

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 3rd SUNDAY of EASTER | 14 April 2024



“PEACE BE WITH YOU.”

Luke 24:36

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. Kateri Tekakwitha, Pray for us

April 17th

“I will willingly abandon this miserable body to hunger and suffering, provided that my soul may have its ordinary nourishment.”

St. Kateri Tekakwitha



"Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones! As you see that I have." Luke 24:37-38

The Gospel Reading of today opens with the conclusion of the experience of the two disciples to Emmaus. In their conversion with the Risen Lord as they walked home, they revealed that they had been frustrated by Christ's tragic death, where the "power of darkness" seemed to have prevailed over the One who is the Light of the World. The disciples were frustrated too, that Jesus had not met their expectations; *"We were hoping that he was the one who would set Israel free;"* they said to the Risen Lord. To them Jesus was a hoped messiah who had pathetically failed.

The Faith of these disciples was also failing; *"Some women of our group surprised us this morning, they could not find the body ... some of our friends went and found just as the women had reported, ... but of Him they did not see!"*

Scriptures tells us how the Risen Christ opened their minds; to realize that they were in his presence. With their eyes opened, they returned to Jerusalem by night with better news; Jesus was alive!

In today's Gospel reading these disciples are back in Jerusalem and are recounting their joyful experience, when Jesus stood in their midst; ***"Peace be with You,"*** He greeted them!

The disciples needed Peace of the Risen Lord. He was in their presence, yet they were startled and terrified, that they thought that they were in the presence of a ghost. The Risen Lord pleaded with them! *"Look at my hands and my feet, It is I, myself. Touch me and see, a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see, I have."*

"Have you anything to eat?" He took the Fish and ate in front of them!

Jesus did as he did with the two disciples to Emmaus; He opened their minds to understand that He is the fulfillment of all Scriptures.

This Experience of the Risen Lord and Pentecost transforms the Disciples to be courageous witnesses! Listen to Simon Peter, the coward and betrayer, at Good Friday;

"The God of our Fathers glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied him in the presence of Pilate!" Peter challenged his People to heed to Salvation through Christ Jesus; *"Repent, therefore and be converted that your sins may be wiped away!"*

Scripture tells us that the response of those listening to him was great; *"They were cut to the heart"* and asked them; *"Brothers what shall we do?"* *"Accept to be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins"* Peter told them!

That day three thousand were added to their number!

We are witnesses of the Risen Lord, and that's why we gather around the Eucharistic body today and always, to listen to his Word and receive him in the Eucharist. As disciples, we have been entrusted with the mission of making God's ultimate Love, revealed in the Risen Lord, known to all the peoples of all Nations.

May the Risen Lord bless us with His Peace, Amen.

They who trust in themselves are lost. They who trust in God can do all things. St. Alphonsus Ligouri

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

"I BELIEVE IN LIFE EVERLASTING"

214. In what does the final judgment consist? 1038-1041,1058-1059

The final or universal judgment consists in a sentence of happiness or eternal condemnation, which the Lord Jesus will issue in regard to the "just and the unjust" (Acts 24:15) when he returns as the Judge of the living and the dead. After the last judgment, the resurrected body will share in the retribution which the soul received at the particular judgment.

215. When will this judgment occur? 1040

This judgment will come at the end of the world and only God knows the day and the hour.

216. What is the hope of the new heavens and the new earth? 1042-1050, 1060

After the final judgment the universe itself, freed from its bondage to decay, will share in the glory of Christ with the beginning of "the new heavens" and a "new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). Thus, the fullness of the Kingdom of God will come about, that is to say, the definitive realization of the salvific plan of God to "unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth" (Ephesians 1:10). God will then be "all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28) in eternal life.

"Amen"

217. What is the meaning of the word "Amen" with which we conclude our profession of faith? 1061-1065

The Hebrew word "Amen", which also concludes the last book of Sacred Scripture, some of the prayers of the New Testament, and the liturgical prayers of the Church, expresses our confident and total "yes" to what we professed in the Creed, entrusting ourselves completely to him who is the definitive "Amen" (Revelation 3:14), Christ the Lord.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Apr 13-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Benjie Romero
- Apr 14- Sun 9:00AM Deceased Gomes family mem.
12:15 PM The Parishioners
5:30 PM + Teodora Banawa
- Apr 15 - Mon, 7PM Thanksgiving Sonia D.
- Apr 16 -Tue, 9 AM + Magdalena & +Tomas Quebral
- Apr 17 -Wed,7 PM Thanksgiving-Lamorena Family
- Apr 18 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving-Gerald & Jovita F.
- Apr 19 -Fri, 7 PM + Belinda Castillo
+ Caridad Palconit
- Apr 20 -Sat, 9 AM +Angelo Gerardo

7-day Candle Offering-Apr 13-Apr 19, 2024

Sanctuary---
Virgin Mary-
Chapel ----

WORD OF THE WEEK

New

SHALOM

Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning peace and can be used idiomatically to mean hello.

<https://en.wikipedia.org>

"Shalom is the Hebrew word for the kind of peace Jesus offered. It meant wholeness, completeness, harmony and total well-being. Because it was God's gift, it could not be taken away or disrupted by human uncertainty or chance. It was like beatitude compared with happiness. Your blessing is not dependent of things going well or any happenstance. Even in the midst of trial and suffering, shalom grounds you in a relationship with God. It is like the "perfect joy" of St. Francis of Assisi. Every obstacle or frustration he encountered was another chance to trust in God and to give thanks."

[The gift of Shalom | National Catholic Reporter \(ncronline.org\)](#)

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 NOT MY OWN; I HAVE GIVEN MYSELF TO JESUS.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Our Patron Saint...



"There are three ways to face ruin: women, gambling, and farming. My father chose the most boring one."

St. John XXIII

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656. Her mother was a member of the Algonquin First Nation and her father was an Iroquois chief. Her birth took place in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon (today Auriesville, New York). Her mother had lived with French settlers in Trois-Rivieres and was Christian. When Kateri was four, a smallpox epidemic swept through Ossernenon. It killed her mother, father and younger brother and left Kateri with impaired vision and a scarred complexion. An uncle and some aunts took her in and raised her. Her eyes were hyper-sensitive to light, so people named her "Tekakwitha", meaning "she who gropes her way" or "she who bumps into things."

To read further click this link [Saint Kateri Tekakwitha \(1656-1680\) - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/saint-kateri-tekakwitha-1656-1680)

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 to visit 4 nations across Asia and Oceania in September

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-04/pope-francis-visit-four-asian-states-september.html>



CLERGY CHANGES FOR 2024
Friday, April 12, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



NEOPHYTE MASS TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 21 AT ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

Thursday, April 11, 2024



ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE CONSECRATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, April 09, 2024

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Confirmation candidates and parents your next session will be on April 27th- Mass explained;
- April 28th is the 2nd ShareLife Sunday collection, please share your blessings to the needy;
- Next Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter is World Day of Prayer for Vocations;

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA