

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 4th SUNDAY of EASTER | 21 April 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Vowed
Religious
Life

Married
Life

Priest
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Consecrated
life or Single
Life

“We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.” St. Francis of Sales

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

Parish School-

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St. Anselm, Pray for us

April 21st

“For I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this also I believe that unless I believe I shall not understand.” St. Anselm



"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my Life in order to take it up again." John 10:17

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; ...Even though I walk through the darkest valley I fear no evil for you are with me You have prepared a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

This is a Prayer of a Soul at Peace! Confident in the Care of God; who is its Provider and Protector. It's believed that most Psalms in the Bible were composed by David, Son of Jesse from Bethlehem. David was a shepherd later the most memorable King of Israel. The Life of Shepherd is lonely and quiet, and can be scary as it could turn dangerous any time; as the shepherd defend his flock from wild animals. David in the book of Samuel claimed to have protected his flock against lions with his sling. David however trusted God as his protector. You we hear him tell Goliath; the Giant *"You come to me with a sword and a spear but I come to you in the name of Lord, whose people you insult."* In the fields and a shepherd in loneliness and fear, he sings *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my Life."*

Today in the Gospel Reading, Jesus proclaims himself, the Good Shepherd & Gate for the Sheep. Jesus is the authentic shepherd over and against all others who might have claimed to be Shepherds! This passage that we read today, comes directly after Jesus had cured the man born blind at the Pool of Siloam. The Scribes and the Pharisees; leaders of the Jews who turned to the temple each day to celebrate their loyalty to the one True God harassed this Man: One born blind now cured! They treated him with disdain and arrogance and threw him out of the Temple.

Jesus witnessing this, was amazed at their hardness of heart and unwillingness to believe in him. He claimed his place as the true mediator between humanity and God. He declared himself as life giving in comparison with those before him claiming to be shepherds; *"These were thieves, robbers and strangers and theirs was to destroy and Scatter."*

Jesus unlike them is one, who knowing the value of the sheep, lays his life for them; and in the Gospel reading today, he tells us, that this is why his Father loves him; *"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my Life in order to take it up again."*

Jesus is able to give life because he is the Son of God. This Good News is supposed to be shared; no wonder then, Jesus calls upon every disciple to pray for vocations; *"Pray to the Lord of the harvest that He may sent laborers to his Harvest!"*

As we pray for vocations today, let us pray that we may put our trust in Christ; the Good Shepherd.



ACT AND GOD WILL ACT; WORK AND HE WILL WORK.

St. Joan of Arc

Our Patron Saint...



"If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the Light." St. John XXIII

St. Anselm

Born in 1033, Anselm was motivated to enter the monastery of Bec in Normandy due to the reputation of the great teacher, Lanfranc. Anselm became a monk at the age of 27, and a student and close friend of Lanfranc, eventually succeeding him as prior and abbot of Bec.

After the Norman Conquest of England in 1066, William I replaced the English hierarchy with Normans, and Lanfranc was sent as archbishop of Canterbury. Three years after Lanfranc's death, Anselm was in England (1093) and was forcibly made archbishop. Neither an administrator nor a politician by nature, he persevered nonetheless. Through his encouragement of English devotions, he helped heal the wounds of the Conquest on the English.

Anselm's fame lies in his role as theologian and philosopher. His argument for the existence of God still holds strong appeal. In his concern for the oppressed, he was one of the first opponents of the slave trade.

Living with Christ, April 2024 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 Francis meets with students of the Network for Schools of Peace. (Vatican Media)

Pope asks children to be "artisans of peace"

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-04/pope-asks-children-to-be-artisans-of-peace.html>



CLERGY CHANGES FOR 2024
Friday, April 12, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



ARCHBISHOP LEO JOINS INTERFAITH PRAYER WALK WITH TORONTO POLICE
Friday, April 12, 2024



NEOPHYTE MASS TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 21 AT ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
Thursday, April 11, 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;
- May 12th, Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven and Mother's Day;

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA