

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | 07 April 2024

**“Have you believed because
you have seen me?”**



**Blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have come to
believe.”** John 20:29

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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**Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated
on the Sunday after Easter,**

**Saint Stanislaus, Pray for us
April 11th**



"Thomas put your finger here and see my hands!" "Reach out your hand and put it in my side!" "Do not doubt, but believe!"

John 20:27

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God." Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20: 28-29

Every day, this week, in every Eucharistic Celebration, we emphatically proclaimed our Faith in the Risen Lord with the Words of the Gospel Acclamation; "This is the Day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Indeed, Easter is the Day, that the whole of Creation looked forward to after the Sin of Adam and Eve, and having been rescued by the Second Adam, Creation looks back to, as it speeds towards its final glorification. Today, with this Sunday Celebration, we mark the 8th Day, in the celebration of this great day of Our Lord's Resurrection.

This Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, the Church encourages us to meditate more on the Motivation of God; the motivation that made Him as you say in English "to go that extra mile," in pursuit of us, human beings!

The Church calls this Sunday "Divine Mercy Sunday," declared thus, by St. John Paul II on the 30th of April 2000, during the Canonization of St Faustina Kowalska! (Homily of JJII August 18, 02)

Both St. Faustina and St. John Paul II are referred to, in the Church as Apostles of Divine Mercy. For they called the Church's Attention to the Truth of God's Mercy based on His Love! Let it be known, however, that it was not St. Faustina or St. John Paul II who first taught, Divine Mercy, to humanity. The Bible is the Testimony to God's Mercy.

In these past days, we witnessed God's Mercy reach its Climax! On the Wood of the Cross, we witnessed the most profound bowing of the Divine toward humanity. Jesus, the Lamb of God became "the Grain of Wheat," that died so that we, human beings could receive the "Fullness of Life in God." God, the Father confirmed the effectiveness of Christ's Sacrifice with His Son's Resurrection.

Every Disciple is called to Faith in the Resurrection of Christ. This Faith is the essence of Our Salvation. John the Evangelist underlines this in the Gospel Reading of today, warning us against the Sin of unbelief.

Thomas, the Apostle, surrounded by peace and joy; fruits of Easter Faith, was still in the darkness of unbelief. His fellow disciples attempted to share their Easter Faith with him, repeating the confession of Mary Magdalene: "We have seen the Lord." Thomas was not prepared to believe, unless the Risen Lord met his conditions; "Unless I See the marks of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the marks of the nails and place my hand in his Side, I will not Believe."

Surprisingly, the Risen Lord complied and fulfilled the conditions of Thomas;

"Thomas put your finger here and see my hands!" "Reach out your hand and put it in my side!" "Do not doubt, but believe!"

Thomas crashed by the generosity of his Master, responded with Greatest Proclamation of Faith in St. John's Gospel.; "My Lord and My God!"

What followed has been a consolation to every Believer in Christ in every generation; an uplifting beyond any measure;

"Thomas, have you believed because you have seen me, Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!"

JESUS, KING OF MERCY

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER THREE The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic
"I BELIEVE IN LIFE EVERLASTING"

