

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11 February 2024

Jesus said "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them." Mark 1.40-45

You are my refuge, Lord; with deliverance you surround me. Psalm 32

February 14th, ASH Wednesday a Holy day of PRAYER, FASTING & PENITENCE

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

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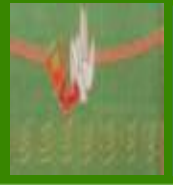
Tel. 416-934-0606 *www.archtoronto.org

ST. SCHOLASTICA (Feb 10th)

Pray for us.

"I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

St. Scholastica



“I do choose, Be made Clean!”

(Mark 1:41)

In the 1st Reading today we heard Moses instructing the High Priest of the time, Aaron his brother, on how to deal with a pandemic.

In Leviticus Chapter 13, we read; **“Anyone who has Leprosy shall wear torn clothes, and let the hair of their head remain unkept ... they shall cry out “unclean, unclean!” (to warn the People) and they shall remain unclean as long as the Disease persisted and shall live alone in their dwelling outside the town.”**

Today we fear Covid19, at their time they dreaded Leprosy. It was much feared then, because it was very contagious and without cure. Those, unfortunate to get it, were isolated and excluded from society; And as if this was not enough, leprosy was considered a curse from God! Anyone who came in contact with a leper he or she became impure too and had to be ostracized from Society. For this reason, anyone with leprosy who dared to come among the healthy people, was supposed to be stoned to death.

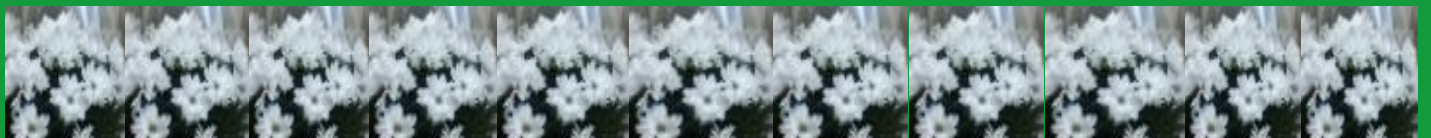
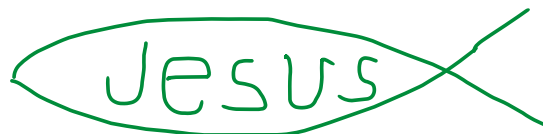
You can understand then, how insane it was, for the Leper in the Gospel to be among the people and addressing Jesus directly; **“If you wish, you can make me clean!”**

He must have been absolutely daring and in great faith; that Jesus would consider his case and heal him.

To the Leper, Jesus was a healer, a miracle worker but unknown to him, he was in the presence of God, in the Person of Jesus; The Leper was pleading face to face to God!

We read moved with pity, Jesus stretched his hand and touched him, and said to him; **“I do choose. Be made clean!”** This touch by Jesus, uplifted this man to wholeness. By the touch, Jesus indicated to the people around him, that the Leper was cured and by his words, Jesus had overcome the evil power of Leprosy. By his Words and Touch, Jesus restored the Leper to health, and to his place among God’s people and to a chance for a relationship with God.

You and I are invited to receive Jesus, to strengthen the communion that begun in us at our Baptism. We are in this relationship with the Divine in which Jesus uplifts us to the Glory of slowly perfecting our relationship with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is willing to reach that further extend, like his touch of a leper, thus risking to be considered unclean himself, to save you and I. Aware of this, with hesitation we can acclaim him with those words of the Responsorial Psalm of today’s Mass; **“You are my refuge, Lord; with deliverance you surround me.”**



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

161. Why is the Church one? 813-815, 866

The Church is one because she has as her source and exemplar the unity of the Trinity of Persons in one God. As her Founder and Head, Jesus Christ re-established the unity of all people in one body. As her soul, the Holy Spirit unites all the faithful in communion with Christ. The Church has but one faith, one sacramental life, one apostolic succession, one common hope, and one and the same charity.

162. Where does the one Church of Christ subsist? 816, 870

The one Church of Christ, as a society constituted and organized in the world, subsists in (subsistit in) the Catholic Church, governed by the Successor of Peter and the bishops in communion with him. Only through this Church can one obtain the fullness of the means of salvation since the Lord has entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant to the apostolic college alone whose head is Peter.

