

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45 pm (PH)</p>	<p><b>6</b> PREP class Lenten Reflection 6:30-7:45 pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45 pm (RH)</p>	<p><b>7</b> Arbutus Mass 10:30 am Mandarin RCIA 6-7 pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00 pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30 pm (PH)</p>	<p><b>8</b> Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12 noon (PH)</p>	<p><b>9</b> Crofton Manor Mass 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>10</b> Legion of Mary 8:45 am (PH) Cantonesse RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonesse Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm Annual Parish Potluck after 5:30 pm Mass</p>
<p><b>11</b> Holy Family meeting 2-6 pm (PH)</p>	<p><b>12</b> FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY (no work) 9:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>13</b> PREP class 6:30-7:40pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45 pm (RH)</p>	<p><b>14</b> ASH Wednesday Arbutus Mass 10:30 am Special Mass 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> Chinese New Year Crofton Manor Mass 10:30 am Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30 pm (PH)</p>	<p><b>17</b> Legion of Mary 8:45 am (PH) Morning of Recollection 9:30 am-noon (PH) Cantonesse RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonesse Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00 pm</p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45 pm (PH)</p>	<p><b>20</b> PREP class 6:30-7:40 pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45 pm (RH)</p>	<p><b>21</b> Arbutus Mass 10:30 am Mandarin RCIA 6-7 pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00 pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30 pm (PH)</p>	<p><b>22</b> Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12 noon (PH)</p>	<p><b>23</b> Crofton Manor Mass 10:30 am Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> Legion of Mary 8:45 am (PH) Cantonesse RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonesse Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00 pm</p>
<p><b>25</b> Coffee, Cookies &amp; Community after the 9 am &amp; 11 am Mass</p>	<p><b>26</b> Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45 pm (PH)</p>	<p><b>27</b> PREP class 6:30-7:40 pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45 pm (RH)</p>	<p><b>28</b> Arbutus Mass 10:30 am Mandarin RCIA 6-7 pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00 pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30 pm (PH)</p>	<p><b>1</b> FLL Evening Recollection in Cantonesse 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> Crofton Manor Mass 10:30 am First Friday Devotions Benediction 6:15 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> Legion of Mary 8:45 am (PH) Fatima Ladies Circle 10 am-noon Cantonesse RCIA 2:3 pm (PH) Cantonesse Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00 pm</p>



February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2018

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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

Weekend Masses

廣東話主日提前彌撒: 星期六  
下午四時

Sat 4 PM (Cantonesse),  
5:30 PM

Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Weekday Masses

Mon-Sat 8 AM  
Public Holidays 9 AM

Confession

20 minutes before all  
weekend Masses and  
15 minutes before all  
weekday Masses

Morning Prayer

Mon-Sat 7:30 AM

Adoration

Fri 8:30-9:30 AM

1st Fri 8:30 AM-6:30 PM

Holy Rosary

Mon-Sat after the 8 AM  
Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

10 minutes before all  
weekend Masses

Visit to the Sick

Please call Parish Office  
or Emergency number  
604-729-7638

Baptisms

by appointment

Marriages

at least 6 months notice

February 18, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Images in the modern media are exercising powerful negative influences in our culture. "Whoever controls the images, controls the culture" – Bishop Robert Morneau. We do well to be aware of the images that tempt us. Images that tempt us to chase after things that hinder our ability to be the best disciples and stewards we can be. Prayer, patience, and perseverance give us the strength to resist temptation. "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything", says St. Paul. (Phil 4:6) Be patient in getting things, resist becoming a slave to instant gratification. When you are weak, seek God's unconditional mercy and he will give you strength. And, with hope and joy, persevere in your journey to being the best disciple and steward you can be.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 17 (Saturday) Ferial (P).....Mark & Magdalene Chow (AM) +  
Felix & Cecilia Chan (PM) +  
Feb 18 1st Sunday of Lent (P).....Fung Au +  
Feb 19 (Monday) Ferial (P).....Tianli Tang INT  
Feb 20 (Tuesday) Ferial (P).....Joseph Wong-Sing INT  
Feb 21 (Wednesday) Ferial (P).....Adam & Mary Kloster +  
Feb 22 (Thursday) Chair of St. Peter (W).....Peter Markin +  
Feb 23 (Friday) Ferial (P).....Tianli Tang INT  
Feb 24 (Saturday) Ferial (P).....Collin Hryniw (AM) INT  
Ms. Liu (PM) +

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:** If you would like to become a member of the St. John the Apostle Parish Community, please complete a Parish Registration Form (located by the bulletin board near the main door of the Church) and introduce yourself to the priests. Envelopes are assigned to those who request for them. Please pick them up at the church vestibule or at the Parish Office.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF PARISH REGISTRATION AND USE OF PARISH SUNDAY ENVELOPES:** Some Church goers are requesting from the parish Letters of Good Standing or Reference Letters as part of Baptism and/or Confirmation Sponsor documents or for other religious certifications or wanting their children enter a Catholic Elementary or Secondary School. The only official and ordinary way to obtain them is to register in the parish and the regular use of envelopes so that when the time comes, it will be based on official records. This is to avoid unnecessary frustrations and misunderstandings when one claims that he/she attends Mass but does not use envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please Pray for the Sick

Joan Archer, Dymrna Borowski, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Monika & Adrian Poiron, Lisa Marie & Shanto Mark, Jeannine Tattrie, Bernadette Percy, Elizabeth Schwertfeger, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Margaret Browne, Mane Galbraith, Ramon & Maria Marfori, Fr. Peter Chiang, Margaret Frizell, Guaik Tanjuaquio, Mark Siy, Maravilla Melchor, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Mary Cajucom



**Adults Catechism Classes:  
(RCIA)**

English: Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Mandarin: Wednesday 6:00 pm  
Cantonese: Saturday 2:30 pm

廣東話道理班: 星期六下午二時半  
普通話道理班: 星期三晚上六時



**Second Collection for  
St. Joseph's Society  
will be taken at all masses  
Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**Lenten Initiatives for St. John the Apostle Parish**

1. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** 10 minutes before all weekend Masses. Please come early to church before Mass to prepare oneself spiritually for Mass and Holy Communion and to meditate on the Passion of Christ. Let's pray together for the gift of conversion and the for the work of evangelization at our parish.

