our leadership skills on a parish committee, we are spreading the Kingdom. How often do we really view our actions as service to the Kingdom and not just volunteerism? Let us ask ourselves how we can better share our gifts to build up our parish communities and the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship, Archdiocese of Toronto

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### MY CATHOLIC LIFE! A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL CONVERSION!

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

#### PRAYING EVERY DAY?

**Question:** Do I have to Pray every Day?

**Answer:** A few other questions to ask as well: “Do I have to eat every day?” “Do I have to sleep every day?” “Do I have to brush my teeth everyday?” For a day, maybe even more, one could forgo doing these things, but a person would not like it and it could actually do harm. By not praying, one could become self-centred, selfish, depressed, and ultimately lose faith in God. These are just a few of the consequences. Perhaps that is why Christ commands His disciples to pray always.

Christ also tells His disciples that when one prays, he should go to his inner room and to pray alone. Yet, Christ also says that when two or three are gathered in His name that He is present. Christ wants both private and communal prayer. Prayer, whether private or communal, may come in many forms: blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, praise, and thanksgiving. In all these forms, prayer is a conversation with God. At times it is a dialogue, but many times it is listening. Sadly, many people think that prayer is telling God what they want or need. These people are disappointed when they do not get what they want. This is why it is important to see it as a conversation where one also allows God to communicate what He wants for that person.

Would one ever ask “Do I have to speak to my closest friend every day?” Of course not! That’s because one usually longs to speak with his or her friend to strengthen that friendship. So too, God wants His disciples to grow closer to Him. This is done through prayer. If one practices praying everyday, one grows closer to God, one grows closer to the Saints in Heaven, one becomes less self-centred and, therefore, more God-centred.

So, start praying to God! Try not to do too much in one day. Prayer, like physical exercise, needs to be built up. One who is out of shape cannot do a marathon on his or her first day of exercise. Some people get discouraged when they cannot do all-night vigils in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Talk with a priest and come up with a plan. If you can visit a Church, try stopping in for five minutes of adoration. Find and recite a daily morning prayer and, at the very start of

your day, dedicate it to Christ. Read a passage from the Bible, especially from the Gospels and the Book of Psalms. While reading the passage, simply ask God to open your heart to what He is telling you. Try praying the rosary. If that seems a little much at first, try praying just one decade. The important thing to remember is to not get frustrated but to listen for the Lord to speak. When you speak, keep it focused on asking God to help others, especially the sick and suffering, including the souls in purgatory.

#### TOTUS TUUS RETURNS

*Dear Parents Please Call Office & Register  
Your Child for Totus Tuus 2020.*

**Dates:** August 9—14, 2020

**Cost:** \$10/for the week/per child  
payable week prior to Aug 9.

**Day Program:** children entering grades 1-6 in the Fall.

**Evening Program:** youth entering grades 7-12 in the Fall.

#### 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 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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Your Fellow Parishioner  
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