

St. John XXIII Parish

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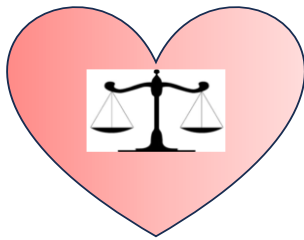
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PARISH BULLETIN | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23 July 2023



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“There is no god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.”

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly!

“His mercy is from age to age” (Luke 1:50)

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 Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00pm
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 2024 is in the months of September and October 2023

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2024 is on October and November 2023

Wedding – call the office for appointment
Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment
Parish School-

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ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM (Jul26th)

Pray for us.

‘Parents of Mary, pray for all parents that they may provide the loving home and faithful teaching that you provided your daughter. Amen’



“I will open my mouth into parables. I will announce the knowledge of the Mysteries that lay hidden from the foundation of the world!” (Psalm 78:2 & Matthew 13:35)

Last Sunday, we began Christ’s teachings in parables with the Parable of the Sower. This Parable is the first of seven in the Gospel of St. Matthew.

Today, we heard another three; the Parable of the Weeds among Wheat, the Parable of the Mustard Seed, and the Parable of the Yeast. Next Sunday, we shall hear proclaimed, the Parable of the Hidden Treasure, the Parable of the Precious Pearl and the Parable of the Dragnet.

Using Parables, Jesus revealed to his listeners, that he was the fulfillment of the Prophecy in Psalm 23; *“I will open my mouth into parables. I will announce the knowledge of the Mysteries that lay hidden from the foundation of the world!”* (Psalm 78:2 & Matthew 13:35)

The question, then becomes, what is this Mystery that lay hidden from the Foundation of the World?

St Paul in his letter to the Colossians (1:26-27) gives a definitive answer as Christ; Christ is the Mystery!

If this is so, Jesus, in Parable, leads us on a journey in which he gradually, reveals “Himself as God among his People.”

You can then understand why He proclaimed his disciples privileged! To them he said; *“The Knowledge of Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven is Given.”* And then affirmed; *“Blessed are your eyes, because they see and your ears because they hear ... for many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see and to hear what you hear, and never heard it.”*

In the Parable of the Wheat and the Weed, Jesus reveals an important quality of God, the Father; He is graciously tolerant.

Notice that the Parable is directed, not to those who have rejected him; *“Those who claim to see but cannot see!”* Rather it is directed to the Disciples who have accepted Him and his teaching but were impatient, and wondering why, in their judgment, God seemed not to intervene, in the lives of those who reject his Son!

The Servants of the master are scandalized that there are weeds in the field and were anxious why their Master is doing nothing about it: *“Do you want us to go and pull them out!”* they asked him.

In response, Jesus gives them a Lesson on the Nature of God; --A Lesson in line with what we proclaimed in the Responsorial Psalm *“God is Merciful & Gracious ... Abounding in Love and Faithfulness: God is Patient and Tolerant.”*

The Master is confident that his wheat will survive the wild plants. For its survival is dependent on Him who is all Powerful. The wheat may seem weak and defenseless, to some but it is under the watchful care of He who is its Creator and Master, its Provider and Protector and the Lord of all!

Equally, The Kingdom of God, may appear to some, as fragile and small as a Mustard Seed or insignificant like the Yeast.

Yet, it conceals within it, divine potency! And, it is God, the Creator and Father who brings it to maturity and fruition.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Believe

30. Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial? 66-169, 181
Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, "We believe". It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

"No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother." (Saint Cyprian)

31. Why are the formulas of faith important? 170-171
The formulas of faith are important because they permit one to express, assimilate, celebrate, and share together with others the truths of the faith through a common language.

32. In what way is the faith of the Church one faith alone? 172-175, 182
The Church, although made up of persons who have diverse languages, cultures, and rites, nonetheless professes with a united voice the one faith that was received from the one Lord and that was passed on by the one Apostolic Tradition. She confesses one God alone, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and points to one way of salvation. Therefore, we believe with one heart and one soul all that is contained in the Word of God, handed down or written, and which is proposed by the Church as divinely revealed.

