

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 21 January 2024

Jesus said,  
"Come follow me  
and I will make  
you fishers of  
people."  
Mark 1.14-20

LORD, MAKE ME KNOW YOUR WAYS, Ps 25

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 – 25, 2024

#### *Welcome New Parishioners!*

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



**Saturday Vigil Mass** – 5:15pm

**Sunday Mass** – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

**Weekdays:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

**Baptism** – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

**Confession** every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

**Confirmation** – for Grade 7 & up registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment

**Parish School-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**

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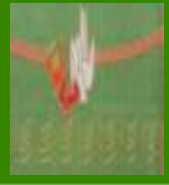
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### CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

(Jan 25<sup>th</sup>)

Pray for us.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." St. Paul the Apostle



**“The right time has come,” he said, “and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!” (Mark 1.15)**

The Gospel reading, today, begins with John the Baptist exiting the scene. His Mission as the forerunner of Christ having being accomplished, with him pointing to Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah; *“Behold there is the Lamb of God.”*

In Today’s Gospel, Jesus begins his Public Ministry, proclaiming “The Good News of God” as St. Mark the Evangelist narrates with these powerful words; *“The time is fulfilled, and Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”*

**“The time is fulfilled.”** After the fall of Adam and Eve, *in the beginning of times*, our first parents lost, not only the comfort and joys of the garden of Eden, but also the most important relationship; The Warm and Loving Relationship with God, their Creator. The book of Genesis tells us that God visited with them regularly, until the words, *“I heard you in the Garden and I hid because I was naked.”* Our Parents denied themselves their worthiness of God, by giving in, to the deceit of the tempter; *“You will certainly not die, you will be like gods.”*

But God would not leave it as that; He loved who and what He had Created! God immediately set in motion the plan to redeem us and creation! He begun the process to re-establish his relationship with us and Creation. The decision, however, of where and when this Messianic Era would be fulfilled, belonged to Him, and today you heard Jesus declare that the long wait had come to an end! God-directed opportune time was here!

**“The Kingdom of God is at Hand.”** Asked by the Pharisees, when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus answered; The Kingdom of God in not coming with signs to be observed nor will they say; *“Lo here it is” or “there” for Behold the Kingdom of God is in the Midst of you.* In another passage, Jesus accused, that, it was by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of the devils that he cast out demons, concluded in his response *“And if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.”*

The Kingdom of God is in the Person of Christ Jesus. In him, “God’s Lordship” became present among us! In Christ Jesus “the Rule of God” was understood anew; not with worldly powers does he rule, but through love that reaches to the end; the Sacrifice on the Cross.

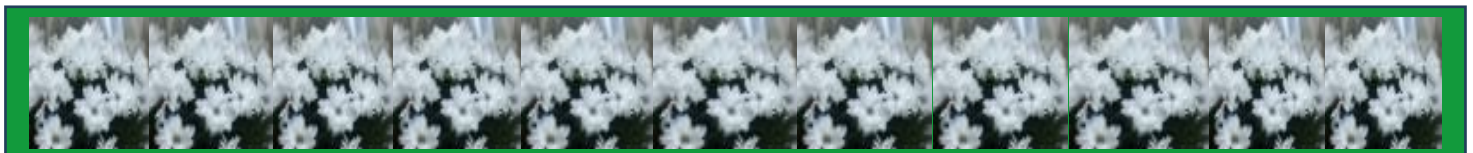
**“Repent and Believe in the Gospel!”** These are two essential demands for becoming members in the Messianic Kingdom.

Faith, the prompt and complete abandoning of ourselves into the hands of God; An abandoning which allows us to grow in him as he reveals himself to us! You witness an example of this faith, in the immediate and unconditional response of the 1<sup>st</sup> disciples; Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, James and John the Sons of Zebedee. These 1<sup>st</sup> disciples Immediately left a secure and thriving industry in Galilee! They left their dad and hired servants and followed Christ.

The second demand of the Messianic Kingdom is a change in life. One of accepting and committing of oneself in a sincere return to God.

The story of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading gives us an example of such a repentance in the people of Nineveh. This story goes further to reveal the central truth that is the foundation of all repentance; *“The Mercy of God freely bestowed and unmerited.”* Jonah learned this, the hard way; God in His mercy, cannot be controlled or conditioned. He is free to grant it on whomever He wishes.

Brothers and Sisters, blessed in faith in this Kingdom of God, in this time of fulfillment, a people committed in sincere return to God, we are blessed indeed for we know Him, who is generous and free, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in mercy.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

145. What does the Spirit do in the Church? 733-741, 747

The Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, he restores to the baptized the divine likeness that was lost through sin and causes them to live in Christ the very life of the Holy Trinity. He sends them forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and he organizes them in their respective functions so that all might bear “the fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22).

146. How do Christ and his Spirit act in the hearts of the faithful? 738-741

Christ communicates his Spirit and the grace of God through the sacraments to all the members of the Church, who thus bear the fruits of the new life of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also the Master of prayer.

