

St. John XXIII Parish

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I shall live in the house
of the Lord all the days
of my life. *Psalm 23:6*



FEAST DAY OF
ST. JOHN XXIII

Think not about your frustrations,
but about your unfulfilled
potential. *Pope John XXIII*

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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ST. JOHN XXIII (Oct 11th)

Pray for us.

"If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light." St. John XXIII



“Behold I have prepared my meal; my calves and fattened cattle are killed and everything is ready; come to the feast.” (Matthew 22:1-14)

Today we celebrate the 28th Sunday of Year A; It is also the Feast Day of Patron Saint of our Parish, St John XXIII.

Our response to the 1st Reading of today is taken from Psalm 23. This is a very beautiful Prayer in thanksgiving, in acknowledgment of not only of what God has done for us but who God is to us; ***“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”*** In the Psalm you hear the confidence, in thanksgiving of David; ***“I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.”*** ... ***“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole Life long.”***

David, though a sinner, was always thankful to the Lord God and always trusted in Yahweh His God. As a young boy facing Goliath, the giant, whom every Israel soldier dreaded, you hear his confidence in the Lord; ***“You come against me with sword, spear and shield, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the army you have insulted.”*** We know how the Life of David went; though a great sinner, the Lord blessed him and through him he fulfilled his Promise to save humanity.

In the 1st Reading, Isaiah the Prophet, addresses a people who had become very ungrateful and very unfaithful to God. Because of their unfaithfulness they had been taken to exile! To them, Isaiah prophesied a great day; a day mirrored as a time of plenty and great jubilation. He proclaims the time as great feast where God would be the Host.

“On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, of rich food and pure, of choice wines.”

God gives His People, another Chance! He will go a distance to ensure that their joy is complete! But the question is; Were His People going to heed?

This Day of Joy came with Christ Jesus; But what about His People?

Jesus narrates their reaction in the Parable of today! He compares the Kingdom of His Father to a Wedding Feast! The Wedding Feast is on! The Banquet is ready! -But those invited refused to respond to the invitation!

The Host was however patient with those first invited. He summoned them and pleaded with them; ***“Behold I have prepared my meal; my calves and fattened cattle are killed and everything is ready; come to the feast.”*** The invited opted to go by their own interest and ignore their master’s generosity!

We hear Jesus express the longing of God in a lament in Mt. 23:37 ***“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you refused!”***

The Host extended his invitation to the people out in the streets and these, accept.

You and I are called to the Banquet. We are called to respond to the generosity of God in thanksgiving. God has given us the gift of Faith, having been born in God’s Love through Baptism.

St John XXIII, whose Feast Day we celebrate today, always expressed joy in the Lord. This is confirmed many times in the prayers he wrote, we have recited in the Novena, this week; ***“Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this World.”***

JESUS. WE THANK YOU.

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE

I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God

79. What is the Good News for humanity? 422-424

It is the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the “Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16), who died and rose from the dead. In the time of King Herod and the Emperor Caesar Augustus, God fulfilled the promises that he made to Abraham and his descendants. He sent “his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).

80. How is the Good News spread? 425-429

From the very beginning the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Jesus Christ in order to lead all to faith in him. Even today, from the loving knowledge of Christ there springs up in the believer the desire to evangelize and catechize, that is, to reveal in the Person of Christ the entire design of God and to put humanity in communion with him.

“And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord”

81. What is the meaning of the name “Jesus”? 430-435; 452

Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation, the name “Jesus” means “God saves”. The name expresses his identity and his mission “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Peter proclaimed that “there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved” (Acts 4:12).

82. Why is Jesus called “Christ”? 436-440,453

“Christ” in Greek, “Messiah” in Hebrew, means the “anointed one”. Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah but he made the meaning of the term clear: “come down from heaven” (John 3:13), crucified and then risen, he is the Suffering Servant “who gives his life as a ransom for the many” (Matthew 20:28). From the name Christ comes our name of Christian.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Oct 14–Saturday,5:15PM Vigil Mass-
The Parishioners
- Oct 15 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Dennis E.
12:15 PM +Charles B.
5:30 PM +Teresa & Domingo A.
- Oct 16 –Mon, 10AM +Rodolfo M.
- Oct 17 - Tue, 9 AM +Rosario S.
- Oct 18 –Wed, 7 PM +Rosario S.
- Oct 19–Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Zeny C.
- Oct 20– Fri, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Nida D.
- Oct 21–Sat, 9 AM +Eufrocina A.

7-day Candle –Offering–Oct 14-20, 2023

- Sanctuary--- The Parishioners
- Virgin Mary- The Parishioners
- Chapel ----- The Parishioners

WORD OF THE WEEK

New

SYNOD

- an assembly of the clergy and sometimes also the laity in a diocese or other division of a particular Church.

This month of October, the Church of God is convoked in Synod in the Vatican – “Synod 2023”. With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open herself to mission.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en>

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...



“Preoccupations about the future, which arise from self-love, delay the work of God in us and hinder his purposes.” QUOTE POPE JOHN 3 TIMES AND

Pope St. John XXIII Oct 11th

Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in 1881. In 1904 he was ordained a priest and served as a secretary to the Bishop of Bergamo, then as seminary teacher, sergeant in the medical corps, military chaplain, spiritual director, and Apostolic Visitor before being appointed Bishop in 1925. In 1953 he was created a Cardinal and sent to Venice as Patriarch.

At the death of Pius XII, he was elected Pope on October 28, 1958, taking the name John XXIII. His pontificate, which lasted less than five years, presented him to the entire world as an authentic image of the Good Shepherd. Meek and gentle, enterprising and courageous, simple and active, he carried out the Christian duties of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: visiting the imprisoned and the sick, welcoming those of every nation and faith, bestowing on all his exquisite fatherly care. His social magisterium in the Encyclicals *Pacem in terris* and *Mater et Magistra* was deeply appreciated.

He convoked the Roman Synod, established the Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law and summoned the Second Vatican Council. He was present as Bishop in his Diocese of Rome through his visitation of the Parishes, especially those in the new suburbs. The faithful saw in him a reflection of the goodness of God and called him “the good Pope.” He was sustained by a profound spirit of prayer. He launched an extensive renewal of the Church, while radiating the peace of one who always trusted in the Lord. Pope John XXIII died on the evening of June 3, 1963, in a spirit of profound trust in Jesus and of longing for his embrace. He was canonized April 27, 2014, along with Saint John Paul II.

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:

- **Next Sunday is the World Mission Sunday, please give generously;**
- **Registration for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation is ongoing, please get a registration form after any Mass on Sunday.**

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA