

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 22 October 2023

“Give therefore to  
Caesar the things  
that are Caesar’s,  
and to God the  
things that are  
God’s. *Matthew 22:21*”

### *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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Parish School-**

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**ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET**

(Oct 24<sup>th</sup>)

**Pray for us.**

**“I will be kind to everybody, particularly to those whom I find troublesome.”** St. Anthony Mary Claret



***“Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?”***

*(Matthew 22:18)*

The Gospel reading today gives us the first of four controversies between Jesus and various groups of Jewish Religious Leaders; The Pharisees, the Herodians, the Sadducees and the Scribes.

After the four Parables on God’s Generosity, we heard these last four Sundays, the Leaders of the People remained stubborn. In the Parables, Jesus revealed to them how privileged they were as a People of God! At the time of Christ, Israel was even more privileged; because they were in the Very Presence of God in the Person of Christ Jesus. The majority of these leader of Israel remained unaccepting of Jesus and his teaching. Jesus warned them; ***“I tell you the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces fruits for the Kingdom.”*** Mt 21:43

The Gospel proclaimed today, tell us that these elders of the people went even further; instead of accepting Jesus, the opening verses of today’s Gospel tell us, they planned to get rid of Him; The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. ***“Tell us then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Emperor, or not?”***

To pay tax meant, to some extent, acknowledging the governing power of the day! To Christ this meant acknowledging the foreign power over Israel; who were Roman and pagan! Together with this, the questioners, being religious leaders also wanted to know whether it was acceptable in the eyes of God to pay poll tax to the Romans. Their aim, we are told, was to get Jesus make a public statement. They were confident they could trap Him!

To Christ, however, their treachery was transparent. ***“Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?”*** Jesus asked them, ***“Show me the coin used for the tax.”*** And they brought him a Denarius. Big Mistake! They gave him a coin, bearing the image of Caesar, ironically with the inscription that read ***“Tiberius Caesar Divi Augusti Filius*** “Tiberius Caesar Son of the Divine Augustus;” Great High Priest;” ***Augustus Pontifex Maximus.*** A coin bearing image of the son of god. This went against the first commandment; Deuteronomy 5:8 ***“You shall not make images for yourself.”*** and they have them in the temple area, God’s Highest throne in Israel. The Coin was abominable for the Pharisees even to hold. They bore images of other gods in a place dedicated for the worship of the Only True God, the God of Israel! However, they loved the Money!

The Pharisees and the Herodians producing the Coin, bearing the inscription of the son of a god, revealed their guilt and hypocrisy! ***“Whose image is this and whose inscription?”*** Jesus asks them. Embarrassed beyond measure, as we can imagine, they answered ***“Caesars!”*** Jesus recommended then, that tax be paid on the ground that paying the poll tax was simply a matter of giving back to the Emperor what was already his.

The Pharisees and the Herodians had been trapped in their own game. Jesus then turned their trap into what is invaluable teaching; the obligation of the People of God toward their real King; God their Creator and Father!

***“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to ... God what belongs to God.”***

Scripture tells us; ***“They were amazed!”***



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE

*I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God*

83. In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God? 441-445,454

Jesus is the Son of God in a unique and perfect way. At the time of his Baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice of the Father designated Jesus as his “beloved Son”. In presenting himself as the Son who “knows the Father” (Matthew 11:27), Jesus affirmed his singular and eternal relationship with God his Father. He is “the Only Begotten Son of God” (1 John 4:9), the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the central figure of apostolic preaching. The apostles saw “his glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father” (John 1:14).

84. What is the meaning of the title “Lord”? 446-451, 455

In the Bible this title regularly designates God as Sovereign. Jesus ascribed this title to himself and revealed his divine sovereignty by his power over nature, over demons, over sin, and over death, above all by his own Resurrection. The first Christian creeds proclaimed that the power, the honor, and the glory that are due to God the Father also belong to Jesus: God “has given him the name which is above every other name” (Philippians 2:9). He is the Lord of the world and of history, the only One to whom we must completely submit our personal freedom.

*“Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary”*

85. Why did the Son of God become man? 456-460

For us men and for our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God’s infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4).

86. What does the word “Incarnation” mean? 461-463,483

The Church calls the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one divine Person of the Word the “Incarnation”. To bring about our salvation the Son of God was made “flesh” (John 1:14) and became truly man. Faith in the Incarnation is a distinctive sign of the Christian faith.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 21–Saturday,5:15PM Vigil Mass-+Eduardo P.

Oct 22 – Sunday 9:00 AM The Parishioners  
12:15 PM +Charie S.  
5:30 PM +Teresa C.

Oct 23 –Mon, 9AM Thanksgiving Florentina P.

Oct 24 - Tue, 9 AM +Rosario S.

Oct 25 –Wed, 7 PM +Josefina E.

+Willie A. Sr.

Oct 26–Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Luk’s Family

Oct 27– Fri, 7 PM For All Souls in Purgatory

Oct 28–Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving- De Melo family

Thanksgiving-B-day of Leah P.

7-day Candle –Offering–Oct 21-27, 2023

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

Chapel ----- Thanksveiving of Vi Hughes



**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**NOVENA**

Novena (*from Latin: novem, “nine”*) is an ancient devotion that consists of 9 days of prayer. Novenas are often prayed in preparation for a celebration or for a specific intention.

*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...**



*"Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give."*

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

**St. Anthony Mary Claret, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

Born in Spain in 1807, Anthony Claret, a weaver like his father, studied Latin and printing in his spare time. He entered the seminary at 22 and was ordained in 1835.

For 10 years he preached missions and gave retreats throughout Catalonia and in 1849 founded a congregation known as the Claretians. Shortly afterward he was appointed archbishop of Santiago in Cuba, where he brought reform both to the clergy and the laity. He stayed until 1857, when he returned to Spain and became confessor to Queen Isabella II. He combined this assignment with overseeing the activities of his congregation, preaching, and publishing books and pamphlets.

In the revolution of 1868 both Anthony and the queen were exiled. After attending Vatican I, Anthony sought refuge at a Cistercian monastery in France, where he died in 1870. He was canonized in 1950.

*Living Christ Oct 2023 edition.*

**IN THE NEWS !!!**

**Briefing: A Letter for all God's people to continue Synodal journey - Vatican News**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-10/synod-briefing-module-b3-presented-at-12th-general-congregation.html>



**POPE DECLARES FRIDAY A DAY OF FASTING, PENANCE AND PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**

Thursday, October 19, 2023



**ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, ST. PADRE PIO PARISH**

Monday, October 16, 2023



**CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS PRESIDENT ISSUES A PLEA FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

Thursday, October 12, 2023

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

**\*\*click the link to read the full text of the news\*\***

**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](mailto: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:**

- Meeting of FHC candidates and parents on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at 10AM;
- Meeting of Confirmation candidates and parents on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at 11AM;
- If you want to use 2024 pre-numbered donation envelope, please fill up the Parish Registration form and submit to the OFFICE.

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