

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent | 17 March 2024

**“I thank you, Father,  
that you listen to me.  
I know that you  
always listen to me,  
but I say this for the  
sake of the people  
here, so that they  
believe that you sent  
me.”**

John 11:41-42

### *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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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-**

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**ST. JOSEPH**

Foster father of Jesus (Mar 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Pray for us.**

**Patron of the church in Canada  
Patron of the Universal Church**



**"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!"** John 11:25

The 1<sup>st</sup> reading of today from the book of Prophet Ezekiel from his well-known prophecy the vision, of the **"Scattered Dry Bones in the Plain."** The people of Israel had made a Covenant with the Lord God but they abandoned God many times, and in the process sucked life out of themselves leaving themselves empty, dry and cold!

Nothing that they created for themselves could help them! Nobody, including their Kings could save them, but only He, who from the Beginning, breathed life into them; God their Creator and Father.

Ezekiel in this prophecy foretold a moment in time when God in His Son would intervene; gather his people together, and breath life away into these lifeless bones.

Today, in the Gospel reading, as Lazarus comes out of the tomb alive. Jesus fulfilled Ezekiel's Prophecy; He is **"the life-giving-presence among his People."**

The Rising of Lazarus as in every Miracle in St. John's Gospel has the purpose of revealing Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah.

These past Sundays, Jesus has been revealed to us as **"the source of the living Water"** in his encounter with the Samaritan Woman and last Sunday as the **"Light of the World, with the healing of the Man Born Blind."** The Samaritan Woman and the Man Born Blind were depicted as on a journey; A Journey of Faith.

Today, in the Sign of the Raising of Lazarus, the **"disciple who is on this journey of Faith,"** is Martha; the sister to Lazarus.

When Martha heard that Jesus was on the way, she run out to meet him. Her first words were, **"Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died ..."** Here, Martha confessed Jesus just as a Miracle Worker; and acknowledged that Christ's earlier presence would have made a difference in her brother's life, but Jesus as the miracle worker was absent thus failed to save her brother.

Jesus responded to correct her misunderstanding and informs Martha that Lazarus will rise! Martha again fails to acknowledge the power of Resurrection in the Person of Jesus and rather schooled Jesus on the Jewish Traditional Teaching about resurrection - **"Resurrection on the last day."**

At this moment, Jesus took the initiative away from Martha; and centered the Resurrection on his person.

**"I am the resurrection and the life;" "Whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!"**

Jesus calls Martha to this Faith to which she Responded with a better understanding; **"Yes Lord." "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who is to come into the world!"**

It is one thing for one to say, I believe but quite another to put that Faith into practice when reality demands.

Martha, failed yet again when they came to the tomb; when Jesus requested the stone to be rolled away, she attempted to stop the action; **"Lord he has been in the Tomb for four days!" "There is already a stench!"**

Jesus again had to wrestle the initiative from Martha; **"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"**

Adopting a position of prayer and lifting up his eyes to Heaven; Jesus prayed; expressing his gratitude and absolute trust in the communion with the Father, and then commanded Lazarus to come out ... And Lazarus walked out bound. Jesus then commanded them; **"Untie him and let him go."**

Scripture says; **"Many came to believe in Him."** Likewise, Martha, as a disciple, saw and believed in Jesus as the resurrection and the Life. Martha had ascended from moments of **"Partial Faith"** to truly believing in Jesus as the Christ; the Son of God. Like Martha, we are all called to this Faith!

Next Sunday, with the Palm Sunday, we begin the final ascend with Jesus to Jerusalem to celebrate yet again, the Solemn Festivities of Our Salvation; Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection, let us pray, that we may be granted the Grace to Believe.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**CHAPTER THREE** The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic  
*The Faithful: hierarchy, laity, consecrated life*

