

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 1st Sunday of Lent | 18 February 2024

Jesus said "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." Mark 1.15

Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant. Psalm 32

Stations of the Cross in all Fridays of Lent at 6:30pm followed by 7pm Mass

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

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ST. PETER DAMIAN (Feb 21st)

Pray for us.

"The best penance is to have patience with the sorrows God permits."

St. Peter Damian



“When the Devil had finished every test, he departed from him.” (Luke 4:13)

Last Wednesday, we began Our Lenten Penitential Journey with a Mass where there was the imposition of ashes. The ashes reminded us how fragile earthly life is and directed us to Christ, who, with his Passion, Death and Resurrection, rescued us from the slavery of sin and death.

St. Paul, in the second reading, that day, called us to, “the acceptable time;” A time of reconciling ourselves to God. Lent indeed is the acceptable time; A time of receiving the Grace of God with greater openness.

In this Acceptable time, the Church calls us to Prayer; because in prayer, we raise our minds to God and abandon ourselves totally into his hands, awaiting True Peace. The Church also call us, to a time of Fasting; for in fasting, we show our prevalence for God, Our Creator rather than the Created; And we prepare our hearts to receive God’s greatest gift and privileged sign of his Kingdom; His Son.

Lent is also a time of Charity; A time of works of mercy and justice; when we participate in the Love of God, who provides for his every son and daughter created in his own Image. Isaiah 58: 1-9; ***“Why do you say we fast and you do not see it, afflict ourselves and you do not take note. Lo, on your fast you carry out your own pursuits, ... your fast ends up in quarreling and fighting; Is this the fasting I wish? This is the Fasting that I wish, release those bound unjustly, set free the oppressed, share your bread with the hungry shelter the homeless.”***

Today, the Gospel narrates to us the Temptations of Jesus. Let us remember that the Temptations followed Christ’s Baptism by John. Jesus; He who was without sin, accepted the Baptism of John, a Baptism of Repentance, as an Act of Acceptance of His Mission; The Will of the Father. In His Baptism, The Holy Spirit, descended on Him and anointed Him for the Mission. The Father approved this Act of Acceptance in His Proclamation; ***“This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”***

After Baptism, we read Jesus was led by ***“the Spirit into the Desert to be tempted by the Devil.”*** The desert was a place of want, the Israelites experienced this. In a situation of dare need, the Israelites encountered God. Israel however, miserably failed Him, they were not fully trusting in his providence and protection, though they had witnessed both on several occasions. Remember at the waters of Meribah they questioned; ***“Is God among us or not?”***

Jesus on his side, was the Faithful Israelite who overcame every temptation of the Devil. Jesus, vanquishes the Power of Evil through the Spirit and Obedience to the Father.

Every Disciple, should learn in Christ’s victory over evil, that faith and trusting reliance in God’s Graciousness, leads to victory.

The temptation of Jesus, according to the Gospel of Luke ends; ***“When the Devil had finished every test, he departed from Him, to return, at an opportune time.”***

This time would be on Gethsemane, where Jesus, again, would accept the Will of the Father; And in his Passion, Death and Resurrection, would defeat the Devil, forever.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

166. Why is the Church called “Catholic”? 830-831, 868

The Church is *catholic*, that is *universal*, insofar as Christ is present in her: “Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church” (Saint Ignatius of Antioch). The Church proclaims the fullness and the totality of the faith; she bears and administers the fullness of the means of salvation; she is sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race.

167. Is the particular Church catholic? 832-835

Every *particular Church* (that is, a *diocese* or *eparchy*) is catholic. It is formed by a community of Christians who are in communion of faith and of the sacraments both with their Bishop, who is ordained in apostolic succession, and with the Church of Rome which “presides in charity” (Saint Ignatius of Antioch).

168. Who belongs to the Catholic Church? 836-835

All human beings in various ways belong to or are ordered to the Catholic unity of the people of God. Fully incorporated into the Catholic Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, are joined to the Church by the bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government and communion. The baptized who do not enjoy full Catholic unity are in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church.

169. What is the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Jewish people? 839-840

The Catholic Church recognizes a particular link with the Jewish people in the fact that God chose them before all others to receive his Word. To the Jewish people belong “the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, the promises, and the patriarchs; and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ” (Romans 9:4, 5). The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to the revelation of God in the Old Covenant.

170. What is the bond that exists between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions? 841-845

There is a bond between all peoples which comes especially from the common origin and end of the entire human race. The Catholic Church recognizes that whatever is good or true in other religions comes from God and is a reflection of his truth. As such it can prepare for the acceptance of the Gospel and act as a stimulus toward the unity of humanity in the Church of Christ.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Feb 17-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass- +Petra Perlas
+ Raul Rafinan
- Feb 18-Sunday 9:00 AM + Herberto & Simeona M.
12:15 PM + The Parishioners
5:30 PM + Eric John Macaraig
- Feb 19-Mon, 7PM- Healing of Shanti Joseph
Thanksgiving Bday of Mercedes Alon
- Feb 20–Tue, 9AM Thanksgiving of Fernandes Fam
- Feb 21-Wed,7PM + Felino Fullon
- Feb 22-Thu,9AM For Good Health- Fernandes Fam
- Feb 23– Fri, 7PM- + Margarito Lagare
- Feb 17- Sat, 9AM- Thanksgiving of Marcy Goertzen

7-day Candle Offering–Feb 17-23, 2024

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla
- Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla

WORD OF THE WEEK



LENT

It is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.

The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ’s will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ’s death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>

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...



“O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for You; keep me closely united with You, may my heart be near to Yours. I want to be to You, like the Apostle John.”

ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Peter Damian (Feb 21st)

St. Peter Damian is a Doctor of the Church, so honoured for his writings, as well as his work for reform and renewal of the Church. Peter was born in 1007 into a large family in Ravenna, Italy. He was orphaned at a very young age, and the first brother to care for him treated him very badly. Another brother, however, a priest in Ravenna, recognized Peter’s brilliance and arranged for schooling. Peter appreciated this so much that he took on his brother’s name and called himself Peter Damian. He became a hermit monk and was eventually chosen as the superior of his community. In 1057 he was appointed the bishop of Ostia. Throughout his life he fought for clerical reform and against the laxness and immorality of the clergy of his day. Eventually, he received permission from Pope Alexander to return to the simple life of a monk. He died on 1072.

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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 at Ash Wednesday Mass: Jesus calls us to return to our heart this Lent

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-02/pope-at-beginning-of-lent-jesus-calls-us-to-return-to-our-heart.html>



ARCHBISHOP LEO CELEBRATES MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH
Thursday, February 15, 2024



NEW PRIESTS GATHER FOR MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP LEO
Thursday, February 15, 2024

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



40 Days of Lenten Reflections (2024)

Catholic Latte

[40 Days of Lenten Reflections \(2024\) - YouTube](#)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **February 19th is Family Day, the Monday Mass will be at 10AM and there is no 7PM Mass;**
- **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;**

