PARISH BULLETIN FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 4, 2024

The parish schedule herein continues to the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024
As circumstances suggest, updates will be posted on the parish website.



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SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)
Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

As announced in the schedule in this bulletin.

ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

For emergencies, you may contact the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

As circumstances permit, on Wednesday evenings, Friday afternoons or by appointment.

Please follow the rules of good hygiene including hand washing/sanitizing and cough etiquette. Stay home if you are sick.

Individuals may continue to use face masks based on their preference, personal risk, or other reasons.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Reverend Fr. Robert Polz

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FAITH FORMATION:

Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information concerning catechism materials for lessons to take place at the church on Sunday mornings (September to May as circumstances permit) and/or in the home setting.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST): Contact our Pastoral Assistant for further information.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS: Contact the parish office <u>before</u> finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

VALENTINE'S DINNER AND DANCE FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

DOORS OPEN 5:15 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM, DANCE TO FOLLOW CASH BAR, RAINBOW AUCTION, 50/50 DRAW, DOOR PRIZES



TICKETS: Adult \$50 each, Youth/Volunteer \$30 each, Child (12 and under) \$20 each

To obtain tickets contact the parish office or one of the persons listed on the poster or in the previous bulletin.

If you are willing to donate items for the Rainbow Auction or if you are willing to help out in any other way, please call or email the parish office.

All net proceeds in support of Saint John XXIII Parish

A number of "SUPPORT TICKETS" also have been printed and are available for those unable to come, but who nevertheless would like to make a contribution towards the success of the event.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 4 – 18, 2024

As circumstances suggest, the schedule published here may be subject to change.

Sunday, February 4 4:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am 10:15 am - 11:15 am 10:15 am - 11:45 am	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MASS — Clare Procter+, requested by Gaudry-Braun family MASS (livestream) — Intentions of the Strachan family, requested by Hiebert-Polz family CATECHISM CLASSES (downstairs in the parish hall and classrooms) Sacramental Preparation Session for First Reconciliation (downstairs in room 9) MASS — "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, February 5	MEMORIAL: SAINT AGATHA, Virgin, Martyr
,, ,, ,	Mass (offered in private) – Linda Jones (health), requested by Mona Harper
Tuesday, February 6	MEMORIAL: SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs
5:00 pm	Mass (offered in private) — Debbie Lane (health), requested by Mona Harper Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend ceremony at Government House "Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Advancement of Interreligious Understanding"
Wednesday, February 7	FERIAL
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm 7:40 pm	MASS including the Rite of Calling the Candidate Janna Layne Pingert to Lenten Renewal - Doug and Laurette Burch (health), requested by Laurette Burch RCIA Session (Guadalupe Room)
Thursday, February 8 10:30 am	FERIAL Mass (offered in private) — Magdalena Krauter (health), requested by Henrietta Zhanel Fr. Robert and Sharon to attend Central Winnipeg Deanery meeting at St. Charles Church
Friday, February 9	Ferial
12:00 pm 12:10 pm 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm	Praying of the Angelus MASS – Special intention, requested by a parishioner Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, February 10	MEMORIAL: SAINT SCHOLASTICA, Virgin
4:00 pm 5:15 pm	MASS for Sunday – Ignatius Wilson+, requested by Croning family VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE FUNDRAISER (downstairs in the parish hall)

Sunday, February 11	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
9:00 am	MASS (livestream) – Reynaldo Santos+, requested by Blaquera family
10:15 am	Liturgy of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
11:45 am	MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, February 12	FERIAL
, ,	Mass (offered in private) – Oscar Famisan+, requested by family and friends
Tuesday, February 13	FERIAL
	Mass (offered in private) – Patricia Crozier (health), requested by Laurette Burch
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Knitting Group Meeting (Room 8)
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday
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	*** Universal Day of Fasting and Abstinence from Meat ***
	N.B.: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions to be prayed in private today
7:00 pm	MASS (livestream) – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
	Mass this evening will include the blessing and distribution of ashes
7:50 pm	RCIA Session (Guadalupe Room)
Thursday, February 15	THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
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Friday, February 16	FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
12:00 pm	Praying of the Angelus
12:10 pm	MASS – Albin Joseph Polz+, requested by Polz family
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00 pm	WAY OF THE CROSS
Saturday, February 17	SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
4:00 pm	MASS for Sunday – Maria Pereira+, requested by Pereira family
Sunday, February 18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00 am	MASS (livestreamed) – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
11:45 am	MASS – Louis and Ann Hovrisko+, requested by Zonia Patson
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WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11th

