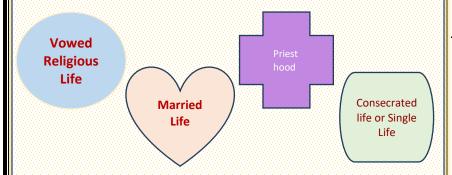
St. John XXIII Parish

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations



"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 Paríshíoners!

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.

<u>Confession</u> every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

<u>Confirmation</u> - 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

 $\underline{\textbf{Wedding}} - \mathsf{call} \; \mathsf{the} \; \mathsf{office} \; \mathsf{for} \; \mathsf{appointment}$

Anyone who wants to become

<u>Catholic</u> – call the office for appointment

Parish School-

St. John XXIII Catholic School 175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7 Tel. 416-393-5348

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Tel. 416-934-0606 *www.archtoronto.org

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

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"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 scarily 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

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

Part Three - Life in Christ Section One - Man's Vocation: Life in the Spirit

357. How is the Christian moral life bound up with faith and the sacraments? 1691-1698

What the symbol of faith professes, the sacraments communicate. Indeed, through them the faithful receive the grace of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit which give them the capability of living a new life as children of God in Christ whom they have received in faith.

"O Christian, recognize your dignity." (Saint Leo the Great)

CHAPTER ONE
The Dignity of the Human Person
MAN THE IMAGE OF GOD

358. What is the root of human dignity? 1699-1715

The dignity of the human person is rooted in his or her creation in the image and likeness of God. Endowed with a spiritual and immortal soul, intelligence and free will, the human person is ordered to God and called in soul and in body to eternal beatitude.

OUR VOCATION TO BEATITUDE

359. How do we attain beatitude? 1716

We attain beatitude by virtue of the grace of Christ which makes us participants in the divine life. Christ in the Gospel points out to his followers the way that leads to eternal happiness: the beatitudes. The grace of Christ also is operative in every person who, following a correct conscience, seeks and loves the true and the good and avoids evil

360. Why are the beatitudes important for us? 1716-1717, 1725-1726

The beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching and they take up and fulfill the promises that God made starting with Abraham. They depict the very countenance of Jesus and they characterize authentic Christian life. They reveal the ultimate goal of human activity, which is eternal happiness.

361. What is the relationship between the beatitudes and our desire for happiness? 1718-1719

The beatitudes respond to the innate desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart in order to draw us to himself. God alone can satisfy this desire.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 20-Sat, 5:15PM <u>Vigil Mass</u> + Laura Boudreau +Rosalinda Ocampo

Apr 21- Sun 9:00AM The Parishioners

12:15 PM + Apolonia Marquez

5:30 PM + Alfonso Tiber Perlas

Apr 22 - Mon, 7PM +Isagani Ayala

+ Vicenta Cena Nadonza

Apr 23 -Tue, 9 AM + Sebastian Miranda

Apr 24 -Wed,7 PM + Francisco Lopez

Apr 25 -Thu, 9 AM Successful Procedure of Nelia A. Apr 26 -Fri, 7 PM Wed Ann. of Rene & MaryAnn G.

Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Good Counsel -CWL

Apr 27 -Sat, 9 AM + Aurelia Paje

7-day Candle Offering-Apr 20-Apr 26, 2024

Sanctuary--- +Teresa & +Domingo Ayala Virgin Mary- For Healing of Nelia Alzate

Chapel ---- For Good Health of Nelia Alzate

WORD OF THE WEEK

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VOCATION

a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action. Especially: a divine call to the religious life https://www.merriam-webster.com

What are the 4 vocations of the Catholic Faith?

- Vowed Religious Life includes making vows of obedience, chastity, and poverty in a bid to live like Jesus did;
- Married Life- people in this vocation decide to live with another person whom they love;
- Priesthood- he gives himself totally to the church. He is obedient to the cardinals, bishops, the pope and all his other superior;
- 4 Consecrated Life- one who gives their life to God through supporting a religious community.

https://catholicsbible.com/

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."

PRAYER IS THE INNER BATH OF LOVE INTO WHICH THE SOUL PLUNGES

ITSELF. St. John Mary Vianney

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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



Pope asks children to be "artisans of peace"

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



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 **

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Confirmation** candidates 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;

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