

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 04 February 2024

Jesus healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and drove out many demons. He would not let the demons to say anything, because they knew who he was. Mark 1.34

Sing praises to the Lord who heals the broken hearted. Psalms 95

Pope Francis: Lent is a time of conversion and freedom

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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 2nd Saturday & 3rd 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

175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7

Tel. 416-393-5348

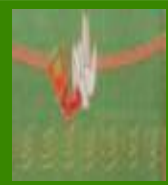
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ST. BRIGID (Feb 1st)

Pray for us.

"Christ dwells in every creature." St. Brigid



“I have been assigned months of misery, my days have come to an end without hope, ... my life is like a breath; I shall not see happiness, forever again!” (Job 7:3ff)

Job spoke to his friends: *“Does not the human being have a hard service on earth, and are not their days like the days of a laborer? ... “When I lie down, I say, ‘When shall I rise? But the night is long, and I am full of tossing until dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and they come to their end without hope.” (Job 7:1-4)*

Today’s 1st Reading, is taken from the Book of Job. Ordinarily, for those who are familiar with the book, when we hear the name Job mentioned, what comes to mind is; “Patient perseverance in Sufferings.” Job, a persevering disciple, goes through his calamities patiently, eventually receiving healing and an abundance of blessings.

The Book of Job, however, raises a number of other profound spiritual and theological questions; concerns that can be unsettling in the lives of many to our day. If I were to list the problems; second from the top would be, the question of ‘The meaning of suffering in the life of a just Person.’ Or simply; “Why does a righteous person, suffer?”

Job is introduced to us, in the beginning of his book, as God fearing and blameless. But calamities hit him and on the first day of his misfortunes he lost everything; seven sons, three daughters and thousands of livestock and a colossal amount of wealth! Soon after, a painful skin disease struck him, making him a disgusting sight to his friends, neighbors and even to his wife. Job is excluded from the community, we read *‘Job lay on a heap of ashes!’*

Job is in a very wretched state by chapter 7 from which our first Reading is taken; as we hear him lament; *“I have been assigned months of misery, my days have come to an end without hope, ... my life is like a breath; I shall not see happiness, forever again!” (Job 7:3ff)*

In the book, Job thirsts for an answer from God, but God remained silent most of the time! When God finally speaks in Chapter 38, He neither explained the reason of Job’s sufferings nor did He defend his justice. Rather in a long speech, God affirmed to Job his absolute Power and Reign over all his Creation. *‘Who is this, that obscures divine plans with words of ignorance? Gird your loins now, as a man; I will question you, and you will tell me the answers’ ... ‘Where were you when I founded the earth? Tell me... Who determined its size, do you know? Let him who corrects God give answer! (Job 38 2-5 40:2)*

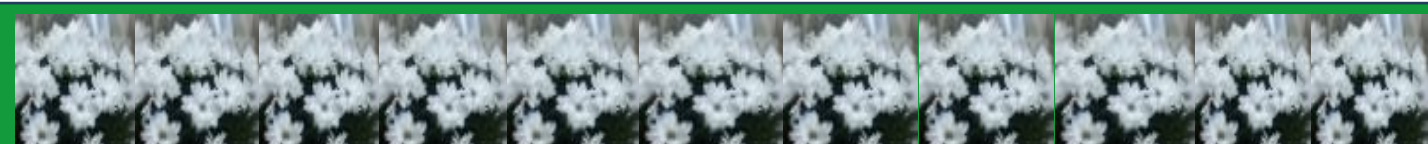
Job humbly responded; *“Behold, I am of little account; what can I answer? ... though I have spoken once, I will not do it again” (Job 40:4-5)*

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Fast forward to this time of fulfillment and it is Jesus who gives an explicit answer to this question of human suffering in Chapter 9 of St John Gospel, in the Miracle of the man born blind.

His Disciples, like Job’s friends, had taken for granted that the Man’s blindness was a consequence of sin. Their only problem was whose sins were they – and so they asked Jesus; *“Rabbi who sinned, this man or his parent, that he was born blind?”*

Without hesitation, Jesus explained; *“Neither he, nor his parents sinned, it is so/ that the Works of God might be revealed through him.” (John 9:3)*

Sufferings have a purpose and it is to reveal the works of God!



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE

The Church: people of God,
body of Christ, temple of the Spirit

156. In what way is the Church the body of Christ? 787-791, 805-806

The risen Christ unites his faithful people to himself in an intimate way by means of the Holy Spirit. In this way, those who believe in Christ, in as much as they are close to him especially in the Eucharist, are united among themselves in charity. They form one body, the Church, whose unity is experienced in the diversity of its members and its functions.

157. Who is the Head of this body? 792-795, 807

Christ "is the Head of the body, the Church" (Colossians 1:18). The Church lives from him, in him and for him. Christ and the Church make up the "whole Christ" (Saint Augustine); "Head and members form, as it were, one and the same mystical person" (Saint Thomas Aquinas).

