

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 24 Sep 2023

Open our
hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the
words of your
Son. Allelulia.

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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**SAINT JOHN DE BRÉBEUF,
SAINT ISAAC JOGUES &
COMPANIONS. Sep 26th)**

Pray for us.



“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)

“Seek the Lord” was a phrase which was used to invite the Israelites into the Sanctuary, but away in exile in Babylon, and away from the Temple of Jerusalem, (the very physical presence of God among the people) where were the People to find their God?

The People of God, knew that their exile was the result of their unfaithfulness to God, consequently, they felt undeserving of God’s forgiveness and mercy.

Isaiah tells them, this was just human thinking! God’s thoughts and God’s Ways were different! We read; ***“Just as high are the heavens above the earth, so high are His ways above our ways and His thoughts above our thoughts!”***

God transcended everything He had created. Israel would soon find out, that though hidden from their sight, God had heard their cry and was close to them. They, the People, may have been unfaithful, but God would console them.

In the Gospel reading, unlike in the Old Testament, where Israel was in search of the God, He is physically present among them; in the Person of Christ Jesus. The tragedy was, the people did not recognize him.

Jesus invited them into the Kingdom of his Father but today’s Gospel reading reveals, that envy filled them, blinding their minds and souls from accepting the generosity of God.

Why does your master eat with tax collectors and sinners? The Pharisees ask the disciples of Jesus. Jesus overhears them and in response he told them a parable, the Parable of the workers in the vineyard, also called the “Parable of the Good Employer!”

Notice the beginning of the Parable: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner, meaning a person, who hired laborers for his vineyard at different times of the day. The Owner is desperate, for the grapes require prompt harvesting. The Harvesting went well, but a problem arises when those hired first went to receive their payment; they worked longer and expected to be paid more.

And then came the key question or questions, in the Parable; ***“Friends, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give the last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?” Or “Are you envious because I am Generous?”***

With the questions, the Message of the Parable focuses on the qualities of the Master. He is a very generous Master.

The Kingdom is God’s Gift to give. And in giving, not even the Scribes or Pharisees could restrict his generosity.

Aware that “the Generosity of the Father” was present among them in Christ Jesus, the disposition of a believer should be to focus on him. May the Lord give us his grace to focus on Christ.



TO GOD BE THE GLORY

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE

I Believe in God the Father

69. How do the soul and body form a unity in the human being?

362-365; 382

The human person is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. In man spirit and matter form one nature. This unity is so profound that, thanks to the spiritual principle which is the soul, the body which is material, becomes a living human body and participates in the dignity of the image of God.

70. Where does the soul come from? 366-368; 382

The spiritual soul does not come from one’s parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.

71. What relationship has God established between man and woman? 369-373; 383

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. At the same time, they have been created in a reciprocal complementarity insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one for the other to form a communion of persons. They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony “one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). They are likewise called to subdue the earth as “stewards” of God.

72. What was the original condition of the human person according to the plan of God? 374-379,384

In creating man and woman God had given them a special participation in his own divine life in holiness and justice. In the plan of God they would not have had to suffer or die. Furthermore, a perfect harmony held sway within the human person, a harmony between creature and Creator, between man and woman, as well as between the first human couple and all of creation.

The Fall

73. How should we understand the reality of sin? 385-389

Sin is present in human history. This reality of sin can be understood clearly only in the light of divine revelation and above all in the light of Christ the Savior of all. Where sin abounded, he made grace to abound all the more.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 23 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –
+Francisco C.

Sep 24 – Sunday 9:00 AM The Parishioners
12:15 PM +Willie Sr. A.
5:30 PM + Jose L.

Sep 25 –Mon, 7PM +Vincent C.

Sep 26 - Tue, 9 AM For all Souls in Purgatory

Sep 27 –Wed, 7 PM +Catalina T.

Sep 28 –Thu, 9 AM +Rafael P.

Sep 29– Fri, 7 PM For All Souls in Purgatory

Sep 30–Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving B-day of Espie I.

7-day Candle –Offering–Sep 23-29, 2023

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

Chapel ----- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes



WORD OF THE WEEK

PHARISEE

-a member of a Jewish sect of the intertestamental period noted for strict observance of rites and ceremonies of the written law and for insistence on the validity of their own oral traditions concerning the law.

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

Pharisee mentioned in the bible:

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.” Mat 23:15

Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.” Acts 15:5

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.



“Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.”

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

St John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companions *Sep 26th*

This day honours the eight martyrs of North America – six Jesuit priests and two lay assistants – who died between 1642 and 1649. All came from Europe in response to a call for “missionaries to the Indians,” and all showed great courage. The first group, who died in the United States, included Isaac Jogues and the laymen Rene Goupil and Jean de la Lande. The second group, who died in Canada, included Jean de Brebeuf, Antoine Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noel Chabanel.

These men were aware of the dangers involved and of the fate of captives. Some of them were captured and escaped, but returned, persisting in their efforts to preach the Gospel to the Indigenous peoples.

Accounts of the martyrdom of Brebeuf and Lalemant survive today in the Jesuit Relations. At Auriesville, NY, and at Midland, ON, the shrines erected to the memory of the martyrs attract thousands of pilgrims annually.

Living Christ Sep 2023 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Everyone is invited on September 29th at 5:30pm on the feast day of St. Michael at the St. Michael’s Cathedral;**
- **Registration for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation is ongoing, please get a registration form after the Sunday Mass.**

Bundle Up

For the

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



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St. John XXIII

150 Gateway Boulevard, Don Mills
On

October 7 - 8, 2023



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