163. How are non-Catholic Christians to be considered? 817-819, 870

In the churches and ecclesial communities which are separated from full communion with the Catholic Church, many elements of sanctification and truth can be found. All of these blessings come from Christ and lead to Catholic unity. Members of these churches and communities are incorporated into Christ by Baptism and we so we recognize them as brothers.

164. How does one commit oneself to work for the unity of Christians? 820-822, 866

The desire to restore the unity of all Christians is a gift from Christ and a call of the Spirit. This desire involves the entire Church and it is pursued by conversion of heart, prayer, fraternal knowledge of each other and theological dialogue.

165. In what way is the Church holy? 823-829, 867

The Church is holy insofar as the Most Holy God is her author. Christ has given himself for her to sanctify her and make her a source of sanctification. The Holy Spirit gives her life with charity. In the Church one finds the fullness of the means of salvation. Holiness is the vocation of each of her members and the purpose of all her activities. The Church counts among her members the Virgin Mary and numerous Saints who are her models and intercessors. The holiness of the Church is the fountain of sanctification for her children who here on earth recognize themselves as sinners ever in need of conversion and purification.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Feb 10-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass- +Eddie Sabayle
- Feb 11-Sunday 9:00 AM + The Parishioners
12:15 PM + Carmelita & Felix Villanueva
+ Enrique Madrid Jr.
5:30 PM + Eric John Macaraig
- Feb 12-Mon, 7PM- +Melvin Autencio
Thanksgiving B-day of Celia A.
- Feb 13-Tue, 9AM + Eddie Sabayle
- Feb 14- Wed, 7PM- Thanksgiving & Healing of Julie
- Feb 15-Thu, 9AM – + Marilyn Villamayor
+ Conrado Patag
- Feb 16- Fri, 7PM- Healing of Monica
- Feb 17- Sat, 9AM- + Anthony Delfino

7-day Candle Offering—Feb 10- 11, 2024

- Sanctuary---
- Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
- Chapel ----

WORD OF THE WEEK
GRACE

New

It is the gratuitous gift that God gives us to make us participants in his trinitarian life and able to act by his love. *“It is a favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to this call to become children of God.”*

It is called **habitual, sanctifying or deifying grace** because it sanctifies and divinizes us. It is supernatural because it depends entirely on God’s gratuitous initiative and surpasses the abilities of the intellect and the powers of human beings. It therefore escapes our experience.

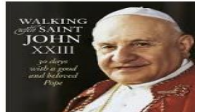
Besides habitual grace, there are actual graces (gifts for specific circumstances), sacramental graces (gifts proper to each sacrament), special graces or charisms (gifts that are intended for the common good of the Church) among which are the graces of state that accompany the exercise of ecclesial ministries and the responsibilities of life. CCC1996-1999,2003-2005,2021,2023-2024

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...



"This is the rosary of Mary, considered in its various elements, which are linked together in vocal prayer and woven into it as in a delicate and rich embroidery, full of spiritual warmth and beauty." ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Scholastica (Feb 10th)

St. Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, and she was the leader of a women's community likely located near Benedict's monastery at Monte Cassino. What little is known about her life is found in Saint Gregory the Great's book, the second *Dialogue*, which is an account of her brother's miracles. She died about 543 and was buried in Benedict's tomb, where he joined her in death soon after. She is the patron of nuns – especially Benedictines – and children with convulsive disorders.

<http://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Brigit-of-Ireland>

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>



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday, February 08, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH IN AURORA

Wednesday, February 07, 2024



NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK FEBRUARY 4-10

Wednesday, February 07, 2024

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

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



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **February 14 is ASH Wednesday- there will be Masses at 9AM, 10AM School mass & 7:00PM. it is a day of prayer, fasting & almsgiving;**
- **In all Fridays of Lent, there will be Station of the Cross at 6:30PM followed by the 7PM Mass;**
- **Tax Receipts are now available;**
- **First Holy Communion candidates, email the office to book an appointment for the 2nd Test;**