2. New website: **SJAPARISH.CA** with the on-line platform of **SJA.FORMED.ORG**.

FORMED is the revolutionary digital platform that gives unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. 300+ episodes of video-based study programs, 35+ feature films and movies, 45+ audio presentations, 25+ eBooks Available in English and Spanish!

The access code of **SJA.FORMED.ORG** for our parishioners is: **TWNH4F**

**SJAPARISH.CA**

**DO IT YOURSELF PARISH RETREAT**

using Fr. Michael Gaitley's book

**"33-Days to Merciful Love Do-It-Yourself  
Retreat in Preparation for Consecration to  
Divine Mercy"** culminating in communal  
consecration on **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
April 8, 2018.**

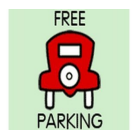
**Retreat will start on March 6, 2018.**

Returning participants please use your own book. To purchase your own book @ \$20 each, please contact:  
Resela: [rwongsing@shaw.ca](mailto:rwongsing@shaw.ca).

**Deadline for ordering is February 28, 2017.**



This is to kindly remind everyone that the parking lot across the street is owned by the church. Please let us make use of it and be mindful of our neighbours.



**Our Lady smiles at Therese**

After the death of St. Zelig Martin, St. Therese saw her older sister, Pauline, as a second mother. Pauline taught Therese grammar, catechism and lessons in piety. Pauline also comforted her when she was sick.

Therese loved Pauline dearly. She recalled: "I told her once that I would like to go away with her to a far-off desert; she replied that it was her wish too, but that she was waiting till I was big enough to set out. This impossible promise I took in earnest, and what was my grief when I heard Pauline talking to Marie about soon entering the Carmel!"

Pauline felt the call to enter the Carmelite convent. She told her father, St. Louis Martin, of her intention. Louis said, " My Pauline, I have given you permission to enter Carmel for your own happiness, but do not think that there is no sacrifice on my part, for I love you so much."

While Pauline and Marie were talking about her entrance, Therese overheard the entire conversation and took it very hard. She ran to her bedroom and started crying. She felt betrayed that Pauline was going to leave for Carmel without her. Later that day, Pauline explained to Therese her reasons for leaving home in order to calm her fears.

On October 2, 1882, Pauline entered the Carmelite. Therese described that day: "Whilst Papa, with my uncle and Marie, climbed the mountain of Carmel to offer his first sacrifice, my aunt took me to Mass, with my sisters and cousins. We were bathed in tears, and people gazed at us in astonishment when we entered the church, but that did not stop our crying."

As a cloistered nun, Pauline (now known as Sister Agnes of Jesus) was given very limited amount of time to meet family members. Therese took this very hard. She recalled: "I, who had been accustomed to talk with my little Mother of all that was in my heart, could now scarcely snatch two or three minutes with her at the end of the family visits; even these short minutes were passed in tears, and I went away with my heart torn with grief."

"I did not realise that it was impossible to give us each half an hour, and that of course Papa and Marie must have the largest share. I could not understand all this, and I said from the depths of my heart: 'Pauline is lost to me.'"

This suffering so affected Therese that she soon became seriously ill. She suffered an inexplicable malady with chills, fevers, convulsions, hallucinations and a great deal of crying.

One day, in deep distress, Louis asked her eldest daughter, Marie, to write to Paris requesting a novena of Masses said at the shrine of Our Lady of Victories for the healing of little Therese.

One Sunday, during the novena, Marie became so desperate over Therese's illness and hallucinations that she knelt before the statue of Our Lady, and frantically begged for her sister's life. Leonie and Celine joined her, and Therese too turned to Our Lady, begging her to have pity.

The prayers of these future nuns were answered miraculously. Therese recalled: "Suddenly the statue seemed to come to life and grow beautiful, with a divine beauty that I shall never find words to describe. The expression of Our Lady's face was ineffably sweet, tender, and compassionate; but what touched me to the very depths of my soul was her gracious smile. Then, all my pain vanished, two big tears started to my eyes and fell silently".

Therese was cured and began to cry quietly. Later, Marie pressed Therese for details, and ten years old Therese said simply that the Virgin Mary had smiled at her.

**Lent**  
a time of preparation,  
repentance & renewal

**Lenten Mass and Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm** followed by **Mass at 7:00pm**

Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving are the spiritual hallmarks of the Christian Life during Lent. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also an important part of this holy season.



The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, outside of these ages, fasting would be voluntary.

**Abstinence & fast are to be observed on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. All Fridays through the year and time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.**

**MAKE  
LENT  
COUNT**  
PRAY - ACT - GIVE



Let us continue to keep one another  
in our prayers during this lent season

**Coffee, Cookies and Community  
Next Sunday, February 25, 2018**

Will be held next Sunday **after the 9AM & 11AM Mass**. Join your fellow parishioners after Mass while you enjoy coffee and cookies. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated.

