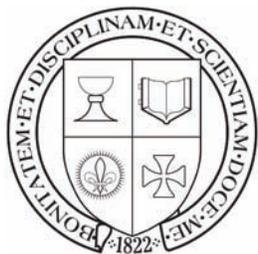


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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

By Lisa Fernandes

Today is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, one of the oldest celebrations in the Church. And a popular holiday in Québec (St. Jean-Baptiste Day).

John is an important figure in that he is a forerunner of Christ. This is shown in that his birthday is June 24th, six months before the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Ordinarily the death of a Saint is celebrated as a Feast Day but there are two notable exceptions, Mary and St John the Baptist where their birth is celebrated instead. While not officially declared as such, many believe that John was cleansed of original sin when he recognized Jesus and leaped within his mother's womb.

As we read in the first reading: "...pay attention, you peoples from far away! And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant..." (Isaiah 49.5)

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!



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Pope Francis recognizes the importance of St. John the Baptist as a model of evangelizing when he says, "In sharing the Gospel with others, Christians must be like St. John the Baptist, preparing the way for the Lord, pointing him out to others, then stepping aside." Perhaps in that way, we can all be precursors of Christ's second coming.

John baptized Jesus and knew from the start of Jesus' greatness. He shows his admiration and how unimportant he is in comparison to Jesus in the second reading when he says: "...one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." (Acts 13.25)

John knew from the beginning he was special, as unworthy as he considered himself in comparison. His mother Elizabeth became pregnant with him even though she was not of childbearing age. He knew in the womb that he was there to herald Christ. Even when it came time to name him, though he would normally receive a relative's name, like that of his father Zechariah, instead Elizabeth said his name would be John. Zechariah used a writing tablet and wrote: "His name is John." (Luke 1.63) after which he regained his power of speech.

John spent most of his early life in the desert until he appeared publicly — again being a forerunner to Jesus. In those days in the desert he went through dark times doubting his role but then gave light to the world in foretelling Christ. We all may sometimes feel we are going through dark times, but can look forward to the light of Christ.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

- ISAIAH 49.1-6
- PSALM 139
- ACTS 13.22-26
- LUKE 1.57-66, 80

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Thank you for your generous contributions to the June 16/17 Saint Vincent dePaul Bundle Up Weekend. Your donations have helped tremendously.

THANK YOU!

JULY LONG WEEKEND

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, July 2, 2018 in observance of Canada Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, after which the Church will be closed; regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.

RENEW TORONTO

Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples and families, men and women!

Sponsored by the Office for Catholic Youth, Renew Toronto takes place **October 12-14, 2018.**

For more information about registration, please visit <http://ocytoronto.org/renewto/>

ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL NOVENA TRIDUUM

Join the St. Patrick's Church (131 McCaul St.) community for the Annual Novena Triduum to honour Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, **June 25-27.** Novena prayers and Mass begin each evening at 7 p.m.

On Monday evening, they will welcome families to the celebration and will honour them with a special prayer of blessings. On Tuesday, they will focus on the theme of healing, with the Sacrament of the Sick being offered for those in need. Fr. Mark Miller, Redemptorist provincial and moral theologian, will be the celebrant for the first two evenings, and Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will be the celebrant and homilist for the feast day on June 27. An international celebration will conclude the feast day celebration.

For more information, visit <https://stpatricksto.archtoronto.org/>

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend, **June 30/July 1**, is the John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are most certainly welcome, we are most in need of:

- Canned Fruits
- Canned Tuna, Chicken, Ham
- Cookies
- Family-size Juices
- Raisins, dried cranberries
- Fruit Cups
- Jam
- Granola Bars

Over the summer months, our Outreach Ministries see an increase in patronage, as other programs in the surrounding area shut down. Your contributions help ensure the continued success of our programs. If you're interested in finding out more information or volunteering with outreach ministries, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

Thank you for your continued support of the Out of the Cold and Miller Group Outreach Ministries.

“True love is delicate and kind, full of gentle perception and understanding, full of beauty and grace, full of joy unutterable.

There should be some flavor of this in all our love for others. We are all one.

With such a love one would see all things new; we would begin to see people as they really are, as God sees them.”

– Dorothy Day

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, June 17, 2018 \$ 5,764.80



MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 24TH — 30TH

SUNDAY NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:00am Dorothy Duffy (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Sister Caritas Sevilla(+)
4:30pm Aida Abuel (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Yenukunme Chantal Jôssu (liv.)
12:10pm James Harvey (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Yenukunme Chantal Jôssu (liv.)
12:10pm Daniel Pollock (+), Eleanor McBride (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Michael Stardub (+)
12:10pm Catejan Castelino (+)

THURSDAY ST. IRENAEUS

7:30am Marie Bernice Casey (+)
12:10pm Lue Tan (+)

FRIDAY STS PETER AND PAUL

7:30am Young Mi Sim (liv.)
12:10pm Paolo Scoppio Jr and Sr. (+,+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Leo Dugbe (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Mary O'Brien, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Tai-Ho Myung, Young-Mi Sim, and Anne MacCarthy.

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