Section Two - The Profession of the Christian Faith - The Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell; the third day
 He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven, and sits at
 the right hand of God the Father
 almighty, from thence He shall come
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body
 and life everlasting. Amen

(to be continued next week) --- Catechism of the Catholic Church

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jul 22 – Saturday, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass –**
 The Parishioners
- Jul 23 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Benjie R. & + Prosie L.
 12:15 PM +Perfecto E.
 5:30 PM +Teddy L.
- Jul 24–Mon, 7 PM + Ernesto & +Victoria V.
 +Willie A.
- Jul 25–Tue, 9 AM Healing of Alison
Thanksgiving B-day of Melody
- Jul 26 –Wed, 7 PM +Herberto & + Simeona M.
- Jul 27 –Thu, 9 AM Healing of Sonia C.
- Jul 28 –Fri, 7 PM All Souls in Purgatory
 +Prudencio & +Gleceria S.
- Jul 29 –Sat, 9AM **Thanksgiving** B-day of Hans Tristan

7-day Candle – Offering –July 22 to 28, 2023

Sanctuary--- Virgin Mary- Chapel - The Parishioners



WORD FOR THE WEEK

GRACE

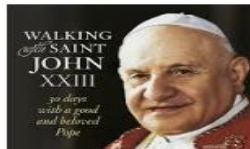
That grace is the gratuitous gift that God gives us to make us participants in his trinitarian life and able to act by his love. It is called habitual, sanctifying or deifying grace because it sanctifies and divinizes us. It is supernatural because it depends entirely on God's gratuitous initiative and surpasses the abilities of the intellect and the powers of human beings. It therefore escapes our experience. (CCC 423)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - July 2023 - For a Eucharistic Life

"We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters."



Our Patron Saint.



“A peaceful man does more good than a learned on.o-e.”

QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Anne and St. Joachim July 26th

The gospels are bereft of details regarding Mary's parents --- Jesus' grandparents --- not even offering their names. What we do know comes from writings excluded from the canon of Scripture, in particular the Protogospel of James. Nevertheless, the cult of St. Anne existed in the 6th century in the Church of Constantinople and early in the 8th century in Rome. In the 13th and 14th centuries, popular devotion to Anne increased, as seen by the number of churches bearing her name. At the request of some English bishops petitioned by parishioners, Pope Urban VI made her feast an annual celebration. Joachim has been honoured in the East from earliest days, but in the West only since the 16th century. Their names were entered into the Roman calendar in 1584.

Living Christ July 2023 edition.

St. Anne is the patron saint of grandparents.

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. What does God remind us in the first reading?
2. And, in what book the first reading was taken?
3. As mentioned in the second reading, who will help us in our weaknesses?
4. In what form did Jesus use to tell or describe the spiritual lessons?
5. How many parables are there in the 3 synoptic Gospels?
6. What are the parables mentioned in this Sunday Gospel?
7. Fill in the missing words from the Gospel Acclamation
“Blessed are you, Father, Lord of _____ and _____;
you have revealed to little ones the _____ of the kingdom.”
8. Who wrote the three synoptic Gospels?



Answer on last week: 1. Isaiah; 2. The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundred-fold; 3. With the glory about to be revealed; 4. The seed; 5. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the Sower; all who come to him will live forever; 6. Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Holy Order, Matrimony & Anointing of the Sick; 7. The Old Testament and the New Testament.

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
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Shrine Apostolate Icon of Our Lady
- 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

GOOD NEWS:

- **Sunday Liturgy for the kids every Sunday in the 12:15pm Mass. Please bring your kids to hear the Words of God.**
- **The Seniors Group breakfast is held every 2nd Thursday of the month.**

JOIN AND HAVE FUN!!!