

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 06 Aug 2023



“...This is my Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!”
Matthew 17:5

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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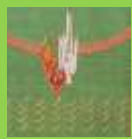
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ST. DOMINIC (Aug 8th)

Pray for us.

"Arm yourself with prayer, rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes." St. Dominic



“When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am He.” (John 8:28)

The Disciples of Christ had been following Jesus for some time and had come to believe that he was the Promised Messiah. They were expecting Liberation from the Romans and were already positioning themselves for great returns.

Jesus, on the other hand, was teaching them the Will of His Father;

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and everything written by the Prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Chief Priest and the Scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise.” (Lk. 18:31-33, Mt. 20:18-19, Mk. 10:33-34)

These predictions did not sit well with his Disciples, who had, up to that time, witnessed Christ perform many Wonderful Signs and Miracles. The shock of Christ’s Passion, His Crucifixion and Death would be Great on the Disciples!

The Question that was certain was; Would the disciples have Faith strong enough to survive the shock as they witness their Master, being arrested, tortured, crucified and dead on the Cross?

The Disciples needed encouragement and strength. The Account of the Transfiguration can be called a “Gospel of Encouragement.”

Before starting the Journey to Jerusalem, where Jesus was to be the Victim, of the Sacrifice, Jesus went up the Mountain with Peter, James, and John. And there, God in His Generosity, gave the Apostles the Full and Definitive Revelation of their Master in Glory. They were in Heaven. And in the Glory of Heaven, Elijah and Moses appeared with Jesus. Elijah representing the Prophets and Moses, the Covenant. Both appeared in bodily Form that the three Apostles could recognize.

Moses and Elijah had previously gone up the mountain to receive God’s Revelation, but unlike their experiences, in the Transfiguration, it was not Jesus who receives the Revelation of God, rather, it was in Jesus that God is revealed! (Pope Benedict XVI March 20th 2011)

The Apostles were overwhelmed by “the Vision in the Glory of God,” so much so, that Peter wanted this Glorious Experience prolonged!

Luke the Evangelist revealed, the topic of discussion between Jesus, Moses, and Elijah; they were discussing Christ’s Exodus; Christ’s departure to the Father through the Cross. Jesus was to be the Victim, to seal the New Covenant.

The Disciples also learnt the Bitter Truth: The Cross was inevitable, if God’s Infinite Love for Humanity was to be revealed.

There was a task to be carried out as commanded in the Voice of God the Father; “This is My Son, My Chosen, Listen to Him.”

The Apostles are commanded to be Attentive in this Final Phase in God’s Revelation; When Jesus would be revealed as God; the Son of God, who seals the New Covenant by His Blood, forever; *“When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am He.”* (John 8:28)

Brothers and Sisters, in the Transfiguration, “Glory, in the Presence of God is Given,” is given to us as an assurance, that there is Glory in the Victory won in the Act of Christ Jesus, in accordance to the Will of God, Our Father. May God illumine our hearts and minds to rejoice in this privilege. Amen



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER ONE

I Believe in God the Father
The Symbols of Faith

33. What are the symbols of faith? 185-188; 192, 197

The symbols of faith are composite formulas, also called “professions of faith” or “Creeds”, with which the Church from her very beginning has set forth synthetically and handed on her own faith in a language that is normative and common to all the faithful.

34. What are the most ancient symbols (professions) of faith? 189-191

The most ancient symbols of faith are the baptismal creeds. Because Baptism is conferred “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19), the truths of faith professed at Baptism are articulated in reference to the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

35. What are the most important symbols of the faith? 193-195

They are the Apostles' Creed which is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome and the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed which stems from the first two ecumenical Councils, that of Nicea (325 A.D.) and that of Constantinople (381 A.D.) and which even to this day are common to all the great Churches of the East and the West.

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.”

36. Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, “I believe in God”? 198-199

The Profession of Faith begins with these words because the affirmation “I believe in God” is the most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.

37. Why does one profess belief that there is only one God? 200-202,228

Belief in the one God is professed because he has revealed himself to the people of Israel as the only One when he said, “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord” (Deuteronomy 6:4) and “there is no other” (Isaiah 45:22). Jesus himself confirmed that God is “the one Lord” (Mark 12:29). To confess that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also God and Lord does not introduce any division into the one God.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Aug 05 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –
+ Maria De Lourdes L.
- Aug 06 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Eduardo Sr. D.
12:15 PM The Parishioners
5:30 PM + Desiree M.
- Aug 07–Mon, 10 AM + Reynaldo H.
- Aug 08- Tue, 9 AM + Josephine E.
- Aug 09 –Wed,7 PM + Jose L.
- Aug 10 –Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Nelia A.
Thanksgiving of Joseph S.
- Aug 11 –Fri, 7 PM The Parishioners
- Aug 12 –Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving- Healing John M

7-day Candle – Offering –Aug 5-Aug 11, 2023

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
- Chapel ----- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa



WORD FOR THE WEEK

TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting-point, and His Ascension its end.

This glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew 17:1-6, St. Mark 9:1-8, St Luke 9:28-36., while St. Peter (II Pet 1:16-18) and St. John (1:14), two of the privileged witnesses, make allusion to it. St. Matthew and St. Mark express this phenomenon by the word *metemorphophe*, which the Vulgate renders *transfiguratus est*.

<https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/transfiguration>

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention –August 2023 - For World Youth Day

“We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.”



Our Patron Saint.



“Real [scientific] progress must not be impeded by a passing infatuation for transient things.”

[QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII]

St. Dominic Aug 8th

Saint Dominic de Guzman, born in Caleruega, Spain, around 1172, began his priestly life in Osma as a cathedral canon. In 1205, he and Bishop Diego of Osma were sent to France to combat the Albigensian heresy. The Albigensians believed that all matter was evil, and all good resided solely in the spiritual realm. Dominic worked tirelessly to defend the truth of the Incarnation.

By 1216, Dominic had founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and soon had houses in all the university cities in Europe. The priests were highly educated and could be sent where the need was greatest, fighting heresy and preaching the importance of the sacraments. Dominic himself walked from city to city, preaching and inviting vocations. When he died at Bologna in 1221, the order had already begun to flourish. He was canonized in 1234 and is a patron saint of the Dominican Republic, astronomers, scientists, and the falsely accused.

Living Christ July 2023 edition.

Motto of St. Dominic:

“To praise, to bless, to preach”

TRIVIA

1. In what mystery in the Holy Rosary the Transfiguration is part of?
2. Who are the apostles present during the Transfiguration?
3. What did the voice in the cloud said when He was transfigured?
4. Who were two prophets appeared on the mountain?
5. Who was the prophet in the Old Testament who had a vision of the transfiguration?
7. Fill in the missing words from the gospel acclamation: “This is my Son, the _____ ; with him I am well pleased; ----- _____ to Him!”

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Answer on last week: 1. Seth; 2. The 4 rivers were Pishon, Gihon, Hiddekel, & Euphrates; 3. Tree of the knowledge of good and evil; 4. Punishments- The snake will crawl upon its belly and eat dust for the rest of its life, To Eve – she will suffer pain in childbearing and to be subject to her husband; To Adam – he will have to sweat & physically labor for their food; 5. Ask what I should give you; 6. Parables of the Hidden Treasurer, Parable of the Precious Pearl, & Parable of the Dragnet; 7. Love ---Law; 8. Same as no.

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:

- On August 16th Wednesday at 7:00pm, Mass will be celebrated in all Catholic cemeteries under the Archdiocese of Toronto;
- The Seniors Group breakfast is held every 2nd Thursday of the month.

JOIN AND HAVE FUN!!!