

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

**SACRAMENTS OF
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION*****Enrolment***

TODAY, November 3 @ the 12:15PM Mass

First Test***Month of November***

Call office for appointment with Fr Simon when child knows the material.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH
"The Creed"

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER
THE SYMBOLS OF FAITH

48. How does the Church express her trinitarian faith?

The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature. They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

49. How do the three divine Persons work?

Inseparable in their one substance, the three divine Persons are also inseparable in their activity. The Trinity has one operation, sole and the same. In this one divine action, however, each Person is present according to the mode which is proper to him in the Trinity.

"O my God, Trinity whom I adore...grant my soul peace; make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling, and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action." (Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity)

50. What does it mean to say that God is almighty?

God reveals himself as "the strong One, the mighty One" (Psalm 24:8), as the One "to whom nothing is impossible" (Luke 1:37). His omnipotence is universal, mysterious and shows itself in the creation of the world out of nothing and humanity out of love; but above all it shows itself in the Incarnation and the Resurrection of his Son, in the gift of filial adoption and in the forgiveness of sins. For this reason, the Church directs her prayers to the "almighty and eternal God".

51. What is the importance of affirming "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen 1:1)?

The significance is that creation is the foundation of all God's saving plans. It shows forth the almighty and wise love of God, and it is the first step toward the covenant of the one God with his people. It is the beginning of the history of salvation which culminates in Christ; and it is the first answer to our fundamental questions regarding our very origin and destiny.

52. Who created the world?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the one and indivisible principle of creation even though the work of creating the world is particularly attributed to God the Father.

53. Why was the world created?

The world was created for the glory of God who wished to show forth and communicate his goodness, truth and beauty. The ultimate end of creation is that God, in Christ, might be "all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28) for his glory and for our happiness.

"The glory of God is man fully alive; moreover man's life is the vision of God." (Saint Irenaeus)

54. How did God create the universe?

God created the universe freely with wisdom and love. The world is not the result of any necessity, nor of blind fate, nor of chance. God created "out of nothing" (ex nihilo) (2 Macc7:28) a world which is ordered and good and which he infinitely transcends. God preserves his creation in being and sustains it, giving it the capacity to act and leading it toward its fulfillment through his Son and the Holy Spirit.

55. What is divine providence?

Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures toward their ultimate end. God is the sovereign Master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the cooperation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other.

56. How do we collaborate with divine Providence?

While respecting our freedom, God asks us to cooperate with him and gives us the ability to do so through actions, prayers and sufferings, thus awakening in us the desire "to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

OUR REFUGEE FAMILY

Pray

Let us pray that God may speed it up the paper work process! Let us pray urgently for this. Reason being the family is not in a good situation.

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

Every Friday: 9AM with evening prayer 5:40PM. Come for a hour and keep watch for others, the yourself.



Adoration Chapel

to 6PM, concludes and Benediction at few minutes or an with the Lord. Pray Church, your family,

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, November 4, **7PM:**
+Lerma Glen Ayala
 Tues, November 5, **9AM:**
+North Family
 Wed November 6, **7PM:**
+Antonio Hernandez
 Thurs, November 7, **9AM:**
+Deceased Members of Alzate Family
 Fri, November 8, **7PM**
+Deceased: The Lord Is My Shepherd Group
 Sat, November 9, **9AM**
+Rosario Lara

Saturday, November 9
 5:15PM: *+Deceased: Donado e3 Arce Families*
Sunday, November 10
 9AM: *The Parishioners*
 12:15PM: *+Deceased Members of Legion of Mary*
 5:30PM: *+Paurino Raagas*

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, Nov 9—Friday, Nov 15
 Sanctuary Tabernacle:
 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—\$2,622.80.

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

Monthly Refugee Collection

October: \$699

Refugee Collection Total To Date:

\$1,444.

World Mission Collection—Oct 20

\$2,669.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Next Youth Ministry Night: Lesson
 Friday, November 8 from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall.
Next Youth Ministry Night: Service
 Friday, November 15 from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall.

VOCATIONS

Can I Risk Sharing The Goodness God Has Given Me?

Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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

LETTER FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP

October 29, 2019

Dear Father,

Cardinal Newman, who was canonized on October 13, took as his motto as a Cardinal: cor ad cor loquitur – heart speaks to heart.

This phrase succinctly describes how to live a Christian life. It's not about "lips speaking to the ears" – what we tell others about our faith. Rather, it's the love we demonstrate through a heartfelt personal encounter, through which our neighbour physically experiences the love of the Lord God in our midst.

One particular way heart speaks to heart is through our annual ShareLife appeal. For the second year in a row, our parishioners raised \$13 million for those in need. With deep gratitude, I thank you and your parish community for all you have done for the success of our campaign. From the hard work of our priests, parish staff and volunteers, to the selfless generosity of our parishioners, each contribution represents an act of love.

Heart speaks to heart when a counsellor attentively listens to a widow expressing her grief. When an isolated senior makes a new friend at a drop-in program. When a social worker journeys with a man recovering from addiction.

These are not cold interactions, but matters of the heart. Likewise, supporting ShareLife is not an unfeeling act of obligation. It is a manifestation of the Living God: "just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

Your support of ShareLife is bringing God's love to those in greatest need, here in our archdiocese and around the world. On behalf of ShareLife agencies and the thousands of people they help, thank you.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,
 Thomas, Cardinal, Collins
 Archbishop of Toronto

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION

SESSION 3

THIS Wed, Nov 6—begins with Mass at 7PM, ends at 9PM
Sunday Mass
 Confirmand must attend mass every Sunday

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**

Sorry Officer. I Thought You Wanted To Race!
 I Love My Boss.
 (I'm Self-Employed)
 Sorry For Driving So Close In Front Of You!
 You Are Here!
 Be Yourself, Everybody Else Is Taken.
 Jet Fuel Only!
 Nuclear Powered!
 Unbreakable.
 ...I Hope.
 Go Ahead, Pass Me. I'll See You At The Lights.

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES – HOLY CROSS

**Tuesday, November 5 @ 7:00 pm
 Holy Cross Parish Hall**

291 Cosburn Ave. (at Donlands Ave.), Toronto
 Join the Kolbe "Know Your Faith" series for a four-week salvation history study on the Gospel according to St. Matthew — Part III. Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own lives. For more information visit: www.kolbeapostolate.com.
 PHONE: 416-421-5225

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: DEBUNKING BLACK (Derogatory) LEGENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HISTORY

**Saturday, November 9 @ 9:30 am
 St. Augustine's Seminary
 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough**

Join Fr. Séamus Hogan, Professor of Church History, as he confronts false versions of Catholic history which portray the church as a violent, ignorant, worldly and bigoted institution. Fr. Séamus reveals the true facts around historical events such as the Crusades, the Inquisition and many others. Spend the day debunking myths in order to discover the real truth of the church's history. Holy Mass at St. Augustine's venerable chapel is included with registration. Feel free to invite friends and family to join us on this day!
 COST: \$50, includes lunch.
 CONTACT: St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto
 PHONE: 416-261-7207
 EMAIL: layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org
 WEB: <http://www.staugustines.on.ca/>

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/>

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

**November 14 @ 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.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St CHARLES BORROMEEO, BISHOP—*Memorial: Mon, Nov 4*: The name of Charles Borromeo is associated with reform. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although he belonged to the Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, Charles desired to devote himself to the Church. In 1559, when his uncle, Cardinal de Medici was elected Pope Pius IV, he made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time Charles was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities Charles was entrusted with several important offices connected with the Vatican, and later appointed secretary of state with responsibility for the papal states. The untimely death of his elder brother brought Charles to a definite decision to be ordained a priest, despite his relatives' insistence that he marry. Soon after being ordained a priest at age 25, Borromeo was consecrated bishop of Milan.



Working behind the scenes, Saint Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council of Trent in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. Borromeo encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after it had been suspended for 10 years. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase. Because of his work at the Council, Borromeo was unable to take up residence in Milan until the Council concluded.

Eventually, Borromeo was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, where the religious and moral picture was far from bright. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bishops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, Borromeo had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit.

Charles took the initiative in giving a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury, and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honours, esteem, and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576,

Borromeo tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. To do this he borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. Whereas the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city, where he ministered to the sick and the dying, helping those in want. Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect Archbishop Borromeo's health, leading to his death at the age of 46.

Reflection: Saint Charles Borromeo made his own the words of Christ: "...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35-36). Borromeo saw Christ in his neighbour, and knew that charity done for the least of his flock was charity done for Christ.

Saint Charles Borromeo is the Patron Saint of: Catechists, Catechumens, Seminarians

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA—*Feast: Sat, Nov 9*: Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides.

The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake, and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated. In the 14th century when the papacy returned to Rome from Avignon, the church and the adjoining palace were found to be in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds Saint Peter himself celebrated Mass.

Reflection: Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches, this anniversary is a feast. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. In a sense, St. John Lateran is the parish church of all Catholics, because it is the pope's cathedral. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church.



“Zacchaeus, Hurry And Come Down; For I Must Stay At Your House Today.”

JESUS



This Sunday's Readings: *1st Reading: Wisdom 11.22 – 12.2; 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1.11 – 2.2; Gospel: Luke 19.1-10—Jesus and Zacchaeus.*

Giving our First Fruits

The image of Zacchaeus, a man short in stature climbing a tree to see Jesus, is probably one that is very familiar to us. However, despite this familiarity, there is a deep message that can often be overlooked. When Zacchaeus has a conversion experience, he vows not only to correct the wrong he has done, but to give back “four times as much.” Zacchaeus teaches us that we shouldn’t give the bare minimum but seek greater generosity in our gifts, especially of our time and talents.

The USCCB’s Pastoral Letter on Stewardship proclaims that “stewards must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and they should make a decision (in

advance, from the “first fruits” instead of what is left over after other obligations have been met) about what will be given.”

We should periodically ask ourselves, are we really giving God the best of our time and talents or do other obligations take priority?

For example, with respect to time, we should strive to establish and protect scheduled moments of daily prayer. Likewise, with our talents, we should try to offer our gifts first for the good of the church before our own personal interests. For example, do we rarely volunteer or only assist at the parish volunteer days when we happen to have leftover time, or do we proactively schedule our week so as to ensure that it is a priority? Let us prayerfully review how we use our time and talents and seek ways to better serve the Kingdom of God within our parishes.

Stewardship, Archdiocese of Toronto

MY CATHOLIC LIFE! A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL CONVERSION!

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

CHAIN MESSAGES

Question: What about the 'chain messages' forwarded or sent saying pass this to 12 or 15 people or so then you will receive a miracle. If you don't pass it on something will happen to you? How to explain? Thank you.

Answer: If you spend time with with email or social media you've most likely come across emails or posts that make promises to you if you pass it on. For example, there may be a special prayer sent to you with the attachment at the bottom, "pass this on to twelve friends and you will receive your answer to prayer within twelve days."

So is this legitimate? No, it's not. It's superstition. However, with that said there is one clarification worth making. But first let's look at the superstitious part.

God does not make His grace and mercy dependant upon you forwarding an email to several friends. Perhaps the prayer that is included is quite beautiful and worth praying. But, nonetheless, the effect of that prayer is not dependent upon you following the instructions of an email. Only Christ and His Church have the authority to attach grace to prayers. The Church does so through indulgences. For more information on indulgences.

So if you receive one of these emails it may be best to pass on the prayer part but to remove the promise or warning.

As for the clarification mentioned above, there have been certain private revelations given to mystics that do attached certain promises to certain prayers. Those private revelations and promises must always be evaluated by the Church. If approved, we can trust that God is offering a special grace through those prayers. But the key is that we seek out the guidance of our Church on all private revelations.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Annual Christmas Fundraising Dinner-Dance

Tickets on sale after each weekend Mass starting this weekend Oct. 26

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

FR SIMON'S UPCOMING TRANSFER

12 Wonderful Years

Many of you know that this is my final year at StJXXIII. A pastor is appointed for a six year term renewable for a further six years. I am now in my 12th year. So, I will be transferred at the end of June, 2020.

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.

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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