

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 27 Aug 2023

“But who do you say that I am?”



Peter said,

“You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:13-20



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

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ST. MONICA (Aug 27th) and

ST. AUGUSTINE (Aug 28th)

Pray for us.

“Nothing is far from God.” St. Monica
“O Lord, all my hope is based on your great mercy.” St. Augustine



“The LORD will protect you from all harm; he will protect your life. The LORD will protect your coming and going both now and forever” (Psalm 121:7-8)

Below is the letter of Bishop Jon Hansen of the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith sent to the Bishops of Canada. He was one of those who fled from the threat of wildfires in the Northwest Territories. Let us remember in our prayers his Diocese and all people affected by recent wildfires.

Good morning everyone,

First of all, thank you for all the wonderful thoughts and prayers that have filled my text and email apps. Yesterday I had a 12-hour drive from Yellowknife to Grande Prairie, where I am “sheltering”. I am one of the lucky evacuees who have family in Alberta so I am very comfortable staying in the home of my niece and her husband.

That’s not the case for all who were forced to leave. As I drove, I saw many tents and campers for the entire length of my journey. There will also be many families in hotels and evacuation centres across Alberta and British Columbia. I gathered the quote below from one of our information sources, Cabinradio.ca. (This is a fantastic media source for up to the minute information about the fires)

“Approximately 63 percent of the NWT population is currently under evacuation order, if we use the most recent community population numbers provided by the NWT Bureau of Statistics. That’s about 28,904 residents, though this number doesn’t account for non-residents such as tourists or people here on short work contracts whose home province is elsewhere and would also be evacuating the NWT right now.”

Presently there are various levels of crisis in the NWT. A number of communities including Yellowknife, Hay River, Fort Smith and Inuvik have fire at their doorsteps and we are just waiting to see what the weather will do to move the fires forward or to aid the firefighters and help hold the fires back. Other communities have already been breached including Behchoko (three homes lost) and Enterprise which was, according to reports, about 90% wiped out. I drove through there yesterday and it was the closest image to an apocalyptic wasteland that I have ever seen. For some communities such as Hay River and Katlodeeche, this is the second time they have been evacuated this summer, this after having to do the same a year ago due to floods.

On a brighter note, there is nothing like a crisis to bring out the best in humanity. There was a traffic stop at Big River (outside of Fort Providence), this is the only place on the 700km stretch between Yellowknife and High Level where you can stop for gas. With more than five thousand vehicles passing through a gas station with four pumps you can imagine that it could have been a place of chaos, and there was some of that. However, the prevalent mood was very neighbourly. People got out of their cars to stretch their legs and walk their dogs and spent time talking and laughing with one another. I was also surprised to see the many farm yards in northern Alberta that were freshly mowed and had big, hand-painted signs, offering free camping to all those equipped with tents and RVs.

The next few days are now just a matter of waiting to see what will happen next. All our staff and clergy are safe and accounted for, although they have been scattered to the wind by plane and by road. Keep the prayers coming as we ask for the miracle of rainfall in abundance for our parched land.

Peace

+Jon

Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smit



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE

I Believe in God the Father

48. How does the Church express her trinitarian faith?? 249-256; 266

The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature. They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

49. How do the three divine Persons work? 257-260, 267

Inseparable in their one substance, the three divine Persons are also inseparable in their activity. The Trinity has one operation, sole and the same. In this one divine action, however, each Person is present according to the mode which is proper to him in the Trinity.

“O my God, Trinity whom I adore...grant my soul peace; make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling, and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action.” (Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity)

50. What does it mean to say that God is almighty? 268-278

God reveals himself as “the strong One, the mighty One” (Psalm 24:8), as the One “to whom nothing is impossible” (Luke 1:37). His omnipotence is universal, mysterious and shows itself in the creation of the world out of nothing and humanity out of love; but above all it shows itself in the Incarnation and the Resurrection of his Son, in the gift of filial adoption and in the forgiveness of sins. For this reason, the Church directs her prayers to the “almighty and eternal God” (“Omnipotens sempiterne Deus...”).