- 188. What is the vocation of the lay faithful?** 897-900, 940  
The lay faithful have as their own vocation to seek the Kingdom of God by illuminating and ordering temporal affairs according to the plan of God. They carry out in this way their call to holiness and to the apostolate, a call given to all the baptized.
- 189. How do the lay faithful participate in the priestly office of Christ?** 901-903  
They participate in it especially in the Eucharist by offering as a spiritual sacrifice “acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5) their own lives with all of their works, their prayers, their apostolic undertakings, their family life, their daily work and hardships borne with patience and even their consolations of spirit and body. In this way, even the laity, dedicated to Christ and consecrated by the Holy Spirit, offer to God the world itself.
- 190. How does the laity participate in the prophetic office?** 904-907, 942  
They participate in it by welcoming evermore in faith the Word of Christ and proclaiming it to the world by the witness of their lives, their words, their evangelizing action, and by catechesis. This evangelizing action acquires a particular efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world.
- 191. How do they participate in the kingly office?** 908-913, 943  
The laity participate in the kingly function of Christ because they have received from him the power to overcome sin in themselves and in the world by self-denial and the holiness of their lives. They exercise various ministries at the service of the community and they imbue temporal activities and the institutions of society with moral values.
- 192. What is the consecrated life?** 914-916, 944  
The consecrated life is a state of life recognized by the Church. It is a free response to a special call from Christ by which those consecrated give themselves completely to God and strive for the perfection of charity moved by the Holy Spirit. This consecration is characterized by the practice of the evangelical counsels.
- 193. What can the consecrated life give to the mission of the Church?** 913-933, 945  
The consecrated life participates in the mission of the Church by means of a complete dedication to Christ and to one’s brothers and sisters witnessing to the hope of the heavenly Kingdom.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mar 16-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass-  
+ Herberto & Simeona Manzanilla
- Mar 17-Sunday 9:00AM +Dominga Miguel  
12:15 PM +The Parishioners  
5:30 PM + Francis & Olive Lobo
- Mar 18- Mon, 7PM- + Mawash Dattoo  
+Joemar Salumbides
- Mar 19-Tue, 9AM +Antonio Mendoza
- Mar 20 -Wed,7PM Healing of Nida Donado
- Mar 21-Thu,9AM Thanksgiving B-day of Delia Munar
- Mar 22- Fri, 7PM Thanksgiving B-day Adrian Sevilla
- Mar 23- Sat, 9AM +Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal
- 7-day Candle Offering–Mar 16-Mar 22, 2024
- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa  
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa  
Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

**WORD OF THE WEEK**



**PENANCE**

Penance (poenitentia) designates (1) a virtue; (2) a sacrament of the New Law; (3) a canonical punishment inflicted according to the earlier discipline of the Church; (4) a work of satisfaction enjoined upon the recipient of the sacrament

These have as their common center the truth that he who sins must repent and as far as possible make reparation to Divine justice. Repentance, i.e., heartfelt sorrow with the firm purpose of sinning no more, is thus the prime condition on which depends the value of whatever the sinner may do or suffer by way of expiation.

<http://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/penance>

*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...**



**"Born poor, but of honored and humble people, I am particularly proud to die poor."** St. John XXIII

**St. Joseph- foster father of Jesus (Mar 19<sup>th</sup>)**

Joseph, according to gospel accounts, was a carpenter and a descendant of King David. Art and popular imagination have portrayed him as an old man, but this is likely false.

Embarrassed by Mary's pregnancy, Joseph was told in a dream to take Mary as his wife. Thoughts of rejecting her for infidelity banished, he was faithful to his responsibility as her husband and foster father of Jesus.

St. Joseph was declared a patron of the universal Church in 1870, and is principal patron of Canada.

[Livingwithchrist\\_March2024.ed](http://Livingwithchrist_March2024.ed)

**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](mailto: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 addressing members of the Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization of the Dicastery for Evangelization. (Vatican Media)

**Pope: "May the Jubilee help the People of God live hope"**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-03/pope-may-the-jubilee-help-the-people-of-god-live-hope.html>



**ARCHBISHOP LEO CELEBRATES MASS AT LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

Wednesday, March 06, 2024



**STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO ON THE PASSING OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER BRIAN MULRONEY**

Friday, March 01, 2024



**ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH IN NEWMARKET**

Monday, February 26, 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:**

- Parish Confession this Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm after the 7pm Mass;
- Station of the Cross on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm before the 7pm Mass;
- **March 23 after the 9am Mass is our Parish Recollection, Talk and Adoration till 1pm;**
- **March 24 starts of the Holy Week, check the schedule of Masses and activities;**
- **Bundle up weekend of St. Vincent de Paul will be on March 23-24, see poster for details on what are acceptable;**
- **FHC Candidates and Parents, email the office to book and appointment for test 3.**

