

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

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH 2019

"Go! Make Disciples Of All The Nations."

(Mt28:19)

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church's mission. Your donations will support churches, hospitals, schools, and train seminarians and religious brothers and Sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and some of our Canadian dioceses.

Please Pray For The Missions.

Be generous on World Mission Sunday.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

"I believe" – "We believe"

MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD—I BELIEVE

We Believe

30. Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial (church)?

Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, "We believe". It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

*"No one can have God as Father
who does not have the Church as
Mother."
(Saint Cyprian)*

31. Why are the formulas of faith important?

The formulas of faith are important because they permit one to express, assimilate, celebrate, and share together with others the truths of the faith through a common language.

32. In what way is the faith of the Church one faith alone?

The Church, although made up of persons who have diverse languages, cultures, and rites, nonetheless professes with a united voice the one faith that was received from the one Lord and that was passed on by the one Apostolic Tradition. She confesses one God alone, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and points to one way of salvation. Therefore we believe with one heart and one soul all that is contained in the Word of God, handed down or written, and which is proposed by the Church as divinely revealed.

COME & SEE WEEKEND

St Augustine's Seminary—November 1-3

Many Catholic men consider the possibility of becoming a priest, but don't go beyond thinking about it because of the many questions they may have. This weekend offers a live-in experience, at St. Augustine's Seminary, to help men discerning the priesthood get answers to questions they have, to meet seminarians, and to pray for continued assistance in knowing God's will.

Registration

Online: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee.

Telephone: Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997

Email: vocations@archtronto.org.

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 expelled from their homeland because of their faith in Christ.

NEXT COLLECTION—SUNDAY OCTOBER 27



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, October 14, **10 AM:**

Thanksgiving of Hernandez Family

Tues, October 15, **9AM:**

Thanksgiving of Josephine Joelex

Wed October 16, **7PM:**

+Charles M. Segador e³ +Nancy S. Caluya

Thurs, October 17, **9AM:**

+Celsa deCastro

Fri, October 18, **7PM**

+Bernal e³ +Ebing Abued

Sat, October 19, **9AM**

+Khaliv Palarca

Saturday, October 19

5:15PM: *+Moises Aglipay*

Sunday, October 20

9AM: *+Eliseo Delfin*

12:15PM: *Thanksgiving of Robin Tejano — B-day*

5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, October 19—Friday, October 25
Sanctuary Tabernacle: **+Poor 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—\$2,799.60

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

Monthly Refugee Collection

September: \$645.25

Donated to Refugee Fund

October 6: \$100

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Next Youth Ministry Night: Lesson

Friday, October 18 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Next Youth Ministry Night: Service

Friday, October 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

VOCATIONS

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond.

Could Jesus be calling you to follow him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? 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.

INAUGURAL ROSARY BOWLS

With Our Lady of the Cape, Pilgrim Virgin of Canada
Sat, Oct 19

Bl. Cardinal Newman H.S.—100 Brimley Road S, Toronto

Sat, Oct 26

Canadian Coptic Centre—1245 Eglinton Ave W,
Mississauga

Come with your family and pray for the conversion of Canada & the human race, renewal of faith in the family through family prayer & the restoration of the church. Learn about the story of our National Marian Shrine: Cap de la Madeleine, Trois Rivieres, QC, and join the powerful age old Confraternity of the Holy Rosary & benefit from its graces!

For further information please check out:
www.rosarybowl.com. Bring your own food and snacks – no food being sold at venues

CHRISTMAS CARDS

On Sale Weekend Of October 26/27

All proceeds go to Toronto Right To Life

Each package has 10 cards.

Each package of cards costs \$10.

PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS'S, OCTOBER MISSION INTENTION

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit create a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION

SESSION 2

Wed, Oct 23—begins with Mass at 7PM, ends at 9PM

Sunday Mass

Confirmand must attend mass every Sunday

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION &
CONFESSION
GRADE 2 & UP (Grds 3/4/5/6)**Registration**Takes Place Next Month In October. Parents/Guardians
Please Call Office For Appointment *In The Month Of
October* With Fr Simon**Bring To Appointment**Copy Of Baptismal Certificate Of Candidate (If Not Baptized At
St.JXXIII) & \$12 For Program.**Mass Attendance**Families Must Attend Mass Every Sunday

ST VINCENT De PAUL

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

Truck will be in our carpark THIS weekend of Oct 12—13**ACCEPTING**All Clothing
(any condition)All Footwear
(any condition)Bedding
(Any condition)Drapery/Towels
Toys

(new or nearly new)

DON'T ACCEPTBooks
(any kind)Construction Material
(any condition)Dishes
(any kind)Furniture
(any condition)

Video/Audio Cassettes

SOLEMNITY OF
ST JOHN XXIII
Parish Feast Day

TODAY

This year is the 5th Anniversary
of the canonization of our
patron saint, St John XXIII. To
celebrate this event we host a
meal after 3 of the Sunday
Masses for the community.

THANK YOU

Catholic Women's League for
hosting and providing us with
meal at the **5:15PM** Mass.

To Mission Support/Children's
Choir for the meal at the
9AM Mass.

And to the Legion of Mary,
StVdP, and Mission Support Grp.
for the **12:15PM** Mass.

SMILE

An old man is met by his attorney, and is told he is going
to be audited. He rides to the IRS office with his attorney,
and when he gets there, he begins to talk with the IRS
agent.

"I bet \$2,000 I can bite my own eye!" The IRS agent
agrees to the bet, believing it an impossible task. The old
man laughs, pulls out his glass eye, and bites it. The IRS
agent is dumbfounded.