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be conferred during a brief liturgy to be held in Saint John XXIII Church beginning at 10:15 am

(i.e. in between the regular Sunday Masses)

Parishioners are encouraged to assist in bringing to church those of their families and the parish community whose health is seriously impaired and those elderly who would benefit from the gift of God's healing grace in this sacrament. For further information about this celebration and the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick, you may speak to Father Robert and/or Sharon Camier.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR THE 32nd WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – February 11, 2024

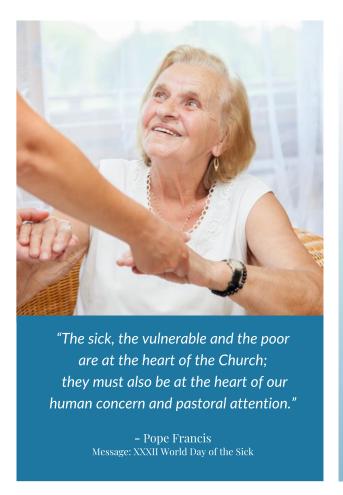
Earlier this year, <u>Pope Francis' message for the 32nd World Day of the Sick</u>, was published. The Holy Father's message for this year is entitled: "It is not good that man should be alone" – Caring for the sick by caring for relationships. The Holy Father reminds us of the fundamental importance of human relationships in the process of healing and comforting the sick. The Pope refers to the biblical passage from the Book of Genesis, emphasizing that God created man by endowing him with vital relationships, and that loneliness, the result of sin, can lead to suffering and isolation. The Pope urges us to care for relationships with compassion and tenderness, while recalling the example of the Good Samaritan who approached his neighbour with deep compassion. The Pope also stresses that the sick, the fragile, and the poor must be at the heart of the Church and at the center of our pastoral concerns.

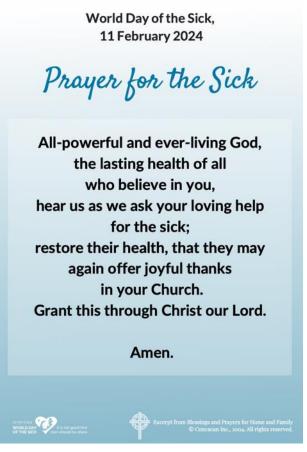
The World Day of the Sick offers us an opportunity to pray for all those who suffer and to reflect on our commitment to them. Here in our parish, on February 11th we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 10:15 am.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not restricted, as was the former custom, to those in immediate danger of death, but the sacrament may not be given indiscriminately. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may and SHOULD BE GIVEN to those faithful whose health is seriously impaired. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Those preparing for serious surgery may be anointed. The sacrament MAY BE REPEATED for those who recover and become seriously ill again, or for a person with a chronic illness or an elderly person who is notably weakened. The Sacrament of Anointing is NOT administered to those who are not baptized, or those who persist in manifest grave sin, or to those already dead.

Let us work together to counter the culture of individualism and indifference in the world today, so that we may grow the culture of tenderness and compassion in our society. Let us take concrete steps to accompany those who are ill and isolated, through our prayers, by visiting them, by offering assistance and gratitude to healthcare professionals and volunteers, and by making other acts of solidarity. Let us entrust ourselves and all the sick and the elderly to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede on our behalf and help us to reach out and to deepen our relationship with one another as children of God.

The full text of the Holy Father's message has been posted on our parish website or you may find it on the website of the Holy See's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development www.humandevelopment.va







COUNTDOWN TO LENT!

Ash Wednesday this year is on February 14, 2024

Please bring last year's palms to church by February 11th so they may burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday.



Ash Wednesday Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in Saint John XXIII Church.

As circumstances permit, we hope to livestream Ash Wednesday Mass via our parish YouTube channel.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job wonders if life is worth living for the one who suffers.

Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

The Lord is the hope of the brokenhearted who heals every wound.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

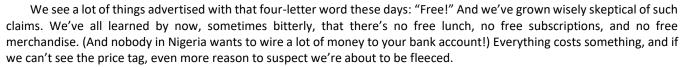
Paul preaches the gospel at great cost and also under great constraint to fulfill his charge.

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cures a fever on his day off and then keeps on healing, traveling, and teaching.



Free of charge



So when Saint Paul says he offers the gospel free of charge wherever he goes, we have good reason to doubt that. The gospel isn't free and doesn't even come cheap. The gospel cost Jesus the cross; cost many saints their martyrdom; cost Paul himself continuous turmoil. If Paul brought the gospel to his audiences for free, it's because he was making the down payments on their behalf every day.

And when we hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed today, it may seem like it's free, or at least like cheap grace served fresh daily. It's not. Think of how Peter's mother-in-law was healed of a fever at the touch of Jesus' hand. Was that free? Instantly she felt compelled to service. Jesus, too, after being waited on by this grateful and generous woman, might have wanted to settle in after sunset to a little casual conversation with his friends.

But no: The whole town was brought to him with their diseases and demons. And if you think he got a day off after that, you'd be mistaken. The following morning, Jesus was up before dawn to pray, travel, preach, and heal. Did Jesus give it all away for free? He may not have charged each sick person, as a doctor would, but the cost to him was everything he had: time, comfort, space for family and friends. Eventually the ministry of Jesus cost him his security and his life.

It's ironic, really, that the lectionary folks coupled this gospel passage about the exhausting ministry of Jesus with Job's lament: Isn't life on earth a drudgery? I don't think they meant to imply that preaching and teaching and healing are a drag. Or that Paul's contortionist attempts to be "all things to all people" for the sake of the gospel was hell on wheels. On the one hand, it probably was. And those of us who preach and teach and heal are sometimes really beaten down by these responsibilities. But where Job goes wrong is in his final summary: "I shall not see happiness again." We know the story: Job gets a happy ending, just as Paul receives his martyr's crown and Jesus has Easter morning. The gospel may not be free, but it's worth every penny.

— Alice Camille



"Small is how blessings, healing, progress and increase occur." — Anne Lamott, author
"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." — Helen Keller

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46

Those who suffer from skin ailments and are declared unclean must live apart.

Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

The Lord removes blame, covers sin, and relieves guilt at the confession of fault.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Make all of your decisions for the glory of God and avoid scandalizing others.

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus heals a leper who just can't keep quiet about the miracle.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the leper's defense

So here you are, moving through life cheerfully in the midst of family, community, career. And one day you wake up with a mark on your skin. It itches. Maybe in a day or two it starts to peel, crack, bleed, or ooze. The hairs around the affected patch whiten or fall out. People start pointing and whispering, falling silent when you come near. Then the priest comes to your house and declares you unclean. With that single word, it's the end of the world as you know it.

Unclean means you can't live at home anymore. You say good-bye to your family. You can't live in town anymore, so you take a blanket and supplies and make a tent in the hills with a view of your old house. Your front door is just a small dark spot from here. People come and go there.

But not you. You can't provide for your spouse anymore, can't care for your kids. You wonder how long before they make plans that don't include you. Charitable folk sometimes carry old bread and maybe spoiling vegetables to the edge of town and leave it there—for you or for the other lepers, whoever gets there first. You're still itching, oozing, and hoping this thing will clear up on its own. It's not like you can see a doctor; and with a poor diet and this harsh environment, chances are the condition gets worse before it gets better.

And then Jesus comes to town, and you remember hearing amazing things about him, and so you decide to take the chance and force an audience when he comes close to the edge of the community. "You can make me clean," you insist. "If you want to," you add. And he does. And he says, "Don't tell anybody. Just see the priest to pronounce you cured." What would you do?

Not telling is simply not possible, it seems to me. Even if Jesus asks you, not telling that you've gotten your life back—your health and family and home and livelihood—is out of the question. When the news is this good, you simply have to tell. You have to shout, sing, dance, and do performance art describing what happened. You have to occupy the village square for the next five years and deliver the story from the top. It has to become a fixture in your identity: the lady or guy who got cured of leprosy by Jesus. And this is what the gospel writers mean by proclaiming the kingdom of God. If this good news comes to you, if your life is restored and renewed as a result of meeting Jesus, you'll talk about it. You have to. You have no choice.

— Alice Camille

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including **This Transforming Word** and other titles found at alicecamille.com

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TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

February 4 – 10, 2024 In thanksgiving and blessings for confessor, requested by Henrietta Zhanel February 11 – 17, 2024 Marcello Alberto+ and all souls in purgatory, requested by Vicky Tualla

If you wish to have the Tabernacle Lamp in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint John XXIII Church burn in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a particular intention, you may make arrangements through the Parish Office.

Please pray for the loved ones of our community in need of healing and comfort:

Dora Auger, Annette and Maynard Bates, Monica Bird, George Bonnefoy, Freda Broughton, Barry and Sharon Burke, Ken Burke, Donna Burns, Alan and Cathleen Critchley, René Defries, John and Marina Foucart, René Gobeil, Helen Hallack, Darryn Hellofs, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Angela Krassie, Magdalena Krauter, Violet Lebedeff, Marie Mangin, Norman Mangin, Tim Mangin, Frances Mijker, Anne Muhire, Zonia Patson, Françoise Reesink, Jarette Mithian Remolacio, Ken Resch, Owen Robertson, Carol Ann Robinson, Jerome Strachan, Angie Turner, Joe and Maria Wallack, and Helen Yankoski.



The Chosen: Season Four in Canadian Theatres!

The Chosen" Season 4 is gearing up for its Canadian theatre premiere on February 1, 2024. This remarkable series has captivated audiences worldwide, offering a profound exploration of Jesus' life and the transformative experiences of those who encounter Him. And for the first time in TV history, the entire season will premiere in theatres. You can catch multiple episode groupings of "The Chosen" in theatres starting February 1st. Episodes 1-3 will be released on this date, 4-6 on February 15th, and ultimately conclude with episodes 7 and 8 on February 29th. To watch the trailer for this season, if you are reading this announcement online click here. To buy tickets, click here or for more info go online to www.thechosenriseup.com

MISSION: Assistance in Living (MAiL) Petition

As the Federal Government leans towards expanding MAiD to include individuals with mental health challenges, the MAiL campaign is aimed at identifying, providing, improving and/or facilitating access to care and supports that advance the inherent dignity, security and fundamental equality of all persons— including persons with physical or mental illness, disability, or older age, as well as persons experiencing poverty, homelessness, isolation or a lack of care and support—in order to live with dignity, to flourish, and fully participate in society on an equal basis with others. Help us influence the Federal Government to postpone expanding MAiD, and to support MAiL. Please sign this petition to make a difference. To sign it, click here online. For more information on MAiL, click here or go online to CHAM's website www.cham.mb.ca

Volunteer Opportunity at Actionmarguerite and Résidence Despin

Are you looking for a meaningful way to get involved in the community, meet new people and create meaningful connections with others? Actionmarguerite and Résidence Despin are looking for people like you to connect with residents in their homes. Volunteers are a vital link to help co-create living environments where life is good! From enjoying conversations and walks to sharing in hobbies and pastimes, as a volunteer, a wide range of opportunities exist for you. No matter where you volunteer within their community, you add meaning and joy to the lives of the people who live and work here. Whether you like connecting directly with residents or prefer to be behind-the-scenes supporting staff, there can be a place for you in their Compassion Crew. To apply, if you are reading this online, click here or call 204-410-4960.

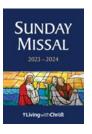
Jesuit Centre Lunch Hour Lecture Series Dr. Jane Barter – February 8, 2024

The Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies is pleased to announce the next lunch-hour lecture in its popular Formations and Re-Formations in Catholic Thought lecture series: "Walking Together and Walking Apart: Reading Receptions of Pope Francis' Apology to Survivors of Residential Schools in Canada" led by Dr. Jane Barter. This will take place on Thursday, February 5, 2024, from 12:10 pm to 1:10 pm. It will be in Room 220, St. Paul's College, 70 Dysart Road, University of Manitoba. To view poster online, click here or call 204-474-9165 for more information.

