

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

**KEEPING SUNDAY HOLY
IN COVID 19 TIMES**

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HERE ARE 6 WAYS TO KEEP SUNDAY HOLY IN COVID 19 TIMES—CHOOSE ONE OR TWO

1. Watch a live-stream of the Mass

The Archbishop, Cardinal Collins, will be live-streaming daily Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30 a.m. Monday through to Sunday.

While digital participation can never replace actual presence at Mass, live-stream Mass (<https://www.archtoronto.org/covid19/Pages/default.aspx>) is a great way of keeping our connection with the Mass when it is not possible to be there in person. We can make an offering in our heart to be united spiritually to this offering, which is more spiritually efficacious than any other prayer. We should silence our phones, eliminate (as best we can!) distractions in our home, and try to give all of our attention to what is happening at the Mass so we can fully participate in this remote way.

2. Make a spiritual communion

An ancient practice of the Church for those who cannot be present at Mass is to make a spiritual communion. We have a simple prayer you can pray with longing in your heart to be united to Jesus.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. ^{St. Alphonsus Liguori}

3. Read the Sunday readings as a family

These can easily be found at usccb.org/bible. by clicking on "Today's Readings." Magnificat (a daily prayer book) is also offering free digital resources during this time, including the Sunday readings and a reflection.

Reading Scripture individually or together with others—especially in our families—is an excellent spiritual practice. Catholics "commit to forming your family in the love and power of sacred Scripture by placing it at the centre of your family life. Study and reflect on Scripture, especially on the Sunday readings." ^{Archbishop Vigneron}

4. Check in on those around you

Because those who are older are most susceptible to complications from COVID-19, health official are encouraging them to minimize their time away from home. It is a great act of charity to reach out to these

brothers and sisters in our faith communities to check in on them. Do they need groceries or help with something in their homes? Caring for each other — especially those who are most vulnerable during this time — is a demand of the Gospel. It is the enactment of our life as joyful missionary disciples.

5. Pray a family Rosary

Reclaim the Rosary as a way to be united to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. She is the perfect model of a disciple and our great intercessor. If you don't know how to pray this prayer, check out the youtube video from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and pray along with them.

6. Go to a church and pray

Many of our churches will be open so that the faithful can pray privately. Check with your parish to see when it will be open (416-429-4000 or <http://saintjohnxxiiiparish.ca>). If you are not sick, take some time on Sunday to "make a visit" to a parish and pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for your family, your parish and your neighbourhood.

THE WISDOM 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"

OUR REFUGEE FAMILY DELAYED

Our Family have been told they cannot travel to Canada until COVID 19 is over.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, March, 23: **Privately Said:**

+Dominga Reyes Miguel

Tues, March, 24: **Privately Said:**

Thanksgiving of Leia

Wed, March, 25: **Privately Said:**

Thanksgiving of Ricky Geromo

Thurs, March, 26: **Privately Said:**

+Leonardo Alon

Fri, March, 27: **Privately Said**

+Renato Quilop

Sat, March, 28: **Privately Said**

+Justa Velinor

Saturday, March 28

Privately Said: *+Thelma Dunphy*

Sunday, March 29

Privately Said: *The Parishioners*

Privately Said: *Thanksgiving of Vianca Vacheresse*

Privately Said: *+Jenny Cabelin*

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, March 28—Friday, April 3

Sanctuary Tabernacle: **+Marina Perreira**

Chapel Tabernacle:

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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

SUSPENDED FOR NOW

CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Next Collection Sunday, ??????

February Collection: \$266.50

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Need Prayer Help?

Call Beth: 416-467-6492. Intention will be emailed out to this prayer community. Only first name & intention will be shared.

SACRAMENTS OF

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION

First Confessions Cancelled—Test 2 Cancelled

Test 3—We will see

VOCATIONS

Third Sunday of Lent - March 15

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr.

Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION

Holy Week Confessions—Likely to be cancelled

Wed, April 8, 7:30PM

Keep your eye on this space for updates

UPCOMING PARISH YOUTH GROUPS EVENTS

CANCELLED FOR NOW

BEING A GOOD STEWARD OF GOD'S GIFTS

4th Sunday of Lent, March 22

In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us

imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and graces He has poured into our lives.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$430.00

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

Please continue your weekly donations if your income is not affected by the current situation.