“I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church”

*The Church in the Plan of God*

147. What does the word Church mean? 751-752, 777,804

The word Church refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

148. Are there other names and images with which the Bible speaks about the Church? 753-757

In Sacred Scripture we find many images which bring out various complementary aspects of the mystery of the Church. The Old Testament favors those images that are bound to the people of God. The New Testament offers images that are linked to Christ as the Head of this people which is his Body. Other images are drawn from pastoral life (sheepfold, flock, sheep), from agriculture (field, olive grove, vineyard), from construction (dwelling place, stone, temple), and from family life (spouse, mother, family).

149. What is the origin and the fulfillment of the Church? 758-766, 778

The Church finds her origin and fulfillment in the eternal plan of God. She was prepared for in the Old Covenant with the election of Israel, the sign of the future gathering of all the nations. Founded by the words and actions of Jesus Christ, fulfilled by his redeeming death and Resurrection, the Church has been manifested as the mystery of salvation by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. She will be perfected in the glory of heaven as the assembly of all the redeemed of the earth.

*(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic Church) <https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium>*

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jan 20-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass- + Randy Goertzen
- Jan 21-Sunday 9:00 AM + Elena & Gregorio C.  
12:15 PM + Parishioners  
5:30 PM + Raul Aquino
- Jan 22-Mon, 7PM- For Good Health of Nida Donado
- Jan 23 –Tue, 9AM + Enrique Madrid  
+Aurora & Luz Petrasanta
- Jan 24 - Wed, 7 PM- + John S.S. Dias
- Jan 25 –Thu, 9 AM - + Marilyn Baldemore
- Jan 26– Fri, 7 PM- Healing of Ma. Theresa D.V.
- Jan 27- Sat 9 AM- + Antonieta Antonio  
Thanksgiving of Jane deG.

7-day Candle Offering–Jan 20-26, 2024

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes
- Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

WORDS OF THE WEEK

New GOOD NEWS

-The Good News- Jesus the Son of God who died, was buried and was raised from the dead to save us from our sins and restore our relationship with God the Father.

St. Paul said in 1Corinthians 15.1-5 “And now I want to remind you, my friends, of the **GOOD NEWS** which I preached to you, which you received, and on which your faith stands firm. That is the gospel, the message that I preached to you. You are saved by the gospel if you hold firmly to it- unless it was for nothing that you believed.

Mark 1.14-15-After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the **Good News** from God. “The right time has come,” he said, “and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the **Good News!**”

*Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention -January 2024 - FOR THE GIFTS OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH*

Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit “to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.”





**Our Patron Saint...**



The Ecumenical Council will surely be, even more than a new and magnificent Pentecost, a real and new Epiphany, one of the many revelations which have been renewed and are continually being renewed in the course of history, but one of the greatest of all.

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

**Conversion of St. Paul (Jan 25<sup>th</sup>)**

The conversion of Paul was a turning point in the history of the early Church. Saul, as Paul was first known, was a tentmaker from Tarsus who zealously persecuted the followers of Christ. While travelling on the road of Damascus, he was struck down amidst a blinding light from heaven. According to the accounts in Acts of the Apostles (9.1-22; 22.3-16; 26.12-18), a voice asked, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Following the instructions, he was given, Saul headed into Damascus and began proclaiming Jesus. Threatened with death for his actions, Paul escaped the city by being lowered in a basket over the city wall.

Paul's zeal for the risen Jesus led him to become a passionate follower and later a teacher of the nations. The letters, or epistles, of Paul offer us a window into the early Church.

*Living With Christ- January 2024 edition.*

**PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion**

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

**Recitation of the Holy Rosary**

-before the Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

**Parish Ministries & Programs**

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

*If you are interested to join, please email us at [stjohn23do@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohn23do@archtoronto.org) and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.*

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us” St John XXIII

**IN THE NEWS !!!**



Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras and Pope Paul VI

**A fraternal embrace that is also a commitment**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2024-01/fraternal-kiss-that-is-also-a-commitment-kurt-koch.html>



**PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO**  
Monday, January 01, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP LEO



**CELEBRATE VOCATIONS: 34TH ANNUAL ORDINANDI DINNER**  
Thursday, January 18, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS PARISH SOCIAL, CELEBRATIONS



**ARCHBISHOP LEO MEETS WITH ORTHODOX BISHOPS; MAKES SEVERAL VISITS THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE**  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS ARCHBISHOP LEO

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

**\*\*click the link to read the full text of the news\*\***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- You have talent to sing or play musical instruments, share it to our community;
- First Holy Communion candidates, email the office to book an appointment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Test;
- Calling all St. John XXIII registered parishioners, if you have changes in your contact information, please inform the Parish Office to update our records;
- Our Parish Bulletin is published every Sunday, if you want to subscribe, email the office;