For other news and events in and around the Archdiocese, go to the website: www.archwinnipeg.ca

Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL 2023 – 2024 Available at the parish office - Price \$7.25 each

Current English translation of the Roman Missal, COMPLETE Scripture readings for Sunday Masses, Musical acclamations by Canadian composers, Reflections for all Sunday liturgies, Monthly Calendar of Saints, Inspiration from the Saints, Papal Prayer Intentions for each month of the year, Guide to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Prayers and hymns for various occasions. Living with Christ is completely edited and produced in Canada.



The following items are available at the parish office for a very reasonable cost as noted:

NRSV Bible – Catholic Edition, hardcover or flexcover

Pocket Gospels and Psalms - NRSV

Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL 2023 – 2024

Living with Christ Missalette – monthly edition

\$5.00 per copy

Candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

\$6.00 per box

(each box contains two candles)

"He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined.

Leave it all to him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the cross, and you will find yourself entirely."

—Saint Catherine of Siena

"As soon as healing takes place, go out and heal somebody else." — Maya Angelou

"The Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot." —Saint Augustine

Saint John XXIII Parish Knitting Group

The next gathering of the Knitting/Crocheting Group will be held on **Tuesday**, **February 13**, **2024** from **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** downstairs in Room 8. Over the years we have been creating "welcome baby" layettes to support mothers and babies assisted by *Villa Rosa* or *Thrive Community Support Circle* and sometimes for other worthwhile causes. **We continue to appreciate donations of yarn and other sewing materials**. **Thank you to those who have helped us out recently with their donations!** For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhewitt@mymts.net





SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH BUILDING GOD'S HOME FUND

Saint John XXIII Parish in October 2023 obtained a loan from the Trustees of the RCAW Inc. for the purposes of paying off by October 31, 2023 the \$500,000.00 owed to the Diocese of Rupert's Land for the purchase of our parish facility, the former Assiniboia Christian Centre. According to the loan agreement, over the next five years, through a capital campaign and other fundraising efforts, we now must raise the funds to pay off the principal sum of \$500,000.00 CDN together with the requisite interest. To this end, we recently began a capital campaign and have been soliciting pledges from parishioners towards our "Building God's Home Fund". As of January 2024, the total

of pledges received from parishioners is just over \$187,000.00. Thank you to those parishioners who already have submitted their pledge forms. We ask other parishioners to prayerfully consider their response to our capital campaign. Envelopes containing pledge forms are available at the parish office.

Saint John XXIII Parish Stewardship of Treasure

PARISH OFFERINGS: You may place your offering envelopes in the COLLECTION BASKET passed by the ushers to those sitting in the pews during Sunday liturgies. Or you may mail your contribution to the parish via CANADA POST. Or you may leave a message with the parish office to make arrangements with one of our parish staff to drop off your offertory donations at a safe drop off location. For donations to the parish, please make cheques payable to "St. John XXIII Parish".

PAD OPTION: Alternatively, we encourage parishioners to consider being an "intentional giver" by registering for PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT. Please leave a message at the parish office and someone will contact you and assist you.

ONLINE OPTIONS: If you wish to donate to the parish ONLINE, a link to CanadaHelps.org can be found on our website. Go to www.johnxxiii.ca and click on the DONATE NOW tab at the top of the Links column on the home page. Alternatively, you may donate to St. John XXIII Parish via the **Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP** on your mobile device. Go to the Apple APP Store or Google Play Store to download the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP.

INTERAC e-Transfer: If you to donate via e-Transfer, go online and login to your online banking account. Select send an Interac e-Transfer (or autodeposit etc.) Complete all the necessary information including the amount of your contribution. For name of recipient you may use ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH and be sure to use this email address: finance@johnxxiii.ca Review details and Confirm (Send) to submit your contribution. Transfers sent to finance@johnxxiii.ca will be automatically deposited to the account of TRUSTEES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT JOHN XXIII at RBC Royal Bank. When making your contribution via Interac e-Transfer through your financial institution, please be sure to INDICATE IN THE MESSAGE/MEMO line what your payment is for. After submitting your contribution, it is very helpful if you send a follow up email to the parish finance office at finance@johnxxiii.ca to ensure we have the all information we need for our records.

New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register with the parish and to arrange for pre-authorized debit or a box of regular offering envelopes.