

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) Cantonese RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonese 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) Cantonese RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonese 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) Cantonese RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonese 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 Cantonese 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 Cantonese RCIA 2:3 pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00 pm</p>



February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 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 (Cantonese),  
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 25, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Feb 24 (Saturday) Ferial (P).....Collin Hryniw (AM) INT  
Ms. Liu (PM) +
- Feb 25 2nd Sunday of Lent (P).....Peter Fung +
- Feb 26 (Monday) Ferial (P).....Tianli Tang INT
- Feb 27 (Tuesday) Ferial (P).....Fung Au +
- Feb 28 (Wednesday) Ferial (P).....Oscar T. Africa +
- Mar 01 (1st Thursday) Ferial (P).....Dina Sum +
- Mar 02 (1st Friday) Ferial (P).....Felipe & Nancy Cajucom (AM) +  
Shao C. Tin (PM) +
- Mar 03 (1st Saturday) Ferial (P).....Lucille Wilkinson (AM) INT  
Mary Louise Chan (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

**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.



**Holy Days Choir**

The choir at St. John the Apostle has greatly enriched our Christmas and Easter liturgies over the years due to the dedication and hard work of a number of individuals.

Unfortunately, over the past few years, several of our long-time choir members have had to retire from the choir – for a variety of reasons.

We know that there are many more able singers in the congregation that are presently in one of our two choirs, and this is an urgent plea to consider taking part in this very rewarding contribution to our liturgy. Being able to read music, while highly desirable, is not absolutely essential. Our practices are opportunities both to learn and also have a lot of fun. Any choir member can confirm that!!

Choir practices to prepare for the Easter Triduum liturgy are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 P.M. Please consider coming to join us – and remember the old saying “Those who sing pray twice”!



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad You Did!**

**Coffee, Cookies and Community  
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.

**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**

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**Lenten Penitential Services at  
St. John the Apostle Parish  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 7:00PM**



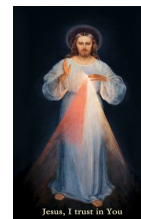
*Do not be afraid of Confession! Jesus is there... and He receives you with so much love.* -  
**Pope Francis**

**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.**

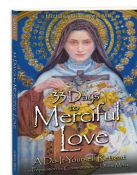
**Retreat will start on March 6, 2018.**



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, 2018.**



**Therese resolves to love God alone**

As a little girl, St. Therese the Little Flower had a great love for pictures and books. Therese was not good at games, and she preferred to spend time in reading. However, she was only allowed a limited time for this favorite recreation, and it became an occasion of much self-sacrifice. As soon as the time had elapsed Therese made it her duty to stop instantly, even in the middle of a most interesting passage.

More precious than knowledge from books was her spiritual insight to understand that “the only true glory is that which lasts for ever; and that to attain it there is no necessity to do brilliant deeds, but rather to hide from the eyes of others, and even from oneself, so that 'the left hand knows not what the right hand does.'”

The year after her illness, Marie helped her younger sister, Therese, to prepare for First Communion. Therese was very happy on her First Communion day and shed tears of happiness. She recalled: “How sweet was the first embrace of Jesus! It was indeed an embrace of love. I felt that I was loved, and I said: 'I love Thee, and I give myself to Thee for ever.'”

During the afternoon of First Communion day, Therese read the act of consecration to Our Lady, for herself and her companions. She was chosen probably because she had been deprived of her earthly mother while still so young.

Therese longed for Jesus in Holy Communion. She wrote, “The pretty clothes and the presents I had received could not satisfy me. Henceforth Our Lord alone could fill my heart, and all I longed for was the blissful moment when I should receive Him again.”

Though young in age, Therese already had the desire to suffer for God and to love God only. She desired to find joy in God alone.

Therese experienced the unreliability of human affection. While at school, Therese chose as friends two little girls of her own age. Therese recalled: “One of them had to stay at home for some months; while she was away I thought about her very often, and on her return I showed how pleased I was. However, all I got was a glance of indifference—my friendship was not appreciated. I felt this very keenly, and I no longer sought an affection which had proved so inconstant. Nevertheless I still love my little school friend, and continue to pray for her, for God has given me a faithful heart, and when once I love, I love for ever.”

Therese was touchy and suffered from scruples in her early teens. Therese found peace in confiding her scruples to her sister Marie. Her scruples made her so ill that Therese was obliged to leave school when she was thirteen. Her father took her several times a week to tutor. Scrupulosity was a great spiritual and mental trial for Therese which lasted for about two years.

When Marie decided to enter the Carmelite convent, Therese resolved to take no further pleasure in anything here below. After Marie entered the Carmel, and Therese no longer had someone to listen to her scruples. She turned towards Heaven and confided her scruples to her four siblings who had died in baptismal innocence. She wrote, “I thought that these innocent souls, who had never known sorrow or fear, ought to have pity on their poor little suffering sister.....The answer was not long in coming; soon my soul was flooded with the with the sweetest peace. I knew that I was loved, not only on earth but also in Heaven”.



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

**Visitation of the Sick**

Please inform the hospital staff upon arrival that the patient is Roman Catholic and ask for the hospital's Catholic Chaplain. Also, please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner/family member is hospitalized or housebound. Call the Parish Office to arrange visitation, Holy Communion, Anointing.



**A friendly reminder**



On the side street of the church, along 39th & Trafalgar, the area between the hydrant and the driveway should be kept clear for those who need it.