

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 3rd Sunday of Lent | 03 March 2024

**“Those who drink
this water will be
thirsty again, but
those who drink
the water that I will
give them will
never be thirsty
again.”** John 4.13



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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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

ST. PERPETUA & ST. FELICITY

(Mar 7th) **Pray for us.**

“Neither can I call myself anything else than what I am, a Christian.”

St. Perpetua



“If you knew the Gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you the Living Water.” John 4:10

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This year, our Parish has Candidates who have been preparing of the Sacraments of Initiation that they are to receive on Easter Vigil. This being the case we shall be listening with them three Gospel Readings in the next three Sundays that are of profound significance in the revelation of Christ to a disciple. The Gospel Readings of the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, Year A, will be read to illumine us, as they do the Catechumens, celebrating the three scrutinies; Imploring God’s Grace on this final Stage as they prepare to be Baptized at Easter

John the Evangelist, in each episode provides us with “an Encounter of a Disciple with the Lord. In the encounter we witness, the disciple’s growth in Faith, as God illumines them to be aware of his presence.

Thirst is the starting point of today’s famous Gospel passage, narrating the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan Woman.

Human beings thirst! God thirst too! In the preface of the Mass today, the priest read, ***“So ardently did the Lord thirst for her Faith, that he kindled in her the Fire of Divine Love.”***

Jesus, tired from the journey, and thirsty, sits by the well of Jacob! The Samaritan woman, so tried by life, weighed down by the misery of her choices and terrified by the consequences of her sins, resolved to get to the well, at noon, when it was hot and therefore unlikely that anyone else would be there to see her! So desperate was she; She had been in six relationships and none did fulfill her. Now, here comes the seventh man; Could she finally experience in him “the fulfillment” of her deepest longing?

The Gospel reveals to us that her thirst for physical water turned to be a Journey of Faith, in which Her Messiah and Savior came to her and gradually revealed Himself to her. Jesus, is first described by the woman as just a man (sir), then as a Prophet, then as One who is to come and finally as the Messiah; ***“I who speak to you I Am He!”***

Notice that Jesus used the “I Am” revealed to Moses by God at the ***“Burning Bush.”*** - in Exodus 3:14!

With this Revelation, the Samaritan woman is filled with Joy. Her fears and concerns disappeared and she turned a courageous proclaimer; ***“Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did!”*** The Samaritan Woman had completed her journey of Faith! She had journeyed from moments of no Faith, to moments of partial faith; To a Moment of Fullness of Faith!

Her proclamation won her people to Christ, they too became believers; Listen to their Profession of Faith ***“We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is Truly, the Savior of the World.”***

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Brothers and Sisters, we are illumined by the Spirit to know and acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God and Our Savior. He is the 7th Man, who fulfills our Soul’s desire. Jesus is the Source of Living Water; our thirst is quenched at the awareness that we are the beloved of the Lord. Remember the Words of St Paul in the 2nd Reading “God’s Love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

May we find joy and fulfillment in the realization that God Our Father thirsts for us.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

176. What is apostolic succession? 861-865

Apostolic succession is the transmission by means of the sacrament of Holy Orders of the mission and power of the Apostles to their successors, the bishops. Thanks to this transmission the Church remains in communion of faith and life with her origin, while through the centuries she carries on her apostolate for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

The Faithful: hierarchy, laity, consecrated life

177. Who are the faithful? 871-872

The Christian faithful are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through Baptism, have been constituted as the people of God; for this reason, since they have become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic and royal office in their own manner, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church. There exists a true equality among them in their dignity as children of God.

178. How are the people of God formed? 873-934

Among the faithful by divine institution there exist sacred ministers who have received the sacrament of Holy Orders and who form the hierarchy of the Church. The other members of the Church are called the laity. In both the hierarchy and the laity there are certain of the faithful who are consecrated in a special manner to God by the profession of the evangelical counsels: chastity or celibacy, poverty, and obedience.

