

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 6th SUNDAY of EASTER | 05 May 2024

*And now I give
you a new
commandment:
love one
another. As I
have loved you,
so you must love
one another.* John 13.34



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

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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. Francois de Laval,

Pray for us

May 6th

*“We must place all our trust and our strength in
Our Lord, His Holy Mother and all His Holy
Family.”* St. Francois de Laval



“As the Father loves me, so I also Love you. Remain in my Love.” John 15:9

The Gospel reading is a continuation of that which we read last Sunday, when Jesus used the image of the vine and its branches to describe the intimate relationship between us, himself and God, the Father.

Just in a plant, the same *plant sap*, flows from the *roots* to the *branches*, making the plant achieve its goal i.e. *bearing of Fruits* so does the same life-giving Spirit flow in Christ and in us, making it inevitable that we are to bear fruits.

Today the Gospel is on the command to Love. Jesus urges us to abide in his Love and to Love one another; *“As the Father loves me, so I also Love you. Remain in my Love.”*

The Father loves the Son with an infinite love. And as the Father love Jesus so does Christ love for his disciples in an infinite way. Yes, to a point of laying his life for them.

This Love of Christ invites us to a new relationship; A relationship where He and God the Father, have taken the initiative; ***“You did not choose me, I Chose You” “No one can come to me unless drawn to me by the Father;”***

In this relationship the disciple is not a servant; slave; dependent on a Master! We are friends, equal associates of Jesus!

This Love is indispensable! Christ repeat this command *“Love one another,”* twice.

St. John in the second reading, tells us the reason as to why we should love;

Love is our true nature! In the Genesis when God created us, as it is written, *“in the Image of Himself He created them, male and female He created them,”* created us in the Image of Love.

If therefore, God created us, in his image and he is Love, truly loving is coming to terms with our own nature; ***“Love is God; and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God!” “Whoever is without Love does not Know God;”***

May God increase our Love for Him and for one another. Amen.



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

MAN'S FREEDOM

366. What place does human freedom have in the plan of salvation? 1739-1742, 1748

Our freedom is weakened because of original sin. This weakness is intensified because of successive sins. Christ, however, set us free "so that we should remain free" (Galatians 5:1). With his grace, the Holy Spirit leads us to spiritual freedom to make us free co-workers with him in the Church and in the world.

367. What are the sources of the morality of human acts? 1734-1749-1754, 1757-1758

The morality of human acts depends on three sources: the object chosen, either a true or apparent good; the intention of the subject who acts, that is, the purpose for which the subject performs the act; and the circumstances of the act, which include its consequences.

368. When is an act morally good? 1755-1756, 1759-1760

An act is morally good when it assumes simultaneously the goodness of the object, of the end, and of the circumstances. A chosen object can by itself vitiate an act in its entirety, even if the intention is good. It is not licit to do evil so that good may result from it. An evil end corrupts the action, even if the object is good in itself. On the other hand, a good end does not make an act good if the object of that act is evil, since the end does not justify the means. Circumstances can increase or diminish the responsibility of the one who is acting but they cannot change the moral quality of the acts themselves. They never make good an act which is in itself evil.

369. Are there acts which are always illicit? 1756-1761

There are some acts which, in and of themselves, are always illicit by reason of their object (for example, blasphemy, homicide, adultery). Choosing such acts entails a disorder of the will, that is, a moral evil which can never be justified by appealing to the good effects which could possibly result from them.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- May 04-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass
+ Carmen & Ricardo Jr. Manera
- May 05- Sun 9:00AM + The Parishioners
12:15 PM + Rogelio Salazar Jr.
5:30 PM + Dennis Edquiban
- May 06 - Mon, 9AM + Abe Weldon
- May 07 -Tue, 9 AM + Merilyn Baldemor
- May 08 -Wed,7 PM + Salvacion Baloloy
- May 09 -Thu, 9 AM + Remy Quinto Quilatan
- May 10 -Fri, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Jeffrey Perlas
- May 11 -Sat, 9 AM +Genito Marquez

7-day Candle Offering-May 04-May 10, 2024

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
- Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

WORD OF THE WEEK
New LOVE

- St. Thomas Aquinas defined love as "TO WILL THE GOOD OF THE OTHER".

The 2nd Vatican Council enriched this definition of love by linking the willing of another's good to an additional and necessary gift that must accompany that willing: the GIFT of SELF."

For this reason, love for God and neighbor is the first and greatest commandment. Sacred Scripture, however, teaches us that the love of God cannot be separated from love of neighbor: "If there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.... Love therefore is the fulfillment of the Law" (Rom. 13:9-10; cf. 1 John 4:20). To men growing daily more dependent on one another, and to a world becoming more unified every day, this truth proves to be of paramount importance. By Dr. Tom Neal
<https://www.wordonfire.org>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -May 2024 - FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGION & SEMINARIANS

"We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."



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Our Patron Saint...



"I must consider myself as the man of the cross and love the one that God gives me without thinking any further."

St. John XXIII

St. Francois de Laval

Francois de Montmorency Laval (1623-1708) was the first bishop of Quebec City. Born in France to a novel family, he was educated by the Jesuits and ordained in 1647. Despite controversy, he was made bishop in 1658 and arrived in New France the following year. In 1663, he founded the Seminary of Quebec- now Laval University- to supply priests for his vast diocese, which extended to all the French-speaking territory of North America. He later established a minor seminary and an industrial school. His pastoral concern for the settlers and the Native people often resulted in conflict with civil authorities.

Francois was an outstanding educator and administrator, a generous benefactor, a caring bishop and a pious man whose spiritual influence was widespread. He well deserved his title of "Pere de la Patrie" (Father of the Homeland) and was canonized in 2014 Saint Francois de Laval is the patron of the Bishops of Canada.

Living with Christ, May 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 the Blanquerna Foundation in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace (Vatican Media)

Pope: Education must form people, not offer impossible ideals

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-francis-barcelona-blanquerna-foundation-education.html>



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE ON THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED MOTHER
Monday, April 29, 2024

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ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
Wednesday, May 01, 2024

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<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;
- Next Sunday, 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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