

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 01 October 2023

*My sheep hear
my voice, says
the Lord; I
know them, and
they follow me.
Alleluia.*



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 THERESE OF THE CHILD

JESUS. (Oct 1st)

Pray for us.

“The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.” St. Therese of Lisieux

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



“Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.” (Matthew 21:32)

“Jesus said to the Chief Priest and Elders of the People; What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the Vineyard.’ He said in reply, I will not, but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father will?”

Before you hasten to categorize your brother or sister, either as the first or second son in the Parable, let us be reminded, that the motif that Jesus was using in the Parable came from a tradition that went back all the way to Genesis; The motif of the two sons, begun with Cain and Abel! It continued with Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob then modified into Joseph and his eleven brothers; and could even be said of Abraham and the rest of the World. The two brothers always lived in an unsolved antagonism. There was always a rivalry between the one, on whom the Lord’s favor rested and the other.

Jesus takes this tradition of the two brothers and gives it a twist, to address the common temptation of one or a group of people, who claimed “to be right with God” and despised everyone else!”

In the Gospel today, these were the Pharisees, the Scribes; The religious of the day, whom the Gospel today calls “the Elders of the people!”

Jesus had done what was expected of the Messiah; Cleanse the Temple to restore sincere worship; ***“My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.”***

The Chief Priest and the Elders of the people were enraged! They benefited from the trade and although better scripturally prepared to understand this act of Jesus, as the fulfillment, in anger they sought from Jesus an explanation; ***“By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this Power?”***

Jesus knowing that “The Hour,” when this question would be answered had not yet come, and aware that his opponents were not genuinely seeking the true answer but engineering a trap, in order to condemn him, Jesus told the Parable we heard today;

What do you think? A man had two Sons;” ... “Which of the two did the Will of his Father?” They said “The First.”

Jesus forced the Chief priest and the elders of the People into an admission in which they condemned themselves and expose their insincerity!

The Pharisees were the 2nd Son and their pride and stubbornness of heart, contrary to the self-emptying of the 1st Son, led them into a blindness, that eventually killed the first Son.

Jesus gave the Elders of the People “a wakeup call” to realize the privilege they had at hand; “They were Living in the Presence of the One to whom the authority belonged!” It was urgent for them to respond; ***“Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you.”***

We are living in the Presence of The One who Loves us and who is generous. He beacons us to respond; Let us ask Him to give his Grace to be able to respond generously.



**TO GOD BE
THE GLORY**



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE

I Believe in God the Father

74. What was the fall of the angels? 391-395; 414

This expression indicates that Satan and the other demons, about which Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church speak, were angels, created good by God. They were, however, transformed into evil because with a free and irrevocable choice they rejected God and his Kingdom, thus giving rise to the existence of hell. They try to associate human beings with their revolt against God. However, God has wrought in Christ a sure victory over the Evil One.

75. What was the first human sin? 396-403; 415-417

When tempted by the devil, the first man and woman allowed trust in their Creator to die in their hearts. In their disobedience they wished to become "like God" but without God and not in accordance with God (Genesis 3:5). Thus, Adam and Eve immediately lost for themselves and for all their descendants the original grace of holiness and justice.

76. What is original sin? 404-419

Original sin, in which all human beings are born, is the state of deprivation of original holiness and justice. It is a sin "contracted" by us not "committed"; it is a state of birth and not a personal act. Because of the original unity of all human beings, it is transmitted to the descendants of Adam "not by imitation, but by propagation". This transmission remains a mystery which we cannot fully understand.

77. What other consequences derive from original sin? 405-409,418

In consequence of original sin human nature, without being totally corrupted, is wounded in its natural powers. It is subject to ignorance, to suffering, and to the dominion of death and is inclined toward sin. This inclination is called concupiscence.

78. After the first sin, what did God do? 405-409; 418

After the first sin the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather, he foretold in a mysterious way in the "Protoevangelium" (Genesis 3:15) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, the fall would be called in the future a "happy fault" because it "gained for us so great a Redeemer" (Liturgy of the Easter Vigil).

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 30 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –

+ Noel A.

Oct 01 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Dennis E.

12:15 PM The Parishioners

5:30 PM +Francisco C.

Oct 02 –Mon, 7PM +Chary S.

Oct 03 - Tue, 9 AM + Dante L.

Oct 04 –Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Mary N.C.T.

Oct 05–Thu, 9 AM + Members of Joya & Bondoc

Oct 06– Fri, 7 PM Increase in Vocation

Oct 07–Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving of CWL

7-day Candle –Offering–Sep 30-Oct 06, 2023

Sanctuary--- +Teresa & Domingo Ayala

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

Chapel ----- +Lerma & Isagani Ayala



New

WORD OF THE WEEK

MASS

Mass comes from the Latin word, "Missa." And the word "Missa" comes from the word "missio", the root of the English word "mission."

MASS is also called HOLY MASS, used to describe the celebration of the Eucharist in the Latin Church. It is the central liturgical service of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church, in which bread and wine are consecrated and become the body and blood of Christ.

As defined by the church at the Council of Trent, in the Mass "the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross, is present and offered in an unbloody manner." The church describes the Mass as the "source and summit of the Christian life."

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mass>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -October 2023 - FOR THE SYNOD

"We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."



Our Patron Saint...



“And a devotion to the Eucharist that is ardent, constant and that carries over into works also has the effect of nourishing and fostering the inner perfection of his soul and assuring him, as he carries out his apostolic duties of an abundance of the supernatural powers that the strongest workers for Christ must have.”

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

St Therese of the Child Jesus Oct 1st

Marie-Francois Therese Martin was born in Normandy, France, in 1873, ninth and youngest child of Louis Martin and Azalie-Marie Guerin; only five daughters survived to adulthood. Their mother died when Therese was only five years old and the family moved to Lisieux, where she was raised by her father, her sisters and an aunt. Three of her sisters became Carmelite nuns and the fourth joined the Visitandines.

Therese entered the Carmel of Lisieux when she was 15. Her motto was a phrase from the great Carmelite mystic, John of the Cross: “Love is repaid by love alone. “Therese held special devotions to the heart of Jesus and to the spiritual Motherhood of Mary. Tuberculosis limited Therese’s activities. She pioneered the ideal of the ‘Little way’: fidelity in the small things, trust and complete self-surrender to God.

Therese had a gift for writing, and the prioress her sister Pauline, directed her to write first about her childhood, then about her life in the convent. These were combined into The Story of a Soul, a modern spiritual autobiography.

Known popularly as The Little Flower, Therese died on September 30, 1897. Though Therese’s life spanned only 24 years, her faith and simplicity were remarkable. She was canonized in 1925 and made Doctor of the Church in 1997. She is a patron of missions.

Living Christ Oct 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:

- **Novena to St. John XXIII will begin on Oct 6th and will be pray before the mass. The feast day of our patron saint is on Oct 15th;**
- *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**

We are collecting your donations at

St. John XXIII

150 Gateway Boulevard, Don Mills
On

October 7 - 8, 2023

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