

St. John XXIII Parish

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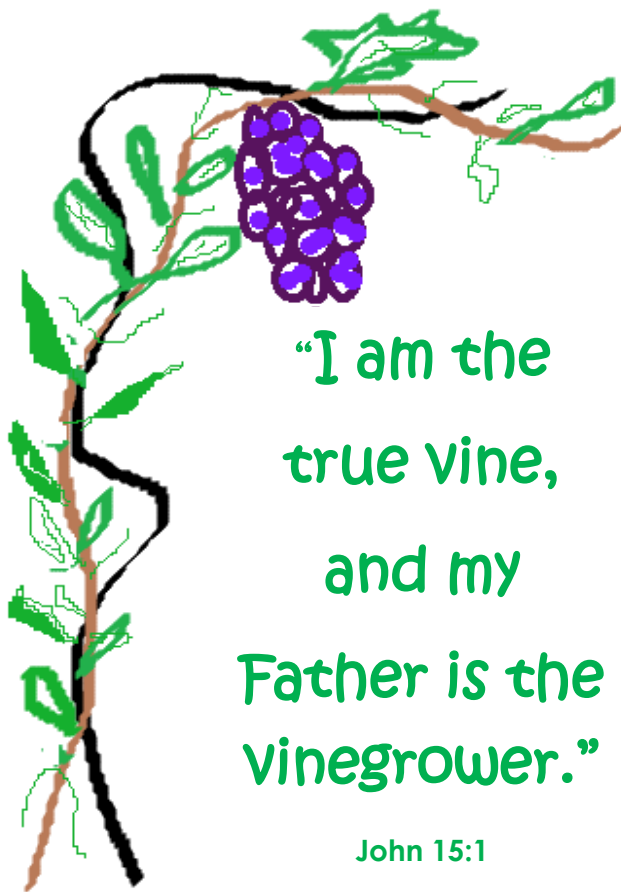
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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th SUNDAY of EASTER | 28 April 2024



“I am the
true vine,
and my
Father is the
vinegrower.”

John 15:1



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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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

St. Catherine of Siena,

Pray for us

April 29th

**“Proclaim the truth and do not be silent
through fear.” St. Catherine of Siena**



“That day, sing of the beautiful vineyard, I Yahweh, am its guardian, from time to time, I water it; so that no harm befall it, I guard it night and day.” Isaiah 27:2-3

“I am the Vine, you are the branches, whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing!”

The symbol of vine and the vineyard were well known to the people of Israel at the time of Christ. The image of vine was used by the prophets to console and uplift; to warn and remind the people of Israel of the importance of their relationship with God.

In Isaiah 27: 2-3 we read *“That day, sing of the beautiful vineyard, I Yahweh, am its guardian, from time to time, I water it; so that no harm befall it, I guard it night and day.”* In Jeremiah 2:21 we read: *“Yet I had planted you, a red vine, of completely sound stock. How is it that you have turned into seedlings of the vine alien to me?”*

Israel was the beloved of God but more often than not, she was unfaithful to the Covenant!

In the Gospel today, Jesus, emphasis his faithfulness as the true vine. He proclaimed himself this vine and his disciples as its branches. Here, Jesus symbolizes the unity, the oneness with his disciples mirroring that of himself with God, His Father.

As in the vine, the same sap flows from the roots, through the stem to the branches, in the disciple’s relationship with Christ, the same life-giving Spirit flows in the disciple as in Christ! A few verses beyond what we read today; Jesus tells us the reason as to why he is revealing this to his Disciples; *“I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. Remain in my Love. ... I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.”*

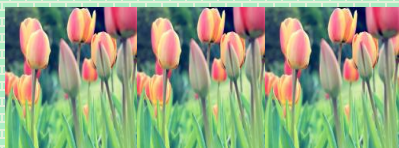
God the Father is the unique source of life and being the vinedresser, He cares for the well-being of the branches. He is the source all life because of his love for every creature. And in as much as God Loves, He draws us, the disciples, into this divine oneness shared with the Son. You can understand then, why away from him we cannot survive.

The positive response of a disciple, accepting discipleship, is a fruitful response. A disciple immersed into the divine union, a union that generates, cannot fail to produce.

