

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 1st Sunday of Advent | 03 December 2023

First Sunday of *ADVENT*



KEEP AWAKE AND BE ALERT!

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. **Ps. 8.7**

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. ANDREW (Nov 30th)

Pray for us.

“We found the Messiah.”

St. Andrew



“Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.” (Mark 13.33)

Today we begin the Year of the Church 2023 - 2024, with this Season of Advent; a time of preparation, a time of “Joyful Expectation,” in wait to celebrate Christmas; when God was revealed to humanity in his Son, Christ Jesus.

Each Year the Church exalts us to awaken our hearts and experience anew the Mystery of the Love of God.

Traditionally the Book of Prophet Isaiah is mainly chosen to prepare us, and reflect on this Miracle of God; Eden all over again, God physically present among us.

In the 1st Reading today, as Israel thirsts for God, Prophet Isaiah, Son of Amos vocalize a Prayer on their behalf;

“You, O Lord, are our Father; ‘Our Redeemer from of Old’ is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage.” Isaiah 63: 16b

Ever since the Fall of our first Parents, Adam and Eve, God did not abandon us. Out of Love, He pursued us and at his chosen time, called Abraham to prepare for His Physical Presence in our human history. He prepared humanity through Israel, he spoke to humanity through prophets, until, in the time for his choosing he sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary, with the Message that would bring all to Fulfillment;

“You will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be Great and will be called Son of the Most High God. The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David.” Luke 1:31-32

Today the Gospel Reading exalts us **“to keep alert.”** It reminds us of the generosity of God who has put us in charge of particular tasks. We are to keep awake for our Master’s return.

Yes, we are to keep vigil, yet not as empty shells! The second reading uplifts us, reminding us who we are; ***“Called by God into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.”***

The Call **is** to keep awake, to be alert, to participate yet again and celebrate the Time of Our Visitation. God comes and lives physically among us. This is a privilege we cannot ignore; It is God’s doing to re-establish his relationship with us.

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Let us open the eyes in Faith to see God, who is always present and active in our Lives. Let us allow ourselves to be molded into Sons and Daughters of His, through Christ Jesus! Then we will be in joy, in the Worship of Him, Our Creator and Father, inviting all with the Words of the Responsorial Psalm of Today;

“Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE

“Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary”

110. What is the meaning of the Transfiguration? 554-556, 568

Above all the Transfiguration shows forth the Trinity: “the Father in the voice, the Son in the man Jesus, the Spirit in the shining cloud” (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Speaking with Moses and Elijah about his “departure” (Luke 9:31), Jesus reveals that his glory comes by way of the cross and he anticipates his resurrection and his glorious coming “which will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body” (Philippians 3:21).

“You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified, they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.” (Byzantine Liturgy)

111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about?

557-560, 569-570

At the established time Jesus chose to go up to Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the Sanctus of the Eucharistic liturgy: “Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna (save us!)” (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem.

“Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.”

112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus? 571-573

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God’s saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemned to death?

574-573

Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason, they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 02–Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass- Deceased Parishioners

**Dec 03 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Rosita D.
12:15 PM + Sylvia Madrid G.
5:30 PM The Parishioners**

Dec 04 –Mon, 7PM +Joaquin Salud

Dec 05 - Tue, 9 AM + Modesto M.

Dec 06 –Wed, 7 PM Parishioners

Dec 07–Thu, 9 AM +Gregorio & Elena C.

Dec 08– Fri, 7PM Deceased Members of Sunga Fam

Dec 09–Sat, 9 AM +Consolacion R.

7-day Candle –Offering–Dec 02-Dec 08, 2023

Sanctuary--- Parishioners

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

Chapel ---- Parishioners

WORD OF THE WEEK

New ADVENT

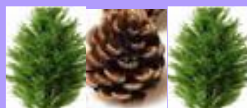
—Beginning the Church’s liturgical year, Advent (from, “ad-venire” in Latin or “to come to”) is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord’s birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus’ promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

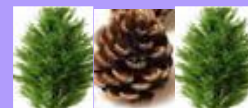
<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/advent>

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention –December 2023 - FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

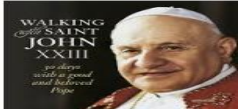
“We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.”



The season of Advent



Our Patron Saint...



"Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov 30th)

Andrew came from Bethsaida in Galilee. Like his father and his brother Simon, he was a fisherman. A disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew was present at Jesus' baptism. When John stated "Behold the Lamb of God," Andrew understood and followed Jesus. Going to his brother Simon Peter, Andrew told him that he had found the Messiah. Thus, Andrew is known as the first disciple of Jesus. Later, when Jesus chose his apostles, Andrew was among the Twelve.

It is uncertain where Andrew preached or where he died, but ancient tradition associates him with Greece. Another tradition links him with Scotland, where his memory is said to have inspired the first bishop. The cross of St. Andrew, which represents Scotland, where his memory is said to have inspired the First bishop. The cross of St. Andrew, which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was first associated with Andrew in the 10th century. He is a patron saint of Scotland and Russia, of the Greek Church and of the fishing industry.

Living with Christ Dec 2023 edition.

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: 'Poorly cared-for health succumbs to fragility'

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/pope-francis-ethics-health-management-audience-bronchitis.html>



ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY – SHARE YOUR IDEAS TO ASSIST WITH FUTURE PLANNING!

