

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | PALM SUNDAY | 24 March 2024



**“Hosanna!
Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord-the
King of Israel.”** John 12:13



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. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

(Mar 23rd)

Pray for us.

He was a defender of the rights of the native Indians in Peru.



"I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spittle. So disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human. So will the crowds be astonished at him, and Kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before." Isaiah 50: 6ff

"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being of human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross." Phil 2:6ff

These words of St Paul in his letter to the Philippians gives us, "The Way of the Lord," and serves as a summary of what we hear in the Gospel Reading, today; The Passion Narrative.

This past week for those who came to daily Masses, in every Gospel Reading we heard, the leaders of the people trying to arrest Jesus. Jesus could not allow himself to be arrested, because his Hour had not yet come.

This coming week, the Holy Week, liturgies celebrate this **"Hour,"** "The Hour of Christ;" "His Passion, Death/ and Resurrection."

The journey of Our Salvation History began in the Garden of Eden, after the Fall of Our 1st Parents. God was heard looking for us "Adam where are you?" Our self-will had come between us and God and we had disobeyed his command. God, however, did not to give up on us, rather, He planned to save us from the power of the evil one.

He chose Abraham and from him Israel who became his chosen People! God guided them through Moses, Judges, Kings and Prophets, to this time of Fulfillment!

Brothers and Sisters, the celebrations this Holy Week, invites us to ascend with Jesus, to Jerusalem and to the Altar of His Self-giving.

In Jerusalem, this week the Events of the Hour prophesied by Prophet Isaiah will unfold; ***"I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spittle. So disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human. So will the crowds be astonished at him, and Kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before." Isaiah 50: 6ff***

On Holy Thursday, the link between the Passion and Passover Meal will be made. Jesus anticipating the Sacrifice on the Cross, instituted its Memorial. In this day proclamation, Jesus emphasizes how deliberate this Meal was; ***"I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." Luke 22:15***

On Good Friday, we shall again experience the transforming power of "Christ's Self-giving Act." With the Passion Narrative, it will point, yet again, as was today, how generous and loving our heavenly Father is, despite our human infidelity and cruelty;

On Holy Saturday, Creation will be silent as it awaits its victory in the Mystery of the Resurrection of Christ."

+ **Easter Sunday,** we shall be jubilant with the victorious Christ in his victory over death through his Resurrection.

As we go home, today, to prepare for these Great Festivities, the Lord calls on us as he requested of Peter, John and James, to keep vigil with him in Prayer; ***"My Soul is sorrowful even to death, remain here and keep watch with me." Mt: 26:38.***



H O S A N N A



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER THREE The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

I believe in the communion of saints

194. What is the meaning of the “communion of saints”? 946-953, 960
 This expression indicates first of all the common sharing of all the members of the Church in holy things (sancta): the faith, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the charisms, and the other spiritual gifts. At the root of this communion is love which “does not seek its own interests” (1 Corinthians 13:5) but leads the faithful to “hold everything in common” (Acts 4:32), even to put one’s own material goods at the service of the most poor.

195. What else does “the communion of saints” mean? 954-959, 961-962
 This expression also refers to the communion between holy persons (sancti); that is, between those who by grace are united to the dead and risen Christ. Some are pilgrims on the earth; others, having passed from this life, are undergoing purification and are helped also by our prayers. Others already enjoy the glory of God and intercede for us. All of these together form in Christ one family, the Church, to the praise and glory of the Trinity.

Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church

196. In what sense is the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of the Church? 963-964, 973
 The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church in the order of grace because she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, the Head of the body which is the Church. When he was dying on the cross Jesus gave his mother to his disciple with the words, “Behold your mother” (John 19:27).

197. How does the Virgin Mary help the Church? 965-970, 974-975
 After the Ascension of her Son, the Virgin Mary aided the beginnings of the Church with her prayers. Even after her Assumption into heaven, she continues to intercede for her children, to be a model of faith and charity for all, and to exercise over them a salutary influence deriving from the superabundant merits of Christ. The faithful see in Mary an image and an anticipation of the resurrection that awaits them and they invoke her as advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix.

198. What kind of devotion is directed to the holy virgin? 971
 It is a singular kind of devotion which differs essentially from the cult of adoration given only to the Most Holy Trinity. This special veneration directed to Mary finds particular expression in the liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and in Marian prayers such as the holy Rosary which is a compendium of the whole Gospel.

199. In what way is the Blessed Virgin Mary the eschatological icon of the Church? 972
 Looking upon Mary, who is completely holy and already glorified in body and soul, the Church contemplates in her what she herself is called to be on earth and what she will be in the homeland of heaven. *(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic*

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 23-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass-
 + Thelma Dunphy

Mar 24-Sunday 9:00AM + Rosita Dacanay
 12:15 PM +Lydia Casana &+Ludeng J.
 5:30 PM + The Parishioners

Mar 25- Mon, 7PM +Carmen M.

Mar 26-Tue, 9AM Thanksgiving Leia Garde

Mar 27 -Wed,7PM +Prescilla Fullon

Mar 28-Thu, 7PM For Good Health of Nelia Alzate

Mar 29- Fri, 3PM Station & Adoration of the Cross

Mar 30- Sat, AM No MASS

7-day Candle Offering–Mar 23-Mar 29, 2024

Sanctuary--- + Cesar Peña
 Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
 Chapel ---- Healing of Nelia Alzate

WORDS OF THE WEEK

New PALM SUNDAY

Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today’s Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted “Hosanna!” This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/palm-sunday-of-the-lords-passion-cycle-b/>

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...



“Obedientia et Pax (Obedience and Peace).”

Episcopal motto of St. John XXIII

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo (Mar 23rd)

Turibius was born in Spain about 1538. He was a professor of law when King Philip II appointed him chief judge in the Inquisition of Granada. Later, he was named Archbishop of Lima, Peru.

In Lima he was appalled by the attitude of the conquerors. Turibius condemned abuses and provided for the people, founding numerous schools, hospitals, and churches, and establishing the first seminary in Latin America. He learned the native languages and was an effective teacher and preacher. He died March 23, 1606 and was canonized in 1726. He is a patron of Latin American bishops.

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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 Audience: Virtue of prudence leads us toward holiness

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-02/pope-at-audience-virtue-leads-us-to-god.html>



ARCHBISHOP LEO TRAVELS TO MARKHAM FOR ST. PATRICK’S DAY
Thursday, March 21, 2024

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ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS ST. ANTHONY’S IN TORONTO
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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A GREAT SYMPHONY OF PRAYER WITH DR. JOSEPHINE LOMBARDI
Monday, March 18, 2024

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<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:

- **March 28th Holy Thursday at 7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper and 8pm Adoration of the Holy Eucharist;**
- **March 29th Good Friday – 2pm Station of the Cross and at 3pm Adoration of the Cross;**
- **March 30th at 11am, FHC Meeting;**
- **March 30th at 8PM is the Easter Vigil Mass;**
- **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES at 9am, 12:15pm and 5:30pm.**

