

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11 DST start at 3am today Holy Family meeting 2-6pm (PH)	12 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45pm (PH)	13 PREP class/Adoration/ Benediction 6:30-7:40pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45pm (RH)	14 Arbutus Mass 10:30am Mandarin RCIA 6-7pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30pm (PH)	15	16 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7pm (PH)	17 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese RCIA 2:30pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話道班 2:30pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
18	19 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45pm (PH)	20 PREP Spring Break Penitential Service 7:00pm	21 Arbutus Mass 10:30am Mandarin RCIA 6-7pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30pm (PH)	22 Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12noon (PH)	23 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm	24 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese RCIA 2:30pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話道班 2:30pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
25 Palm Sunday	26 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45pm (PH)	27 PREP Spring Break	28 Arbutus Mass 10:30am Mandarin RCIA 6-7pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30pm (PH)	29 Holy Thursday 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at the Altar of repose until 11:00pm	30 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10:00am 3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross 7:00am (Cantonese)	31 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00pm Liturgy with the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation
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				1 FLL Evening Recollection in Cantonese 6:30 pm	2 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am First Friday Devotions Benediction 6:15pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7:30pm	3 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Fatima Ladies Circle 10am-noon Cantonese RCIA 2:30 (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話道班 2:30pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm



March 11, 2018

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 11, 2018**

**Pastor**

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**Administrative Assistant**

Melita Soriano

**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

**March 11, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of his own son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but he does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Mar 10 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Peter Markin (AM) +  
Felix & Cecilia Chan (PM) +

Mar 11 4th Sunday of Lent (P).....Peter Markin +

Mar 12 Monday, Ferial (P).....Tianli Tang INT

Mar 13 Tuesday, Ferial (P).....Arden Leung +

Mar 14 Wednesday, Ferial (P).....Luis D. Lim +

Mar 15 Thursday, Ferial (P).....Duncan McNicholl INT

Mar 16 Friday, Ferial (P).....Tianli Tang INT

Mar 17 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Theresa & Chuck (AM) INT

S. Catherine Wong & Family (PM) INT

**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, Dympna Borowski, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Monika & Adrian Poiron, Lisa Marie & Shanto Mark, Jeannine Tattie, 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, Margaret Redmond



### 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.

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



### 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”!

### 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.



### 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**

### Morning of Reflection

Come join us for a talk on **Lenten Spirit**, and time of silent reflection, followed by fellowship and sharing.

**When: Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: St. John the Apostle Parish Hall**

**What time: 9:30 am to noon**

For more information contact Madonna House:  
[madonna02@shaw.ca](mailto:madonna02@shaw.ca) Or call 604-267-1757



### Second Collection for

#### Share Lent

will be taken at all masses

Next Sunday, March 18, 2018

### 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*



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.

FREE



PARKING

### Therese meets the Bishop

Therese of Lisieux experienced the power of prayers when she was cured of illness while her sisters were praying for her and when she experienced great peace after praying to her four siblings in heaven concerning her scruples.

In Christmas 1886, Therese experienced her “conversion”. Out of consideration for her father, she controlled her emotion during an disappointment, and in that moment, the Lord granted her the self-mastery she seemed to lose at the death of her mother when she was four.

This “conversion” marked the beginning of a new phrase in the life of Therese. Her love for God grew and she decided to become a religious in the Carmelite convent.

On Pentecost 1887 Therese told her father of the decision to enter Carmel, and obtained his consent. However, there were obstacles due to her young age. When Therese told her uncle of her decision to enter Carmel, he declared that to enter such a severe Order at the age of fifteen seemed to him against all common sense. He said that he should oppose it in every way possible, and that nothing short of a miracle would make him change his mind. Therese turned to prayer and few days later, her uncle's attitude was changed. He told her that the miracle of which he had spoken was no longer needed. He had prayed God to guide his heart aright, and his prayer had been heard. He embraced Therese with fatherly affection, saying with much feeling: “Go in peace, my dear child, you are a privileged little flower which Our Lord wishes to gather. I will put no obstacle in the way.”

However, after receiving her uncle's consent, Therese encountered another disappointment. She was told that the Superior of the Carmelites would not allow her to enter till she was twenty-one. Therese went with her father to lay her request before the Superior. He received her very coldly, and could not be induced to change his mind. But he added, “Of course, I am only the Bishop's delegate; if he allows you to enter, I shall have nothing more to say.”

Therese's father promised her that if she wished, he would take her to Bayeux to see the Bishop. Hence, on October 31, 1887, they went to Bayeux to see the Bishop. Therese explained to the Bishop of her desire to enter Carmel. She said, “I have wished to give myself to God from the time I was three.” The Bishop decided that, before giving an answer to the request of Therese, an interview with the Superior was absolutely necessary. Therese was disappointed and shed tears in the presence of the Bishop. The Bishop was touched, and comforted her kindly. He said, “All is not lost, little one, but I am very glad that you are going to Rome with your good father; you will thus strengthen your vocation. Instead of weeping, you ought to rejoice. I am going to Lisieux next week, and I will talk to the Superior about you. You shall certainly have my answer when you are in Italy.”

The Bishop took Therese and her father to the garden, and her father told the Bishop that to make herself look older, Therese had put up her hair for the first time that very morning. The Bishop did not forget this, and even after Therese became a nun, the Bishop loved to repeat the story about the hair. Therese wrote, “I must say I should prefer my little secret to have been kept.” The Vicar-General, who assisted the Bishop, remarked that such a thing had never been seen—a father as anxious to give his child to God as the child was to offer herself.

### Theology of the Body Course

Discover human nature as the “Gift of Self” in our relationship with God and one another through Theology of the Body. Using the teachings of Christ on marriage, St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature in the image and likeness of God as a “communion of persons in the sincere gift of self,” giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity now and in eternal life. Sessions begin this spring: April 9 and April 10. Register at [rcav.org/tob](http://rcav.org/tob)

