

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 Sep 2023



“For where two or three  
are gathered in my  
name, I am there among  
them.”

Matthew 18:20



### *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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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**SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (Sep 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Pray for us.**

**“It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life.”**

St. John Chrysostom



***“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.” (Matthew 18:15)***

In the Gospel Reading today Jesus instructs us on something extraordinary something we all need: How to resolve our differences;

Jesus gives us **“a three-step process,”** what he called; “Winning back a brother or sister who has wronged you!”

The first step is a private confrontation and rebuke. This step has its roots in the Book of Leviticus 19: 17: ***“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with him, lest you bear sin because of him.” It is for your own Good!***

Christ says, if the brother or sister responds, then you have won them back!

If they do not respond, go to Step Number 2; Seek the support of one or two witnesses! This is based on Deuteronomy 19:15 ***“Only on the evidence of two or three witnesses shall a charge be sustained.”***

If they refuse to listen to them, then there is step number 3; “Seek the help of the Church.” Beyond this is excommunication; ***“Treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.”***

We would love it, if it ended here; or aren’t there people we would like to excommunicate?

The teaching next Sunday, however will teach us, in ***“The Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor,”*** that in the Kingdom of God, it is God’s Mercy and Generosity that should be the measure and determination of our generosity, mercy and forgiveness towards those created in the image of God.

Jesus will conclude, ***“So My Heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from heart.”***

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***“O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts.” Psalm 95***



**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**CHAPTER ONE**

*I Believe in God the Father*

**58. Why does God permit evil?** 311-314, 324

Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit evil if he did not cause a good to come from that very evil. This was realized in a wondrous way by God in the death and resurrection of Christ. In fact, from the greatest of all moral evils (the murder of his Son) he has brought forth the greatest of all goods (the glorification of Christ and our redemption).

*Heaven and Earth*

**59. What did God create?** 325-327

Sacred Scripture says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The Church in her profession of faith proclaims that God is the Creator of everything, visible and invisible, of all spiritual and corporeal beings, that is, of angels and of the visible world and, in a special way, of man.

**60. Who are the angels?** 328-333; 350-351

The angels are purely spiritual creatures, incorporeal, invisible, immortal, and personal beings endowed with intelligence and will. They ceaselessly contemplate God face-to-face and they glorify him. They serve him and are his messengers in the accomplishment of his saving mission to all.

**61. In what way are angels present in the life of the Church?** 334-336, 352

The Church joins with the angels in adoring God, invokes their assistance and commemorates some in her liturgy.

*"Beside each believer stands an angel as a protector and shepherd leading him to life."* (Saint Basil the Great)

**62. What does Sacred Scripture teach about the creation of the visible world?** 337-344

Through the account of the "six days" of creation Sacred Scripture teaches us the value of the created world and its purpose, namely, to praise God and to serve humanity. Every single thing owes its very existence to God from whom it receives its goodness and perfection, its proper laws and its proper place in the universe.

**63. What is the place of the human person in creation?** 343-344, 353

The human person is the summit of visible creation in as much as he or she is created in the image and likeness of God.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sep 09 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –

+ Juanita V.

Sep 10 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Salvador M.

12:15 PM + Jose L.

5:30 PM The Parishioners

Sep 11 – Mon, 7PM +Jose Jholo R.

Sep 12 - Tue, 9 AM + Leonidas G.

Sep 13 –Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving for the gift of Life

Sep 14 –Thu, 9 AM +Andre F.

Sep 15– Fri, 7 PM +Carlos CP.

Sep 16–Sat, 9 AM +Randy & +Edward G.

**7-day Candle –Offering–Sep 9-15, 2023**

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Vila

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Vila

Chapel ----- Thanksgiving of Cora de Vila

**New**

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**SIN**

Is "a word, an act, or a desire contrary to the eternal Law" (St. Augustine). It is an offense against God in disobedience to his love. It wounds human nature and injures human solidarity.

**Sins are distinguished according to their gravity:**

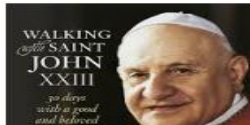
- Venial sin** does not break the covenant with God but it weakens charity & manifests a disordered affection for created goods.
- Mortal sin** one commits a mortal sin when there are simultaneously present; grave matter, full knowledge, and deliberate consent. (CCC 1849-1851, 1871-1872)

**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..**



**“The family is the first essential cell of human society.”**

QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

**St John Chrysostom** *Sep 13<sup>th</sup>*

Saint John Chrysostom lived from about 347 to 407. Born in Antioch, he was trained as an orator. In 374 he joined a community of hermits but returned to Antioch due to poor health. In 386 he was ordained and approach preacher for the bishop. Famous for his eloquent sermons, he was named Archbishop of Constantinople in 398 and began a program of reform. Uncompromising in political and ecclesiastical affairs, he made enemies who eventually contrived to have him exiled. To avoid an uprising, John was taken away in secret, but died on the journey. After his death, he received the title ‘Chrysostom’s (‘Golden mouth’) in tribute to his powerful preaching. He is a patron of Preachers.

*Living Christ Sep 2023 edition.*

**TRIVIA**

1. Who is the archdiocesan patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto?
2. Who is the papal nuncio – representative of the pope in Canada?
3. In what country Pope Francis visited on August 31 to September 4th?
4. What does the pallium symbolizes?
5. Who will be conferred the pallium on the feast day of St. Michael at St. Michael’s Cathedral in Toronto?
6. The first reading this Sunday is taken from what book?
7. In the second reading, the 4 commandments are summed up into one commandment, what is it?
8. This Sunday, what is the Gospel Acclamation?
9. As mentioned in the gospel of Matthew, what is the first thing to do if our brother or sister sins against us?
10. Fill in the missing word, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, \_\_\_\_\_ there among them.”



**Answer on last week:** 1. Feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 2. Jeremiah; 3. From Psalm 63; 4. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary; 5. “May the Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might know the HOPE to which we are called.” 6. Simon Peter. 7. Jesus said to Peter “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are thinking not a God does, but as humans do.”; 8. If anyone wants to become my follower, let him DENY HIMSELF and take up his CROSS and FOLLOW me.

**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](mailto: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:**

- **Everyone is invited on September 29<sup>th</sup> the feast day of St. Michael at the St. Michael’s Cathedral;**
- **Registration for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation is going, please get a registration form after the Sunday Mass.**