

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 30 July 2023



**“...I will give you more
wisdom and
understanding than
anyone has ever had
before or will ever have
again.”** 1Kings 3:12

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

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ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (Jul31st)

Pray for us.

"I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their teeth so that I may become Christ's pure bread."



“The deepest theme of Jesus’ preaching as his own mystery, the Mystery of the Son in whom God is among us ...Jesus announces the Kingdom of God coming and as having come in his Person.” (Pope Benedict XVI - Jesus of Nazareth Vol. P 188)

Two Sundays ago, 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 on the Kingdom of God. Last Sunday, we heard another three; the Parable of the Weeds among Wheat, the Parable of the Mustard Seed, and the Parable of the Yeast. This Sunday we hear proclaimed, the Parable of the Hidden Treasure, the Parable of the Precious Pearl, and the Parable of the Dragnet.

Using Parables, occurrences in everyday life, Jesus revealed to his listeners, that He was the fulfillment of the Prophecy; “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)

We then ask the Question; What is this Mystery that lay hidden from the Foundation of the World?

St Paul, in his letter to the Colossians (1:26-27), explains, the question as a “Who” question, rather than “What.” St. Paul gives a definitive answer of the Mystery as Christ; “Christ is the Mystery ... Christ in you, the Hope and the Glory of All!”

Pope Benedict XVI, in his book, “Jesus of Nazareth, vol 1,” explains; “The deepest theme of Jesus’ preaching as his own mystery, the Mystery of the Son in whom God is among us ...Jesus announces the Kingdom of God coming and as having come in his Person.” (P. 188)

The Pope continued; “We have then, the good ground for interpreting all the Parables as hidden and multilayered invitations to Faith in Jesus as the “Kingdom of God in Person.””

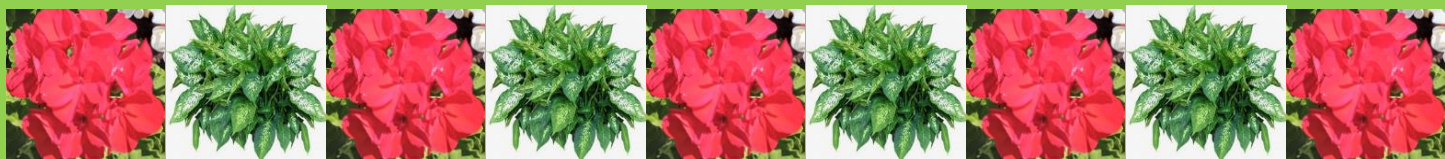
You can understand then why Jesus proclaimed his Disciples privileged! They were witnesses of the Kingdom of God, physically present among them. They were in the Presence of Jesus, in the Presence of God! Jesus affirmed in the Gospel, last Sunday; *“Blessed are your eyes, for they see and your ears because they hear ... for many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see and to hear what you hear, and never heard it.*

The Disciples were in the Presence of God; it was Eden all over again! This is the “Treasure Hidden;” This is the “Pearl found,” in the Parables we hear today and Jesus challenges us to respond wisely.

We should pray first and foremost, that the Spirit of God may illumine us to realize the blessedness of this privilege; the realization that we are in Presence of God in the Person of Christ. St. Peter the Apostle, proclaiming his awareness of Presence of Jesus as the “Messiah, the Son of the Living God,” had Jesus exclaim;

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but, but my Heavenly Father.” (Mt. 16:17)

We have found the Hidden Treasure, we have found the Precious Pearl, let us sell all we have and are, and inherit the Kingdom.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Section Two - The Profession of the Christian Faith –
The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
I believe one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made
For us men and for our salvation,
He came down from heaven: by the
power of the Holy Spirit He was
born of the Virgin Mary,
and became Man.
For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and
the Son. With the Father and the Son
He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic,
and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 8
Amen

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jul 29 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –
+ Abelardo de V. & +Cristeta Q.
- Jul 30 – Sunday 9:00 AM The Parishioners.
12:15 PM +Charles B.
5:30 PM +Teodorico &+ Josefina C.
- Jul 31–Mon, 7 PM + Dennis & +Aurora E.
- Aug 1- Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Normal B.
- Aug 2 –Wed,7 PM Thanksgiving of Mary Y.
- Aug 3 –Thu, 9 AM +Belina P.
- Aug 4 –Fri, 7 PM Increase in Vocation to Priesthood
+Sylvia Alon
- Aug 5 –Sat, 9AM + Danilo D.

7-day Candle – Offering –July 29-Aug 4, 2023

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Vi. Hughes
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Vi. Hughes
- Chapel ----- Thanksgiving of Vi. Hughes



WORD FOR THE WEEK

WISDOM

Wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Wisdom is “the reflection of eternal light, the spotless mirror of the power of God, the image of his goodness” (Wisdom 7:26).

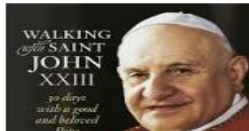
St. Thomas refers to it as a right judgment in accord with eternal law. (STII-II q, 45,a.2.)

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..



“Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage.”

QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Ignatius of Loyola July 31st

Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) was born into a noble Basque family in northern Spain and raised as a gentleman destined for military service. In 1521, during the defense of the citadel of Pamplona, he was struck by a cannonball. During his convalescence, he read a life of Christ and lives of the saints and found himself inflamed with the desire to serve Jesus.

Leaving home, Ignatius spent a vigil at Mary’s altar in the Benedictine monastery of Monserrat and then lived in the nearby town of Manresa, praying and serving the poor. During this time, he had mystical experiences and illuminations, which later formed the basis of his Spiritual Exercises. After a brief stay in the Holy Land, Ignatius returned to Europe to acquire a formal education. He gathered together a group of students, including Francis Xavier, with whom he shared his eagerness for wholehearted service of Jesus.

After ordination and a variety of apostolic experiences, Ignatius brought the group to Rome, where they offered themselves in service to the pope. Wishing to make their companionship a lasting one, they formed the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Ignatius spent the rest of his life directing the rapidly growing order, writing its constitutions and refining the Spiritual Exercises. He was canonized in 1622 and is a universal patron of retreats and soldiers.

Living Christ July 2023 edition.

TRIVIA

1. Who is the third son of Adam & Eve?
2. What are the four rivers in the Garden of Eden?
3. What symbolizes the tree forbidden by God that Adam not to eat the fruit of it?
4. Because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, what was God’s punishment to the snake, Eve and Adam?
5. In 1King 3:5, what did God say to Solomon in a dream?
6. What are the parables mentioned in this Sunday Gospel?
7. Fill in the missing words from the responsorial psalm:
“Lord, how I _____ your _____!”
8. What was the hidden treasure that Jesus is trying to tell us through the parables?

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Answer on last week: 1. There is no other god but the LORD who care for all people and He has not judged us unjustly; 2. The book of Wisdom; 3. The Spirit of helps us in our weakness; 4. **Through Parables**; 5. **There are 38 Parables**; 6. Parables of the Sower & 4 soils, Parable of the mustard seed, Parable of the yeast; 7. Heaven and Earth, Mysteries; 8. **Matthew, Luke and Mark.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Friday August 4th is First Friday- there will be Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm followed by the Celebration of the Mass**

COME AND JOIN US!!!