

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 03 Sep 2023



“If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:21-27



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. GREGORY THE GREAT (Sep 03rd)

Pray for us.

“Learn the heart of God from the Word of God.” St. Gregory the Great



“Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do.” (Matthew 16:21-27)

In the second chapter of our Catholic Catechism we read; ***“By natural reason man can know God with certainty, through his works. But there’s order of knowledge which he cannot possibly arrive at by their own power: “the order of Divine Revelation.” Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to us.”*** CCC #50

Last Sunday we heard Jesus ask his disciples; ***“But you, who do you say that I am?”*** Simon Peter answered, ***“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”***

These Words were a milestone for Humanity, as they relate to a realization and acknowledgement of the unthinkable; It was Eden all over again! “Emmanuel!” God in the Person of Christ Jesus, was again physically present among his People!

Jesus exclaimed; ***“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in Heaven.”***

This exultation of Simon by Jesus underlined the depth of significance of what he had said. Jesus revealed the inner workings of God’s Generosity with people. Humanity with its limitation cannot reach such a revelation by its own. It is only by the intervention of the Heavenly Father, who illumines our mind to such an insight. This reminds us of what Jesus said John 6: 44 ***“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him...”***

It is however one thing to make a profession of faith and quite another to put it into practice when reality demands. Jesus after Peter’s great proclamation of his divinity and messianic mission, went to explain to his disciples, the Will of his Father. He began to show them, that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day? The Disciples were shocked. They were ready for a “Divine Man” who as the Messiah would fulfill the expectations of his people by imposing his power upon the Oppressors. They were however, not prepared to accept a Messiah who was on the Way to the Cross; Obedient, to the Will of the Father; and who had chosen the Path of humility and suffering. (‘The Apostles’ by Pope Benedict XVI p. 48)

Peter, took Jesus aside and rebuked him; ***“God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”***

Jesus would have been tempted to go by Peter’s Way; but this was not the Will of His Father! Here was the Devil again! ***“Get behind me, Satan!”*** Jesus reprimanded Peter ***“You are a stumbling block to me; For you are not on the side of God but men!”*** Jesus made it clear to Peter that it was not Peter who was to show him the Way! Rather, it was Peter who had to follow the Way as dictated to Jesus by His Father. The Disciples are called to a life Self-giving for the sake of the Gospel with Jesus as the model. --

This was tough and Jesus understood it!” That’s why in the Gospels of Mark, Luke and Mathew, this Revelation of the Way of the Cross was followed by the Transfiguration; “The Gospel of encouragement,” in which Jesus allowed Peter, James and John to enjoy the Glory of Heaven before the Cross.

The disciples of Christ, needed an assurance, that there would be Glory after the Cross, in this earthly journey. Following the Will of the Father, and facing its realities, we can feel like Jeremiah in the 1st Reading, enticed and overpowered by the Mission. There is however fulfillment and joy after we are obedient to the call of the Lord. Blessed are you because you believe.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER ONE

I Believe in God the Father

52. Who created the world? 290-292; 316

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the one and indivisible principle of creation even though the work of creating the world is particularly attributed to God the Father.

53. Why was the world created? 293-294, 319

The world was created for the glory of God who wished to show forth and communicate his goodness, truth and beauty. The ultimate end of creation is that God, in Christ, might be "all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28) for his glory and for our happiness.

"The glory of God is man fully alive; moreover man's life is the vision of God." (Saint Irenaeus)

54. How did God create the universe? 295-301; 317-320

God created the universe freely with wisdom and love. The world is not the result of any necessity, nor of blind fate, nor of chance. God created "out of nothing" (ex nihilo) (2 Maccabees 7:28) a world which is ordered and good and which he infinitely transcends. God preserves his creation in being and sustains it, giving it the capacity to act and leading it toward its fulfillment through his Son and the Holy Spirit.

55. What is divine providence? 302-306, 321

Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures toward their ultimate end. God is the sovereign Master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the cooperation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other.

56. How do we collaborate with divine Providence? 307-308, 323

While respecting our freedom, God asks us to cooperate with him and gives us the ability to do so through actions, prayers and sufferings, thus awakening in us the desire "to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

57. If God is omnipotent and provident, why then does evil exist? 309-310, 324, 400

To this question, as painful and mysterious as it is, only the whole of Christian faith can constitute a response. God is not in any way - directly or indirectly - the cause of evil. He illuminates the mystery of evil in his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose in order to vanquish that great moral evil, human sin, which is at the root of all other evils.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 02 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –
 +Anne C.

Sep 03 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Hermenegilda C.
 12:15 PM The Parishioners
 5:30 PM +Domingo & + Teresa A.

Sep 04 – Mon, 10AM +Teodorica G.

Sep 05 - Tue, 9 AM +Joy Varghese

Sep 06 –Wed, 7 PM +For Veterans who died in War

Sep 07 –Thu, 9 AM +Marie Fernandez

Sep 08–Fri, 7 PM For All Souls in Purgatory

Sep 09–Sat, 9AM + Rodolfo R. Sr.

7-day Candle –Offering–Sep 2-8, 2023

Sanctuary--- +Conchita & +Leoncio Ayala

Virgin Mary- +Anne Comeau

Chapel ----- +Eugenia & +Isaias Porte



WORD FOR THE WEEK
SACRAMENTS

Are efficacious signs of grace perceptible to the senses, these are instituted by Christ & entrusted to the Church. Through them divine life is bestowed upon us.

The seven sacraments are:

baptism, confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

(CCC 1113-1131)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -September 2023 - FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS

"We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."



Our Patron Saint..



**“Whoever has a heart full of love
always has something to give.”**

QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

Pope St Gregory the Great *Sep 03rd*

Saint Gregory was born about the year 540 into a wealthy Roman family. After brief but distinguished service as Chief Magistrate of Rome, Gregory resigned to become a Benedictine monk and used his great wealth to establish several monasteries. In 578 he was ordained deacon and sent to Constantinople as papal ambassador.

In 586 Gregory was recalled to Rome and became abbot. Four years later he was elected pope. His charity in feeding starving Romans, his protection of Jewish rights and his political diplomacy helped him earn the title ‘Great.’ Several centuries after his death, Gregory was credited with developing Gregorian chant, although this remains disputed.

He is known as the Apostle of England for sending missionaries there, including Augustine of Canterbury. Gregory who died in 604, is a Doctor of the Church.

Living Christ Sep 2023 edition.

TRIVIA

1. What feast is celebrated every 8th day of September?
2. The first reading this Sunday is taken from what book?
3. The responsorial psalm “My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God, in what psalm it was taken?
4. Who were the five women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus?
5. Fill in the missing words in the gospel acclamation “May the Father of our _____ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might know the _____ to which we are called”.
6. In the gospel, who said “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you”?
7. What was the response of Jesus when he heard what Simon said?
8. Fill the blanks If anyone wants to become my follower, let him _____ and take up his _____ & _____ me. †

Answer on last week: 1. Shebna; 2. Eliakim son of Hilkiah; 3. “Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.”; 4. The riches, wisdom and knowledge of God is so depth and for how unsearchable his judgments and how inscrutable his ways.”; 5. Simon; 6. Jesus was in the district of Ceasarae Philippi. 7. He replied “You are the Christ Son of the Living God; 8. Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell to the anyone that he was the Christ.

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
- 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 8th is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
- If you would like to become a lector or a Eucharistic minister, please approach Fr. David after the Mass.