

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | ASCENSION SUNDAY | 12 May 2024

Behold, I am
with you
always, even to
the end of the
age, alleluia.



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. Matthias, Pray for us

May 14th

“We must combat our flesh, set no value upon it, and concede to it nothing that can flatter it, but rather increase the growth of our soul by faith and knowledge.” St. Matthias



“As they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” Acts 1:11

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord; Christ’s return to Heaven, in his glorified human body. This is the culmination, the sign, and the seal of his victory of his Salvific Mission here on Earth. He, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, became one with us and through obedience to the Will of His Father, was crucified, died, and rose to reconcile us back to our Divine Creator.

Jesus in his own words, according to the Gospel of Luke, during his departure, confirmed that He was the fulfillment of the Prophets: For **“thus the prophet had written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.”**

In his departure to the Glory of the Father, Jesus raised his hands and blessed his disciples, reminding us of Simon the High Priest in Sirach 50: 19-21, blessing the Israelites at the end of the Liturgy. Jesus, the High Priest, was on the way to the Sanctuary made not by human hands but by God himself. He commissioned his Disciples to be his Witnesses and Preachers; **“Of repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name,”** to all Nations beginning in Jerusalem.

As we look toward Heaven and see Christ ascending to his Father and Our Father, we, disciples of Christ should be filled with joy as his disciples in St. Luke’s Gospel were, as they walked back to Jerusalem after the event.

We should be in Joy because Christ, our Savior and Brother is now seated in the place of honor at the right Hand of the Father; He is there as our representative and intercessor. We should be in joy because his going is a sign of assurance (*to us*) that there is life after our struggles on Earth; He promised to go and prepare a place for us in the Gospel two Sundays ago and confirmed that ***He is the Way, the Truth and the Life!***

We should be in joy because this means that the Helper, the Consoler, the Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation in the Knowledge of Him, will come!

There is a reality however, that can hinder a disciple from experiencing this joy; their shaky faith that results in fear! Mathew presenting the same event tells us that, when eleven disciples saw Jesus, at the mountain in Galilee, to which Jesus had ordered them to go; **“They worshiped him but doubted!”** In the Acts of the Apostles, their fragility was also made manifest! Even after Jesus had appeared to them, after his resurrection, several times and explained to them what his death and resurrection meant, they were still dreaming of an earthly Kingdom! **“Lord are you at this time going to restore the Kingdom to Israel!”**

Christ aware of their fragility, promised a helper; an advocate. The Plan of God, had to continue despite human longings, as Jesus explained; **“It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority, but you will receive power, when the Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ... to the end of the earth.”**

Today, you and me, disciples of Christ, have received the Holy Spirit and have been commissioned with Mathew 28:19-20. **“Go make disciples of all the Nations.”** We are the ones given the responsibility of making the ascended Jesus, visible among the People we live. This can be difficult but we can live consoled by Christ’s final Words; **“I am with you always until the end of the age.”**



ALLELUIA



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

CHAPTER TWO

131. What is the saving meaning of the Resurrection? 651-655, 658

The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It fulfills all the divine promises made for us. Furthermore, the risen Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, is the principle of our justification and our Resurrection. It procures for us now the grace of filial adoption which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son. At the end of time, he will raise up our bodies.

"Jesus Ascended into Heaven and Is Seated at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty"

132. What does the Ascension mean? 659-667

After forty days during which Jesus showed himself to the apostles with ordinary human features which veiled his glory as the Risen One, Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in his humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us his Spirit and he gives us the hope of one day reaching the place he has prepared for us.

"From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead"

133. How does the Lord Jesus now reign? 668-674, 680

As the Lord of the cosmos and of history, the Head of his Church, the glorified Christ mysteriously remains on earth where his kingdom is already present in seed and in its beginning in the Church. One day he will return in glory but we do not know the time. Because of this we live in watchful anticipation, praying "Come, Lord" (Revelation 22:20).

134. How will the coming of the Lord in glory happen? 675-677, 680

After the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world the glorious coming of Christ will take place. Then will come the definitive triumph of God in the Parousia and the Last Judgment. Thus the Kingdom of God will be realized.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- May 11-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass
 + Donna Martin
- May 12- Sun 9:00AM + Virginia Hipolito
 12:15 PM + The Parishioners
 5:30 PM + Petra Damasco Perlas
- May 13 - Mon, 7PM + Benjie Romero
- May 14 -Tue, 9 AM + Richard McNeily
- May 15 -Wed,7 PM + Luisa Quiniquito
- May 16 -Thu, 9 AM + Armando Lorayes
- May 17 -Fri, 7 PM Healing of Nida Donado
 + Alfonso Tibet Perlas
- May 18 -Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving Bday Veronica G.

7-day Candle Offering-May 11-May 17, 2024

- Sanctuary--- +Donna Martin
- Virgin Mary- +Domingo Ayala
- Chapel ---- +Donna Martin

WORD OF THE WEEK

New **ASCENSION**

- The Ascension is the event, where Jesus arose into heaven, at the end of his time on earth.

The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which Jesus arose from the tomb, the same glory to which Jesus ascended, and the same glory in which Jesus currently abides. Though our limited perception might find him absent, Jesus is fully present, participating in every moment of our lives. By His Ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to enter all times and places. In this way it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. We become enlivened, and our actions become animated in a new way by the Spirit of the God we love and serve. We have become other Christs in the world. (Fr. Antony Kadavil)
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-05/sunday-reflections-2-june-2019.html>

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. Matthias

The Acts of the Apostles (1.15-26) tells us that Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Peter, quoting a psalm, told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who could join them in bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and the assembly cast lots, the lot falling to Matthias.

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 at the States General of Nativity (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

Pope: Consumerism, not overpopulation, to blame for world hunger

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-nativity-birth-rate-consumerism-materialism-elderly-suicide.html>



ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO TO CELEBRATE THE ORDINATION OF FIVE PRIESTS

Friday, May 10, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2024

Tuesday, May 07, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Tuesday, May 07, 2024

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

click the link to read the full text of the news

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