“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

God our Father is glorified when through us, many come to know him: accept and experience the immensity his Love.

“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit.”



ALLELUIA



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

CHAPTER ONE
The Dignity of the Human Person

OUR VOCATION TO BEATITUDE

362. What is eternal happiness? 1720-1724; 1727-1729

It is the vision of God in eternal life in which we are fully “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4), of the glory of Christ and of the joy of the trinitarian life. This happiness surpasses human capabilities. It is a supernatural and gratuitous gift of God just as is the grace which leads to it. This promised happiness confronts us with decisive moral choices concerning earthly goods and urges us to love God above all things.

MAN'S FREEDOM

363. What is freedom? 1730-1733, 1743-1744

Freedom is the power given by God to act or not to act, to do this or to do that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one’s own responsibility. Freedom characterizes properly human acts. The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. Freedom attains its proper perfection when it is directed toward God, the highest good and our beatitude. Freedom implies also the possibility of choosing between good and evil. The choice of evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to the slavery of sin.

364. What is the relationship between freedom and responsibility? 1734-1737; 1745-1746

Freedom makes people responsible for their actions to the extent that they are voluntary, even if the imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or sometimes cancelled by ignorance, inadvertence, duress, fear, inordinate attachments, or habit.

365. Why does everyone have a right to exercise freedom? 1738-1747

The right to the exercise of freedom belongs to everyone because it is inseparable from his or her dignity as a human person. Therefore, this right must always be respected, especially in moral and religious matters, and it must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and a just public order.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 27-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +The Parishioners
Apr 28- Sun 9:00AM + Helen Rice

12:15 PM + Gorgonia Tulio

5:30 PM + Jennelyn Gatchalian

Apr 29 - Mon, 7PM + Patrick Wallington
+ Cesar Pena

Apr 30 -Tue, 9 AM + Antonia Piano

May 01 -Wed,7 PM + Joseph & Anna Lobo

May 02 -Thu, 9 AM + Remy Quinto Quilatan

May 03 -Fri, 7 PM +Arthur Sheila & Ronnie NCTaite

May 04 -Sat, 9 AM +Deceased Members of
St. Anthony Group

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7-day Candle Offering–Apr 27-May 03, 2024

Sanctuary--- +Lerma Ayala

Virgin Mary-

Chapel ---- For Good Health of Nelia Alzate

WORD OF THE WEEK
ABIDE

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-To bear patiently; to endure without yielding; to wait for; to remain stable; to continue in a place;

<https://www.merriam-webster.com>

In John’s gospel, Jesus said “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me... Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

We are called to “Meno”, to “Abide” in Him and that requires us to dwell in Him and He dwell in us. That requires us to surrender. We are not comfortable surrendering to anything in our society, but in order to abide in Christ we must totally surrender. We must make a determination to encounter Jesus daily in our life. We must live as if we live if live with Him that is what it means to abide.

<https://catholic365.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.’



ALLELUIA



Our Patron Saint...



"Men are like wine—some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age." St. John XXIII

St. Catherine of Siena

One of four women honoured with the title of Doctor of the Church, Catherine was born in Siena Italy, in 1347, her parents' 25th and youngest child. At the age of seven, following a vision of Christ in glory, she is reported to have vowed her virginity to God. She joined the Dominican Third in 1365, spending years in seclusion from the world, fasting and praying. In 1368, after a vision where Christ accepted her as his "bride," she felt called to carry this love to others. She cared for the poor and tended the sick; she corresponded with people from all walks of life, even counselling princes and popes; she was renowned as a peacemaker. She is especially remembered for her spiritual reflections.

She died in Rome in 1380. This great Christian mystic was canonized in 1461, became a patron of Italy in 1939, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. With St. Briget of Sweden and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, she is co-patron of Europe.

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 to participate in G7 session on AI

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-04/pope-francis-g7-summit-italy-artificial-intelligence.html>



NEWLY INITIATED CATHOLICS GATHER AT ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA FOR MASS
Wednesday, April 24, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO ATTENDS OAPCE CONFERENCE AND GALA
Wednesday, April 24, 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 May 11th-10am to 12pm Retreat;**
- **May 12th, Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven and Mother's Day;**
- **May 19th Feast of Pentecost and Confirmation Mass at 10:30am;**



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