

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16 June 2024

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever.*

### HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

*Dear Lord,  
Thank you for sending them to us and always protect every father as they provide the essential support to the family. Give them the strength and inspiration to nurture the children you have entrusted to them. Bless all the fathers! AMEN.*

### 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 Vigil Mass** – 5:15pm

**Sunday Mass** – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

**Weekdays:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

**Baptism** – every Saturday 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

**Parish School-**

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**St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

**Pray for us.**

**Jun 21st**

**“It’s better to be the child of God than king of the whole world.” St. Aloysius**



“The Kingdom of God is as if a man would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, without his knowing how.” Mark 4:26-

Happy Father’s Day to all the dads celebrating in thanksgiving the Holy Eucharist this Sunday. May God bless you exceedingly, protect and guide you. Indeed, fatherhood is a great vocation given by God the Father, Himself. When he, the Father, sent his only Son Jesus into the World, he entrusted him to St. Joseph; and earthly father, who was exemplary, generous and obedient.

Pope Francis reflecting on this great vocation, wrote a few years ago; *“Men to exist, to be complete and mature, they have to feel the joy of fatherhood. The Vocation of Fatherhood; of giving life to others, of pastoral paternity, of spiritual paternity is a Gift of God.”*

In Truth God is the True Father and shares this role with earthly fathers; All are governed by love and propelled by love; self-giving Love.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and the Gospel today reveal today a Truth that is certain; God, Our Creator and Father is the one-in-charge! Prophet Ezekiel sees God lifting up the lowly and unproductive tree, withered and unresponsive and transform it from a twig to produce an abundance of Harvest, we read;

*“Thus says the Lord God, I will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar.”*

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus presents to us two Parables that reveal the power of his Father at work in Creation.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Parable reminds us of the farmers, we saw last month, planting corn and soya seeds in their farms with big machines. After planting they went home and trusted that the seeds would sprout! They were right! The seeds sprouted and these young plants are wonderful to behold.

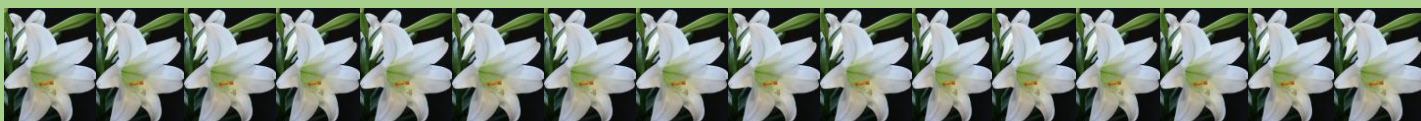
The Question is: Do these farmers really reflect on the power at work making these plants grow?

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parable Jesus, draws us to reflect on the size of the seed, relative to the plant it becomes. The mustard seed is a tiny seed but once fully grown it becomes a shrub amazing to behold. How does this come to be? Brothers and Sisters we take for granted what goes on around us, yet it is God who directs all.

It is God who gives everything that “inner hidden potentiality,” that transforms the created. This power is hidden from our eyes, but revealed in its results!

God’s Divine Intervening Power is in us. This Power is the Holy Spirit, who works in us, many times in silence and hidden, but transforms us to the magnificent beings that we become. Many of us are unaware of this, and do not even recognize it.

Mother Mary, recognizing God’s Power at work in her exulted with that wonderful prayer: the Magnificat; *“My soul proclaims the Greatness of the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”*



**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**THE SEVEN PETITIONS**

**587. What is the structure of the Lord’s Prayer?** 2803-2806,2857

It contains seven petitions made to God the Father. The first three, more God-centered, draw us toward him for his glory; it is characteristic of love to think first of the beloved. These petitions suggest in particular what we ought to ask of him: the sanctification of his Name, the coming of his Kingdom, and the fulfillment of his will. The last four petitions present to the Father of mercies our wretchedness and our expectations. They ask him to feed us, to forgive us, to sustain us in temptations, and to free us from the Evil One.

**588. What does “Hallowed be thy Name” mean?** 2807-2812, 2858

To hallow or make holy the Name of God is above all a prayer of praise that acknowledges God as holy. In fact, God revealed his holy Name to Moses and wanted his people to be consecrated for him as a holy nation in which he would dwell.

**589. How is the Name of God made holy in us and in the world?** 2813-2815

To make holy the Name of God, who calls us “to holiness” (1 Thessalonians 4:7) is to desire that our baptismal consecration animate our whole life. In addition, it is to ask –with our lives and our prayers – that the Name of God be known and blessed by every man.

**590. What does the Church ask for when she prays “Thy Kingdom come”?** 2816-2821, 2859

The Church prays for the final coming of the Kingdom of God through Christ’s return in glory. The Church prays also that the Kingdom of God increase from now on through people’s sanctification in the Spirit and through their commitment to the service of justice and peace in keeping with the Beatitudes. This petition is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: “Come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20).

**591. Why pray “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”?** 2822, 2827, 2860

The will of the Father is that “all men be saved” (1 Timothy 2:4). For this Jesus came: to perfectly fulfill the saving will of his Father. We pray God our Father to unite our will to that of his Son after the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints. We ask that this loving plan be fully realized on earth as it is already in heaven. It is through prayer that we can discern “what is the will of God” (Romans 12:2) and have the “steadfastness to do it” (Hebrews 10:36).

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Jun 15-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Teresa & Domingo  
Jun 16- Sun 9:00AM + Elena & Gregorio C.  
12:15 PM + The Parishioners  
5:30 PM + Alfonso & Eduardo Perlas  
Jun 17 - Mon, 7 PM +Cipriana Alicpala  
Thanksgiving B-day of Jeremiah Benn  
Jun 18 -Tue, 9 AM +Leonardo Tolentino  
Jun 19 -Wed, 7 PM +Joemar Salumbides  
Thanksgiving of Mayette Lopez  
Jun 20 -Thu, 9 AM +Virgilio De Villa  
Jun 21 -Fri, 7 PM + Noel Tan Sr. & + Virgilio Lazaro  
Jun 22 -Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving B-day of Cora deV.  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. Pedro & Aurora Rivera

**7-day Candle Offering–Jun 15-21, 2024**

Sanctuary---  
Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan  
Chapel ----

**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

**KINGDOM OF GOD**

-The ruling of God in our hearts; it means those principles which separate us off from the kingdom of the world and the devil; it means the benign sway of grace; it means the Church as that Divine institution whereby we may make sure of attaining the spirit of Christ and so win that ultimate kingdom of God where He reigns without end in “the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God” (Apo., xxi,2).

<https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/kingdom-of-god>

***Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention - June 2024 - FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES***

**“We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.”**



Our Patron Saint...



**"We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike."** St. John XXIII

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Aloysius Gonzaga (1568-91) is a patron saint of young men. Born a prince in Lombardy, Aloysius began to practise prayer and penance at a young age, rejecting the values of his position and family. Against great resistance, in 1585 he gave up his rights as eldest son and joined the Jesuits, hoping to go to the mission. Instead, in 1591 the plague broke out in Rome, and Aloysius offered himself to serve the sick and dying in the hospital. He caught the plague and died three months later, at just 23 years old. He was canonized in 1726.

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**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

**IN THE NEWS !!!**



Pope Francis addresses the G7

**Pope to G7: AI is 'neither objective nor neutral'**

[Pope to G7: AI is 'neither objective nor neutral' - Vatican News](#)



**ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR FATHER'S DAY**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024



**MESSAGE OF ARCHBISHOP LEO ON DEVOTION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Tuesday, May 28, 2024



**ARCHBISHOP LEO WRITES TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING BILL S-210**

Wednesday, June 12, 2024



**TORONTO-BORN REDEMPTORIST PRIEST APPOINTED BISHOP OF DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Pray for our young children who volunteer to become Altar Servers in our Parish;
- The 53<sup>rd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress will be held on Sep 6-16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Quito, Ecuador. If you are interested to join the pilgrimage on this occasion, contact Spiritours travel;
- If you are new to the parish and live around the area, we encourage you to register as a Parishioner of this parish. Fill up the parish registration form and submit to the office.