The old man bets \$3,000 he can bite his other eye. The
IRS agent knows there's no way possible to do this, so he
once more agrees. The old man cackles, pulls out his
dentures, and bites his eye.

Then the old man finally wagers, "I bet \$20,000 I can
stand on the far side of your desk, pee over the desk, and
get it into your wastebasket, without missing a single
drop."

The agent knows he won't be able to, so once more he
agrees. The old man indeed misses, peeing all over the
desk, and on the paperwork.

The IRS agent jumps for joy, but then notices the
attorney over in the corner moaning.

"Are you all right?" asks the agent.

"No! On the way over here, he bet me \$400,000 he could
pee on your desk and you'd be happy about it!"

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR— *Optional Memorial: Mon, Oct 14; THANKSGIVING DAY—Optional Memorial: Mon, Oct 14:*

St TERESA OF AVILA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR—*Memorial: Tues, Oct 15:* Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.



Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers. In

1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honoured.

Reflection: Ours is a time of turmoil, a time of reform, and a time of liberation. Modern women have in Teresa a challenging example. Promoters of renewal, promoters of prayer, all have in Teresa a woman to reckon with, one whom they can admire and imitate. Saint Teresa of Avila is the Patron Saint of: headaches

St MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE, RELIGIOUS—*Memorial: Wed, Oct 16; St IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR—*Memorial: Thurs, Oct 17;**

St LUKE, EVANGELIST—*Feast: Fri, Oct 18:* Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.



Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles: 1) The Gospel of Mercy; 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation; 3) The Gospel of the Poor; 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation; 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit; 6) The Gospel of Joy

Reflection: Luke wrote as a Gentile (non Jews) for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Saint Luke is the Patron Saint of: Artists/Painters, Brewers, Butchers, Notaries, Physicians/Surgeons.

St PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST—*Optional Memorial: Sat, Oct 19; OUR LADY'S SATURDAY*—*Optional Memorial: Sat, Oct 19;*

“Was None Of Them Found To Return And Give Praise To God Except This Foreigner”

Jesus



This Sunday's Readings: *1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.14-17; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-13; Gospel: Luke 17.11-19 – Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers*

Cultivating Generous Gratitude

All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us. While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us to developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he “prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him.”

The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper, it required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in

order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbour.

With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them. Let us ask ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend, how are we moving past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbour. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude.

Reflection on being a Good Steward of God's Mysteries—Archdiocese of Toronto

MY CATHOLIC LIFE! A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL CONVERSION!

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

The Church on Being Gay and Having a Gay Partner

Question: Could you explain the Catholic Church's position on being gay and having a gay partner?

Answer: Yes, this is a very important and very personal question for many people today. It's one of those questions that can be deeply emotional and even "controversial." But it doesn't have to be. These questions are questions that Jesus wants to address in your heart and conscience in a loving and personal way.

So what does the Church have to say about this? Let's take your question and ask it in three different ways so that we can address the full picture: 1) What is the Catholic Church's position on being gay (that is, on having a homosexual tendency)? 2) What is the Catholic Church's position on having a gay partner? 3) What is the Catholic Church's position on homosexual sex?

Answer to question #1: There is nothing morally wrong with "being gay" if we mean being someone who has homosexual desires. This may not at all be chosen and therefore is not morally right or wrong. Regarding what the Church has to say about this...the Church has not taken a position as to why some have homosexual tendencies. In fact, it not really a question for the Church to "solve." This seems more to be a question for psychologists and science. Rather, the intent of our Church is to acknowledge that some have these tendencies and that having these tendencies is not sinful in and of itself. However, the Church does acknowledge that these sexual desires are disordered.

Answer to question #2: The answer to this question depends upon what it means to "have a gay partner." Certainly, there is something good about friendship and mutual support of another. In the case of two people who have homosexual tendencies, there could be an opportunity for healthy chaste mutual support and friendship as well as mutual understanding of the other's life and struggles. This can certainly be good and healthy. Thus, if by "having a gay partner" one means that he/she has entered into a friendship of mutual support in accord with God's plan for sexuality, then this friendship could prove to be beneficial. If by "partner" one means gay marriage or a civil union, this is not something that the Catholic Church supports. We believe that marriage is an institution created and designed by God exclusively for one man and one woman.

Answer to question #3: One serious challenge for those with homosexual tendencies is that these tendencies ought not be acted on in a sexual way. The Catholic Church, in keeping with revelation from the Scriptures, believes that God intended sex for marriage between one man and one woman. Thus, chastity must be the goal for those with homosexual tendencies.

In regards to all three of the questions above, the best way to answer them in accord with the mind of the Catholic Church is to offer you two official statements from the Church on this from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Chastity and homosexuality: 2357 Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

2359 Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection.

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.

"Twelve Wonderful Years": It truly has been a wonderful time for me. Knowing this community of StJXXIII has enriched my spiritual life; your constant prayer for myself has given me many beautiful graces. 'Contentment' is a word that comes to my mind in thinking back over this time with you. You allowed me to fulfill the vocation God has given me among you. Consequently, 'contentment' is a given whenever we fulfill God's will in our lives. Thank you.

God willing, I will be going to Yellowknife, North West Territories, for two years as my next assignment. Our Archdiocese is twinned with the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith which is a mission diocese in the north of Canada—being mission territory it is in need of financial aid. So our Archdiocese allows its priests to volunteer to assist as the need for priest there is great; this diocese has only 4 priests at the moment. I ask your prayer intercession before God to bless this future intention. Peace.

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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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