- 207. What is life everlasting?** 1020,1051
 Eternal life is that life which begins immediately after death. It will have no end. It will be preceded for each person by a particular judgment at the hands of Christ who is the Judge of the living and the dead. This particular judgement will be confirmed in the final judgment.
- 208. What is the particular judgment?** 1021-1022
 It is the judgment of immediate retribution which each one after death will receive from God in his immortal soul in accord with his faith and his works. This retribution consists in entrance into the happiness of heaven, immediately or after an appropriate purification, or entry into the eternal damnation of hell.
- 209. What is meant by the term "heaven"?** 1023-1026, 1053
 By "heaven" is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints. They thus form the Church of heaven, where they see God "face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). They live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us.
"True and subsistent life consists in this: the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit, pouring out his heavenly gifts on all things without exception. Thanks to his mercy, we too, men that we are, have received the inalienable promise of eternal life." (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem)
- 210. What is purgatory?** 1030-1031, 1054
 Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.
- 211. How can we help the souls being purified in purgatory?** 1032
 Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance.
- 212. In what does hell consist?** 1033-1035, 1056-1057
 Hell consists in the eternal damnation of those who die in mortal sin through their own free choice. The principal suffering of hell is eternal separation from God in whom alone we can have the life and happiness for which we were created and for which we long. Christ proclaimed this reality with the words, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire" (Matthew 25:41).
- 213. How can one reconcile the existence of hell with the infinite goodness of God??** 1036-1037
 God, while desiring "all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9), nevertheless has created the human person to be free and responsible; and he respects our decisions. Therefore, it is the human person who freely excludes himself from communion with God if at the moment of death he persists in mortal sin and refuses the merciful love of God. *(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic*

MASS INTENTIONS

- Apr 06-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Cesar Pena
 Apr 07- Sunday 9:00AM The Parishioners
 12:15 PM + Enrique Laguatan
 5:30 PM + Carmen Ramiro
 Apr 08 - Mon, 7PM + Guia Reyes
 Healing of Nida Donado
 Apr 09 -Tue, 9 AM + Eulola Palad
 Apr 10 -Wed,7 PM Thanksgiving of Chichi M.
 + Jose Laurel
 Apr 11 -Thu, 9 AM +Baby Kyrie Brequillo
 Apr 12 -Fri, 7 PM + Angelo Gerardo
 Apr 13 -Sat, 9 AM +JC Daniel Andres Medina

7-day Candle Offering-Apr 06-Apr 12, 2024

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

**CONGRATULATIONS
 CHILDREN OF GOD,
 AS YOU RECEIVE YOUR
 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 TODAY!**

**I wish you nothing but
 blessings and peace for all of
 time until kingdom come.**

- Louí-Marie, Raffy A.,
 Marcus, Santiago,
 Zachary, Zaira, Linette,
 Juanita, Jason, Yana,
 Magnus, Matthew K.,
 Reyanne, Matthew P.
 Ralph, Sophia, Sonuche,
 Keithlyn, Luke, Nate,
 Cheska and Angelo*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -April 2024 - FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

"We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world."

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE WHOEVER EATS WILL LIVE FOREVER.

Our Patron Saint..



I have looked into your eyes with my eyes. I have put my heart near your heart.” St. John XXIII

Saint Stanislaus

Well-known for his care of the poor, Stanislaus was born in Szczepanow, Poland, about 1030. In 1072 he became bishop of Krakow. Vocal in his criticism of King Boleslav’s behavior, Stanislaus was killed by the king himself during the celebration of Mass. Boleslav later fled to relatives in Hungary, where he spent his life as a penitent in a Benedictive abbey. Stanislaus was canonized in 1253 and is one of the patrons of Poland.

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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 Francis laughs with Franciscan friars at the audience (Vatican Media)

Pope: Christians must tend to Christ’s wounds in humanity

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-04/pope-francis-friars-minor-verna-italy-800-years-stigmata.html>



EASTER SUNDAY - HE IS RISEN ALLELUIA!
Sunday, March 31, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN MASSES, PRAYER SERVICES, NOVENAS NEWS ARCHBISHOP LEO



THE EASTER VIGIL - CHRIST IS RISEN
Sunday, March 31, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN MASSES, PRAYER SERVICES



AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO
Saturday, March 30, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP LEO

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click the link to read the full text of the news

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Congratulations to our children who received today April 7th the Holy Eucharist for the first time;
- Congratulations to Kori, Commander, and Grace who were received in the Catholic Church last Saturday in the Easter Vigil Mass; Include them in your prayers that the Spirit of Joy and Grace be in their hearts always;
- April 8th is the Feast of the Anunciation, the Mass will be at 7pm, the Act of Consecration to Mary will be done before the Mass.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA