

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

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

"The Creed"

The Church Is One, Holy, Catholic, And Apostolic

168. Who belongs to the Catholic Church?

All human beings in various ways belong to or are ordered to the Catholic unity of the people of God. Fully incorporated into the Catholic Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, are joined to the Church by the bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government and communion. The baptized who do not enjoy full Catholic unity are in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church.

169. What is the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Jewish people?

The Catholic Church recognizes a particular link with the Jewish people in the fact that God chose them before all others to receive his Word. To the Jewish people belong "the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, the promises, and the patriarchs; and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ" (Romans 9:4, 5). The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to the revelation of God in the Old Covenant.

170. What is the bond that exists between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions?

There is a bond between all peoples which comes especially from the common origin and end of the entire human race. The Catholic Church recognizes that whatever is good or true in other religions comes from God and is a reflection of his truth. As such it can prepare for the acceptance of the Gospel and act as a stimulus toward the unity of humanity in the Church of Christ.

172. Why must the Church proclaim the Gospel to the whole world?

The Church must do so because Christ has given the command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). This missionary mandate of the Lord has its origin in the eternal love of God who has sent his Son and the Holy Spirit because "he desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

173. In what sense is the Church missionary?

The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, continues the mission of Christ himself in the course of history. Christians must, therefore, proclaim to everyone the Good News borne by Christ; and, following his path, they must be ready for self-sacrifice, even unto martyrdom.

174. Why is the Church apostolic?

The Church is apostolic in her origin because she has been built on "the foundation of the Apostles" (Ephesians 2:20). She is apostolic in her teaching which is the same as that of the Apostles. She is apostolic by reason of her structure insofar as she is taught, sanctified, and guided until Christ returns by the Apostles through their successors who are the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter.

175. In what does the mission of the Apostles consist?

The Word "Apostle" means "one who is sent". Jesus, the One sent by the Father, called to himself twelve of his disciples and appointed them as his Apostles, making them the chosen witnesses of his Resurrection and the foundation of his Church. He gave them the command to continue his own mission saying, "As the Father has sent me, so I also send you" (John 20:21); and he promised to remain with them until the end of the world.

176. What is apostolic succession?

Apostolic succession is the transmission by means of the sacrament of Holy Orders of the mission and power of the Apostles to their successors, the bishops. Thanks to this transmission the Church remains in communion of faith and life with her origin, while through the centuries she carries on her apostolate for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

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 GOOD NEWS

Our Family have been okayed to receive their visas.
They are scheduled to arrive in April 9, 2020.

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 16, **7PM:**

+*Evaristo e Victor Lobo*

Tues, March 17, **9AM:**

+*Francis e Olive Lobo*

Wed, March 18: **7 PM:**

+*Paul deGale*

Thurs, March 19, **9AM:**

In Honour of St Joseph

Fri, March 20, **7PM**

+*Jess Mapili*

Sat, March 21, **9AM**

+*Maria Teresa Garcia*

Saturday, March 21

5:15PM: *Thanksgiving: Marivic Autencio: B-day*

Sunday, March 22

9AM: *Thanksgiving of CWL*

12:15PM: *The Parishioners*

5:30PM: +*Asuncion*, +*Gragoria*, +*Constancia*

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, March 21—Friday, March 27

Sanctuary Tabernacle:

Chapel Tabernacle:

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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

CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Next Collection Sunday, March 22

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$2,874.

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION

Second Test

Month of February/March

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.

VOCATIONS

Third Sunday of Lent - March 15

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where

God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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

Session 5

Wednesday, March 18: 7PM Mass

& Session 5 in the hall at 7:30—9PM

Holy Week Confessions

Wed, April 8, 7:30PM

UPCOMING PARISH YOUTH GROUPS EVENTS

All Are Welcome

Fri, March 13: 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Service)

Fri March 20: 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Lesson)

Fri, March 27: 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Social)

BEING A GOOD STEWARD OF GOD'S GIFTS

Third Sunday of Lent, March 15

As stewards of Christ we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged or resentful. Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

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.

Accepting
 All Clothing
 (any condition)
 All Footwear
 (any condition)
 Bedding
 (Any condition)
 Drapery/Towels
 Toys
 (new or nearly new)

Don't Accept
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 (any kind)
 Construction Material
 (any condition)
 Dishes
 (any kind)
 Furniture
 (any condition)
 Video/Audio Cassettes

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

About ShareLife

He tells us, "It is people of faith who run shelters and food banks, help refugees to begin a new life, and reach out to the ill and abandoned. The social service agencies supported by our ShareLife collection live the Gospel value to love everyone as I have loved you through their daily programs and services. Our support for the ShareLife campaign is critical to making these programs possible; I ask you to reflect on your ability to contribute to our annual appeal as our first collection takes place two weeks from now.

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 PATRICK, BISHOP: *Optional Memorial—Tuesday, March 17:*

ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: *Solemnity—Thursday, March 19: St Joseph is the Principal Patron of Canada, and Patron of the Universal Church.* The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.



It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Reflection: *The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus’ mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn’t believe that he came from such humble beginnings:*

“Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary...?” (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (John 1:46b).

Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of: Belgium, Canada, Carpenters, China, Fathers, Happy death, Peru, Russia, Social Justice, Travelers, Universal Church, Vietnam, Workers.

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.

“If You Knew The Gift Of God...You Would Have Asked... And He Would Have Given You Living Water.”

Jesus



This Sunday's Readings: *First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7—God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock; Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2,6-9—Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord; Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8—Christ died for us while we were still sinners; Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42—Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.*

Background on the Gospel Reading

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is

meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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.

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OPPORTUNITY

At St John XXIII**Do you want someone to talk with about your faith?**

Are you seeking to deepen your relationship with God? St. John XXIII Parish is offering a series of 10 - 12 spiritual direction sessions between February and May. You will meet individually every week for 45 minutes with a Jesuit trained Spiritual Director who is continuing her practicum training in the ministry of spiritual direction. These sessions will give you the opportunity to express and better appreciate what is happening in your prayer and in your life with God.

There is no cost, though a free will offering may be made to St. John XXIII parish to support our ministries.

To apply, contact the Secretary at St. John XXIII Parish. See contact information on front page.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Preventative Measures in Place

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures:

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or “Peace be with you” to your neighbour is appropriate.
- For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time.
- Parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.

Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.

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.

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)

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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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