179. Why did Christ institute an ecclesiastical hierarchy? 874-876, 935

Christ instituted an ecclesiastical hierarchy with the mission of feeding the people of God in his name and for this purpose gave it authority. The hierarchy is formed of sacred ministers; bishops, priests, and deacons. Thanks to the sacrament of Orders, bishops and priests act in the exercise of their ministry in the name and person of Christ the Head. Deacons minister to the people of God in the diakonia (service) of word, liturgy, and charity.

180. How is the collegial dimension of Church ministry carried out? 876-879

After the example of the twelve Apostles who were chosen and sent out together by Christ, the unity of the Church's hierarchy is at the service of the communion of all the faithful. Every bishop exercises his ministry as a member of the episcopal college in communion with the Pope and shares with him in the care of the universal Church. Priests exercise their ministry in the presbyterate of the local Church in communion with their own bishop and under his direction.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 02-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass- + The Parishioners
Mar3-Sunday 9:00AM+Constancia, Asuncion, Gregorio
12:15 PM + Lydia Casana
5:30 PM + Isagani Ayala
Mar 04- Mon, 7PM- + Georgia Vasiliou
Mar 05-Tue, 9AM Thanksgiving of Fe Tolentino
Mar 06-Wed,7PM Thanksgiving for all prayers Nida
Mar 07-Thu,9AM Thanksgiving of Hernandez Fam
Mar 08- Fri, 7PM + Antonio & Reynaldo Hernandez
Mar 09- Sat, 9AM +Anthony Delfino
Thanksgiving B-day of Jacqueline Macaraig

7-day Candle Offering-Mar 02-Mar 08, 2024

Sanctuary--- + Donna Martin
Virgin Mary- Healing of Nida
Chapel ---- +Donna Martin

WORD OF THE WEEK

New BLESSINGS

Blessings are called "sacramentals" because they prepare us to receive the grace of the sacraments and help us to grow to be more like Christ (CCC No. 1670).

Blessings consist of prayer, Scripture, and sometimes a special ritual sign (CCC No. 1668).

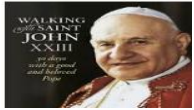
People are accustomed to seeing bishops, priests, and deacons blessing objects or persons in the name of the Church. Indeed, "the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more is its administration reserved to the ordained ministry" (CCC no. 1669), often with the participation of the local parish community gathered in prayer. Whenever an ordained minister is present, he should be called upon to give the blessing. However, there are other blessings, like the ones contained in Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, that can be prayed by anyone who has been baptized, "in virtue of the universal priesthood, a dignity they possess because of their baptism and confirmation" (Book of Blessings, no. 18). The blessings given by laypersons are exercised because of their special office, such as parents on behalf of their children. <http://www.usccb.org/>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -March 2024 - FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

"We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm."



Our Patron Saint..



“What unites us, is much greater than what divides us.” ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity (Feb 27th)

Perpetua, a noble woman, and Felicity, a slave, were killed for their faith on March 7, 203, in Carthage. Perpetua’s diary and accounts by eyewitnesses provide a vivid picture of the martyrs’ experiences.

During the persecution of Christians by Emperor Severus, several catechumens were arrested, among them Perpetua with her infant son and the pregnant Felicity. They were baptized while under arrest.

After being flogged, the Christians were led to the amphitheater, exposed to the wild beasts, and beheaded.

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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.

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IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope at Audience: God's power is made perfect in weakness

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-02/pope-francis-liturgical-celebrations-for-holy-week-and-easter.html>



ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH IN NEWMARKET

Monday, February 26, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS THE FELICIAN SISTERS

Friday, February 23, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS ARCHBISHOP LEO



FIVE MEN PREPARE FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD ON MAY 11, 2024

Thursday, February 22, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS ST MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

<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:

- **FHC Candidates and Parents, email the office to book and appointment for test 3;**
- **In all Fridays of Lent, we have Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM followed by the 7PM Mass;**
- **Tax Receipts are now available;**
- **Bundle up weekend of St. Vincent de Paul will be on March 23-24, see poster for details on what are acceptable;**