Tuesday, October 31, 2023



CANADIAN BISHOPS OPPOSE EUTHANASIA IN CATHOLIC HEALTH FACILITIES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



CANADIAN BISHOPS ISSUE "PRAEDICA VERBUM" ON THE EVANGELIZATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Sunday, November 26, 2023

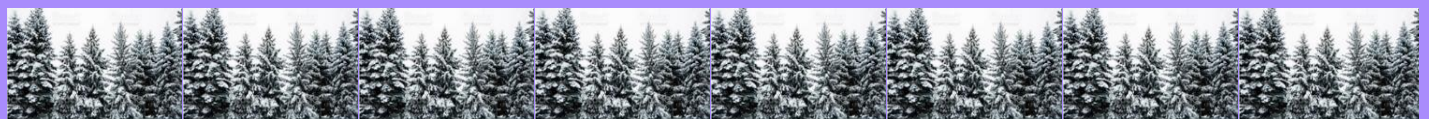
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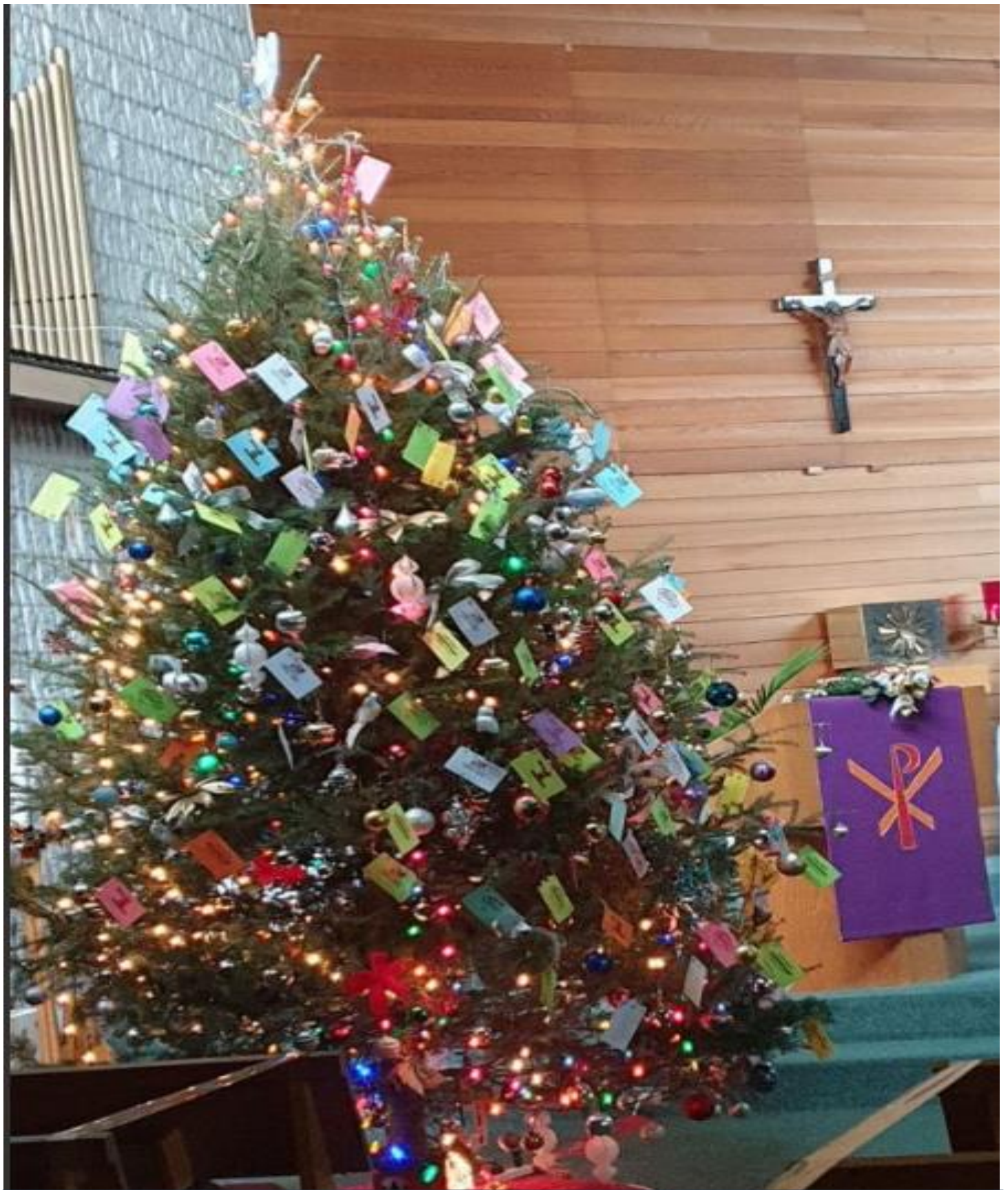
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link to read the full text of the news****

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If you want to use 2024 pre-numbered donation envelope, please fill up the Parish Registration form and submit it to the OFFICE.
- First Holy Communion First Test in the month of December, email the office to book an appointment;
- "Hang a Christmas Card on the Tree" will start on the first Sunday of Advent; details in the next page;





Hang a Christmas Card with your intentions this Christmas on the Tree.