158. Why is the Church called the "Bride of Christ"? 796-808

She is called the "Bride of Christ" because the Lord himself called himself her "Spouse" (Mark 2:19). The Lord has loved the Church and has joined her to himself in an everlasting covenant. He has given himself up for her in order to purify her with his blood and "sanctify her" (Ephesians 5:26), making her the fruitful mother of all the children of God. While the term "body" expresses the unity of the "head" with the members, the term "bride" emphasizes the distinction of the two in their personal relationship.

159. Why is the Church called the temple of the Holy Spirit?

797-798, 809-810

She is so called because the Holy Spirit resides in the body which is the Church, in her Head and in her members. He also builds up the Church in charity by the Word of God, the sacraments, the virtues, and charisms.

"What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the members of Christ, that is, the body of Christ, which is the Church." (Saint Augustine)

160. What are charisms? 799-801

Charisms are special gifts of the Holy Spirit which are bestowed on individuals for the good of others, the needs of the world, and in particular for the building up of the Church. The discernment of charisms is the responsibility of the Magisterium.

and witness to it. The people of God share in his kingly office by means of service, imitating Jesus Christ who as King of the universe made himself the servant of all, especially the poor and the suffering.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 03-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass-

The Parishioners

Feb 04-Sunday 9:00 AM + Gregorio & Elena C.

+ Isabel Lico

12:15 PM + Candelaria Ferolino

5:30 PM + Enrique Madrid Jr.

Feb 05-Mon, 7PM- Thanksgiving B-day of Ethan R.

Thanksgiving B-day of Aida S.

Feb 06-Tue, 9AM + Enrique Madrid Jr.

Feb 07- Wed, 7PM- Thanksgiving of Gemma C.

Feb 08-Thu, 9AM – + Rosada Dias

Feb 09- Fri, 7PM- +Leopoldo & Imi Labrador

Feb 10- Sat, 9AM- + Anthony Delfino

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7-day Candle Offering–Feb 03- 09, 2024

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Hayde

Virgin Mary- +Lerma & Isagani Ayala

Chapel ---- +Teresa & Domingo Ayala

WORD OF THE WEEK

New

RELICS

In the Catholic Church, a relic is usually a physical object that has some sort of connection to a saint, or to Jesus. There are 3 types: (1.) First-class relics: *Actual pieces of a saint's body or the instruments of Christ's Passion;* (2.) Second-class relics: *Items that a saint owned or used;* (3.) Third-class relics: *Items touched to a first-class relic.* <https://www.catholicshare.com/relics-in-catholicism>

Besides sacramental liturgy and sacramentals, catechesis must take into account the forms of piety and popular devotions among the faithful. The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as the eneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals, etc. CCC1674

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -February 2024 - FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment."



Our Patron Saint...



“Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.” ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Brigid (Feb 1st)

St. Brigid of Ireland (born c. 450, according to tradition, Fochart [now Faughart], near Dundalk, County Louth, Ireland—died c. 525, Kildare, Ireland; feast day February 1) was an abbess who founded an important monastic community at Kildare in the 5th century and is revered as one of the three patron saints of Ireland, with St. Patrick and St. Columba (Colmcille).

Little is known of Brigid’s life but from legend, myth, and folklore. According to these, she was born in the province of Leinster to a noble father and an enslaved mother and was sold along with her mother to a Druid, whom she later converted to Christianity. On being set free, she returned to her father, who tried to marry her to the king of Ulster. Impressed by her piety, the king removed her from parental control. According to the Liber hymnorum (11th century), the Curragh, a plain in County Kildare, was granted by the king of Leinster to St. Brigid. At Kildare she founded the first nunnery in Ireland. The community became a double abbey for monks and nuns, with the abbess ranking above the abbot. Her friend St. Conleth became, at Brigid’s beckoning, bishop of her people. She is said to have been active in founding other communities of nuns. She is a patron saint of dairy farmers, cattle, midwives, babies, computers and blacksmiths. Sometimes considered patron saint of beer. <http://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Brigid-of-Ireland>

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 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 !!!



Pope Francis holds a microphone on the flight back from Marseille. (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

Pope Francis: Lent is a time of conversion and freedom

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-02/pope-francis-lent-is-a-time-of-conversion-and-freedom.html>



ARCHBISHOP LEO PRESIDES OVER PRAYER SERVICE HOSTED BY REGIS COLLEGE

Wednesday, January 31, 2024



MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO ON WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Monday, January 29, 2024



CANADIAN BISHOPS RELEASE PASTORAL LETTER ON USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Thursday, January 25, 2024

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **First Holy Communion candidates, email the office to book an appointment for the 2nd Test;**
- **Confirmation Candidates on February 10th at 11:00 am is your 6th Session, please come on time;**
- **For new parishioners, we encourage you to register to the parish. You will find the form at the foyer;**
- **Tax Receipts are now available;**
- **Our Parish Bulletin is published every Sunday, if you want to subscribe, email us;**

