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**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.

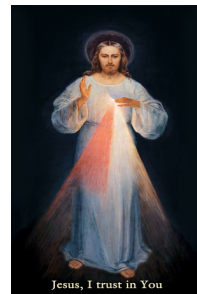


Second Collection for

Share Lent

will be taken at all masses
Sunday, March 18, 2018

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
CELEBRATION AND CONSECRATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018**



All are welcome to join us to celebrate and consecrate to Divine Mercy even though you are not participant of "33-Days to Merciful Love Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy" OR unable to complete the Retreat. For the Consecration prayer please remember to bring your consecration certificate (from 2016 for renewal) OR prayer card OR book **TIME: 2:30pm – 4:30pm PLACE: SJA Church Contact: Resela rwongsing@shaw.ca**

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



**Procession of the Passion
Stations of the Cross
at St. John the Apostle Parish
Good Friday, March 30, 10AM**

Everyone is welcome to join and participate in the Procession of the Passion at St. John the Apostle Parish. The procession will begin in the Church and proceed out of the Church and around Elm Park. We need volunteers to carry the cross from station to the next station.

(For the Stations of the Cross, we have two groups. One group will process outside the church, the other group is for those who prefer to remain in the church. Both groups will be together to pray the first station in the church)

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Therese meets the Pope

Three days after the journey to see the Bishop at Bayeux, Therese started the journey to Rome with her father Louis, her sister Celine, and a group of pilgrims.

The journey began on November 4, 1887. They went to Paris, and Therese favorite place there was the shrine of Our Lady of Victories. She knew that it was really Our Lady who had smiled on her and cured her when she was ten.

On their way into Italy they passed through Switzerland. For Therese, the beautiful scenery of nature was a foretaste of the wonders of Heaven. It reminded her of the greatness and majesty of God.

The pilgrims went to Milan, Venice, Padua, Bologna, and Loreto. Therese was happy to visit the Holy House at Loreto. She wrote, "I was overwhelmed with emotion when I realized that I was under the very roof that had sheltered the Holy Family." Therese and Celine attended Mass at the Holy House and had the great joy of receiving Holy Communion.

The highlight of the pilgrimage was Rome. They went to the Coliseum. Therese and Celine rushed towards the arena to a particular stone marked with a cross. It was the place where the Martyrs had fought the good fight. The two girls knelt down and prayed. From the Coliseum they went to the Catacombs, and there Therese and Céline laid themselves down in what had once been the tomb of St. Cecilia, and took some of the earth sanctified by her holy remains. Therese felt greater devotion and love towards St. Cecilia. She became Therese's chosen patroness.

On the seventh day in Rome, the pilgrims had audience with Pope Leo XIII. Since Therese hadn't heard from the Bishop regarding her request to enter Carmel, she decided to ask the Holy Father's permission.

It was Sunday November 20. The pilgrims attended the Mass celebrated by the Holy Father at his private chapel. A Mass of thanksgiving followed, and then the audience began. During the audience pilgrims were not supposed to talk to the Pope. But when it was Therese's turn, she pleaded: "Holy Father, I have a great favour to ask you." At once Holy Father bent towards Therese. She continued: "Holy Father, in honor of your jubilee, will you allow me to enter the Carmel when I am fifteen?"

The Vicar-General explained to the Pope saying: "Holy Father, this is a child who desires to become a Carmelite, but the Superiors of the Carmel are looking into the matter." Pope Leo XIII said, "Well, my child, do whatever the Superiors decide." Therese said, "Holy Father, if only you say 'yes,' everyone else would agree." Leo XIII looked at her fixedly and said clearly and emphatically: "Well, well! You will enter if it is God's Will." The Noble Guards motioned to her and as she paid little attention they came forward to lift her up. The Holy Father blessed her, and she left the audience in tears.

Therese wrote, "This trial was indeed a heavy one, but I must admit that in spite of my tears I felt a deep inward peace, for I had made every effort in my power to respond to the appeal of my Divine Master."

One comfort for Therese was that Father Révérony, the Vicar-General of Bayeux, promised her that he would do all in his power to realize her desire of entering Carmel at fifteen. After Rome, the pilgrims visited Naples, Pompeii, Assisi, Florence, Pisa and Genoa. They stayed at high quality and comfortable hotels. However, Therese's heart was set on Carmel and she felt strongly that riches do not make happiness.

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. Thank you.

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.