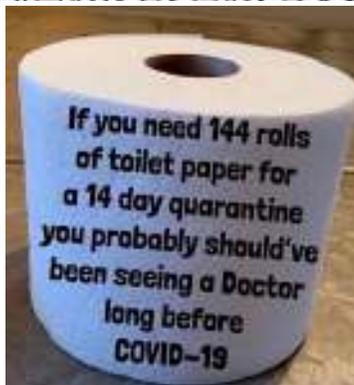
You can donate online:

<https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=415>

Or you can continue to donate in your usual way by dropping off your envelope at the parish office during office hours (see above);

Or you can mail your donation—St John XXIII Church, 150 Gateway Blvd, Toronto, M3C 1B1.

SMILE



BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

April 4—5

St Vincent de Paul will be collecting your donations on this weekend. Truck will be in our carpark from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

<p>Accepting All Clothing (any condition) All Footwear (any condition) Bedding (Any condition) Drapery/Towels Toys (new or nearly new)</p>	<p>Don't Accept Books (any kind) Construction Material (any condition) Dishes (any kind) Furniture (any condition) Video/Audio Cassettes</p>
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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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE
 ARCHBISHOP,
 CARDINAL COLLINS
 ShareLife

4th Sunday of Lent

Are we able to identify those who are asking for help in society? We may often judge based on appearance, without appreciating that this alone does not define who is in need. There are many people dealing with family issues, mental health problems, or struggling to settle in a new country, whose concerns are not obvious to the outside world. They need our support and we are able to bring the hands of Christ to them through ShareLife agencies.

PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER,
 POPE FRANCIS', MARCH
 MISSION INTENTION

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE
 WITH A WORLDWIDE
 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
 WEEKEND!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage!

April 24-26, 2020

Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. Upcoming Weekend: April 24-26, 2020 - Four Points Sheraton (Argentia Road), Mississauga, ON

For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST TURIBUIS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP: *Optional Memorial—Monday, March 23:*

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: *Solemnity—Wednesday, March 25:* The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).



Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Reflection

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God’s freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God’s shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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.

TOTUS TUUS RETURNS

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

Dates: Aug 9-14 / **Cost:** \$10/for the week/per child payable week prior to Aug 9. / **Day Prgrm:** kids entering grades 1-6 in the Fall. / **Eveng Prgrm:** youth entering grades 7-12 in the Fall.

“He Said, “Lord I Believe”. And He Worshipped Him”

The
Man
Born
Blind



This Sunday's Readings: *First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a—Samuel is sent to anoint David as king; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6—The Lord is our shepherd; Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14—The Ephesians are told to live as children of light; Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)—Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.*

Background on the Gospel Reading

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus

performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

SHARELIFE

How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Next Sunday, March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

CANCELLED

LENT: DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent after 7PM

Mass

Holy Hour

Every Sunday of Lent: 4—5PM

Consider "doing" one or both of these devotions for Lent—they are much more fruitful than "giving up" chocolate.

WILL MOST LIKELY BE CANCELLED

UPCOMING LENTEN MISSION

St John XXIII Parish

Preacher:

Fr Francis Ching,

Companions of the Cross

"Growing in Partnership with Christ."

Monday, March 30

Talk: Seeking Virtues

Tuesday March 31

Talk: Listening from the Heart,

Wednesday April 1

Talk: Staying Accountable

Schedule

(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Mass @ 7PM,

Then Exposition,

Followed by The Mission Talk,

Concluding with Healing Prayers & Benediction

PRAYER

Mercy. Ask. Thanksgiving. Adoration.

(M. A. T. A.)

Begin with seeking *Mercy*. / Continue by *Asking* for grace. / Move on to be amazed and *Thankful* for all His gifts. / Finally, Marvel in *Adoration* of His holy light.

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

NEW PASTOR

Takes over on June 24, 2020

Who the new pastor will be has not yet been decided—this will be known sometime in May of 2020. *Let us begin praying for him.* If we do this together, he will become a blessing to JXXIII. Date of transfer is June 24, 2020.

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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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