51. What is the importance of affirming “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1)? 279-289, 315

The significance is that creation is the foundation of all God’s saving plans. It shows forth the Almighty and wise love of God, and it is the first step toward the covenant of the one God with his people. It is the beginning of the history of salvation which culminates in Christ; and it is the first answer to our fundamental questions regarding our very origin and destiny.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 26 – Saturday, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass –**
+Willie A. Sr.

Aug 27 – Sunday 9:00 AM The Parishioners
12:15 PM + Bernadette M.
5:30 PM Parishioners

Aug 28–Mon, 7 PM Parishioners

Aug 29- Tue, 9 AM Parishioners

Aug 30–Wed,7 PM + Margueritta M.

Aug 31–Thu, 9 AM Parishioners

Sep 01–Fri, 7 PM Increase in Vocation

Sep 02–Sat, 9AM + Corazon C.

7-day Candle –Offering–Aug 26-Sep 1, 2023

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

Chapel ----- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes



WORD FOR THE WEEK

CHRIST

means “anointed”, from the Greek word **Christos**.

The use of the word Christ with the definite article and its gradual development into a proper name show the Christians identified the bearer with the promised Messiah of the Jews. He combined in His person the offices of prophet (John 6:14; Matthew 13:57; Luke 13:33; 24:19) of king (Luke 23:2; Acts 17:7; 1 Corinthians 15:24; Apocalypse 15:3), and of priest (Hebrews 2:17; etc.); he fulfilled all the Messianic predictions in a fuller and a higher sense than had been given them by the teachers of the Synagogue.

<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08374x.htm>

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.

“Certainly, Venerable Brethren, when one views the faith which distinguishes the Church, the sacraments which nourish and perfect her, the universal laws and precepts which govern her, the unending glory that is hers by reason of the heroic virtue and constancy of so many of her elect, there can be no doubt that the Bride of Christ, so dear to her divine Redeemer, has always kept herself holy and unsullied.”

QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St Monica *Aug 27th*

St. Monica was born in North Africa in 332 of Christian parents. At a young age, she was given in marriage to Patricius; they had three children. Patricius criticized his wife’s piety and her generosity to the poor, but was always respectful of her person. Monica’s influence was such that both husband and mother-in-law converted to Christianity. In 371, a year after his baptism, Patricius died.

Monica then devoted herself to the conversion of her son, Augustine who had abandoned his Christian faith. After 7 years of Monica’s persistent prayers, Augustine was converted while in Milan where he met Bishop Ambrose and returned to this faith. Mother and son enjoyed a close relationship from then on; Monica died during their return trip to Africa. She has said that there as nothing left for her to do, all her hopes having been fulfilled.

All we know about Monica comes from Augustine’s Confessions. In the 10th chapter of Book IX, he describes a spiritual experience they shared near the end of her life, and he always remembered his mother’s efforts on his behalf. She is a patron of mothers.

Livina Christ Aug 2023 edition.

TRIVIA

1. To whom the Lord God of hosts sent Isaiah?
2. Who was called by the Lord whom Isaiah will clothe and bind his sash?
3. What is the responsorial psalm this Sunday?
4. What is the message of Paul to the Romans mentioned in the second readings?
5. Who was the apostle whom Jesus said “On this rock I will build my Church?”
6. In the gospel, where was Jesus when he asked his apostles “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
7. What was the reply of Peter when asked “Who do say I am?”
8. What was the ordered of Jesus to his disciples not to tell to the people?

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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
- 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **This coming Friday Sep 1st is first Friday. Eucharistic adoration will be held at 6pm followed by the 7pm Mass.**
- *If you would like to become a lector or a Eucharistic minister, please approach Fr. David after the Mass.*

Answer on last week: **1. Isaiah;** **2.** The Lord said “Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.”; **3.** The Lord said “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”; **4.** The house of prayer for all people.”; **5.** Letter to the Romans and it is addressed to the Gentiles the Romans; **6.** Paul; **7.** The Canaanite woman; **8.** She said “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”; **9.** Jesus said “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”; **10.** Her daughter was healed instantly.