

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 29 October 2023

The one who  
loves me will  
keep my word  
and my Father  
will love him  
and we will  
come to him.

*John 14.23*



**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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### *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

**ALL SAINTS (Nov 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**Pray for us.**

**“Their intercession is their most exalted service to God’s plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world.” CCC 2683**



*“You shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your Soul and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and the first Commandment; And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-38)*

***“Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?”***

This question, is a concern of many; human beings seeking to know the way, back to God, their Creator and Father. In St. John’s Gospel the question asks; “What must we do if we are to carry out God’s work?” In John 6:28, Jesus responded; ***“This is carrying out God’s Work: you must believe in the One he has sent.” John 6:29***

It was of urgent concern, for a Jew in the time of Christ, to find a unifying principle which could help one adhere to, so as to comply fully to the Will of God! As we know, they had the 10 Commandments given by God on Mt. Sinai. These 10 Commandments, with time, had been interpreted and thus multiplied to include 613 precepts and prohibitions; you just have to read the book of Leviticus to realise how demanding the requirements were!

It was confusing, even for the Lawyer or the Scribes at the time of Christ, but not for Jesus. Asked the question, Jesus did not hesitate, but responded; ***“You shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your Soul and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and the first Commandment; And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”***

This teaching was not new to Israel, for every pious Jew, would have a Phylactery; A tiny scroll in two leather box strapped on his forehead with the Prayer; **‘the Shema Israel;’** The Prayer they were to recite several times a day based on Deuteronomy, 6: 4-9; ***“Hear, O Israel: the Lord Our God is One Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”*** Jesus quoted from this, then added something which in truth, had not been asked by the doctor of the Law: ***“And the second is like it, you must love your neighbour as yourself;” Lev 19:18.***

In this answer, Jesus revealed and highlighted, Love to be the summary of the Law and the Prophets, thus the summary God’s Revelation; Making “The Bible, the Story of Love; God’s Love for Humanity!”

The Gospel Reading today, however reveals to us that the opposite of love is not always far behind; The Gospel tells us the Lawyer asked the question to test Jesus. The hatred of the Pharisees, the Scribes, the Sadducees; the elders of the People/ (whom Jesus had reprimanded in John 4:52– I know you just too well ***‘You have no Love of God in your hearts’*** will end with on the Cross.

But the final on man in absolute hatred would not deter God in his ultimate sign expressing his love for humanity. In the absolute act of hatred for man came the ultimate Act of God; The Salvation of Humanity; Pope Benedict XVI would call this **“the turning of God against himself in which He gives himself in order to raise man up and to save him.”**

He concluded **“This is Love in its most radical form.”**

**JESUS. WE LOVE YOU.**

**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**CHAPTER ONE**

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

**87. In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man?** 464-467,469  
**Jesus is inseparably true God and true man in the unity of his divine Person. As the Son of God, who is “begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father,” he was made true man, our brother, without ceasing to be God, our Lord.**

**88. What does the Council of Chalcedon (in the year 451) teach in this regard?** 467

The Council of Chalcedon teaches us to confess “one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect in his humanity, true God and true man, composed of rational soul and body, consubstantial with the Father by his divinity, and consubstantial with us by his humanity, ‘like us in all things but sin’ (Hebrews 4:15), begotten from the Father before all ages as to his divinity, and in these last days, for us and for our salvation, born of Mary, the Virgin and Mother of God, as to his humanity.”

**89. How does the Church set forth the Mystery of the Incarnation?** 464-470; 479-481

The Church confesses that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, with two natures, a divine nature and a human nature, not confused with each other but united in the Person of the Word. Therefore, in the humanity of Jesus all things - his miracles, his suffering, and his death - must be attributed to his divine Person which acts by means of his assumed human nature.

*“O Only-begotten Son and Word of God you who are immortal, you who deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God and ever Virgin Mary (...) You who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us!” (Byzantine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)*

**90. Did the incarnate Son of God have a soul with human knowledge?** 470-474; 482

The Son of God assumed a body animated by a rational human soul. With his human intellect Jesus learned many things by way of experience; but also, as man the Son of God had an intimate and immediate knowledge of God his Father. He likewise understood people’s secret thoughts and he knew fully the eternal plans which he had come to reveal. *(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic Church -*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Oct 28–Saturday,5:15PM Vigil Mass-  
 +Robert & Charles H.
- Oct 29 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Edgardo S.  
 12:15 PM The Parishioners  
 5:30 PM + Perfecto E.
- Oct 30 –Mon, 9AM Thanksgiving-B-day Lea & Jon P.
- Oct 31 - Tue, 9 AM +Renato G.
- Nov 01 –Wed, 7 PM +Lerma A.
- Nov 02–Thu, 9 AM All Souls in Purgatory
- Nov 03– Fri, 7 PM +Marie & Mavis
- Nov 04–Sat, 9 AM + Antonio H.

**7-day Candle –Offering–Oct 28-Nov 03, 2023**

- Sanctuary--- + Lerma & Isagani Ayala
- Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
- Chapel ----- + Teresa & Domingo A.



**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**SADDUCEES**

—A politico-religious sect of the Jews during the late post-Exilic and New-Testament period. The older derivation of the name from tsaddiqim, i.e., the righteous; with assumed reference to the adherence of the Sadducees to the letter of the Law as opposed to the pharasaic attention to the superadded “traditions of the elders”, is now generally discredited mainly on philological grounds and the term is associated with the proper name “Sadoc”, Sadducee being equivalent to Sadokite.

<https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/sadducees>

**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...**



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

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

**All Saints, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

This feast honours all the saints of the Church, known and unknown. The occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the nature of sainthood and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time whose lives and deeds continue to inspire us.

Originally a feast in the Eastern Church for all martyrs, it was extended to the whole Roman Church in the 9<sup>th</sup> century as a feast including non-martyrs. It was given this date, November 1 to counter a pagan feast on the same day. In England it was called All-hallows. (‘Hallow’ is from the Old English word for ‘holy’.) Thus ‘Hallowe’en’, a vestige of this pagan celebration, is from ‘Allhallows even,’ or ‘the eve of All Saints.’

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**IN THE NEWS !!!**

**Synod Briefing: 'A new way to be Church' Vatican News**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-10/synod-general-assembly-friday-press-briefing.html>



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

Thursday, October 19, 2023



**NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO**

Monday, October 23, 2023

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CANADIAN BISHOPS' WEBINAR SERIES**

Friday, October 20, 2023

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN WEBINARS

<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:**

- **Book of Life will be installed on the altar, their names will be remembered in all the masses in the month of November;**
- **If you want to use 2024 pre-numbered donation envelope, please fill up the Parish Registration form and submit to the OFFICE.**

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA**