

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | Feast of the Holy Family | 31 December 2023



The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger. Luke 2.16

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

****WELCOME 2024****

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 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 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

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Jan 1st)

Pray for us.

“Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.” Blessed Mother Teresa



“This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” (Luke 2.34-35)

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. As we follow the Gospel of Luke, we continue to fix our gaze on Jesus; The Revelation of the Father.

Today, the liturgy presents to us the Virgin Mary, Joseph and Jesus, faithful to the tradition of their people. They go to Jerusalem for the Passover taking the 12-year-old Jesus with them. The first time that Jesus had entered the Temple of the Lord was 40 days after his Birth. The Parents had offer on his behalf, “a pair of turtledoves, or two pigeons.

At Christmas, the wonders of God were shown to us, as in Jesus as we saw the Face of God. We had lost God’s Presence among us, with the Sin of Adam and Eve in Garden of Eden. Now, God was physically again, present among humanity.

After the “Eternal Word of God;” Jesus Christ, took on our Flesh and entered into time, the next Mystery to behold was that, God the Father entrusted his care to human beings; Mary and Joseph, ordinary people; living ordinary life together, in an ordinary place call Nazareth. He lived and experienced an ordinary human life among his people, in his Family.

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus once more is in the Temple, but this time he has a different role. Without saying a word, Jesus remained in the Temple and Mary and Joseph searched for him for three days. They find him in the Temple conversing with the teachers of the law. When Mary asked for an explanation, her Son Jesus, reminded her that they should not be surprised since that place, the Temple, was the house of his Father.

The Church presents to us this Family of Nazareth as a model of encouragement. The Church affirms the importance of this unit considering the trust given to it by God its Creator. This unit of Love enables Love to be experienced, shared and transmitted! Founded on the indissoluble union between a man and a woman, the family constitutes the privileged reality in which human life is welcomed and nurtured, from its beginning to its natural end.

May the Love, Loyalty and Dedication of Mary and Joseph be an uplifting example to all Christian Couples who are custodians of God’s invaluable Gift. May, the Son of Mary, Jesus, who experienced Family Life sanctify Families and fill them with his Divine Grace.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE

“Jesus Christ descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead.”

130. How is the Resurrection the work of the Most Holy Trinity? 648-650

The Resurrection of Christ is a transcendent work of God. The three Persons act together according to what is proper to them: the Father manifests his power; the Son “takes again” the life which he freely offered (John 10:17), reuniting his soul and his body which the Spirit brings to life and glorifies.

131. What is the saving meaning of the Resurrection? 651-655, 658

The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It fulfills all the divine promises made for us. Furthermore, the risen Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, is the principle of our justification and our Resurrection. It procures for us now the grace of filial adoption which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son. At the end of time, he will raise up our bodies.

“Jesus Ascended into Heaven and Is Seated at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty”

132. What does the Ascension mean? 659-667

After forty days during which Jesus showed himself to the apostles with ordinary human features which veiled his glory as the Risen One, Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in his humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us his Spirit and he gives us the hope of one day reaching the place he has prepared for us.

“From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead”

133. How does the Lord Jesus now reign? 668-674, 680

As the Lord of the cosmos and of history, the Head of his Church, the glorified Christ mysteriously remains on earth where his kingdom is already present in seed and in its beginning in the Church. One day he will return in glory but we do not know the time. Because of this we live in watchful anticipation, praying “Come, Lord” (Revelation 22:20).

134. How will the coming of the Lord in glory happen? 675-677, 680

After the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world the glorious coming of Christ will take place. Then will come the definitive triumph of God in the Parousia and the Last Judgment. Thus, the Kingdom of God will be realized. God preserved his body from corruption.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Dec 30–Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass- +Willie Agustin Sr.
- Dec 31–Sunday 9:00 AM + Martin Ramos
11:00 AM Deceased Members of Dias Fam
5:30 PM CANCELLED
- Dec 31 –Sun, 7:00 PM VIGIL MASS
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
- Jan 01 – Mon 9AM – Thanksgiving of Garcia Family
12:15 PM +Noli Sacanle
5:30 PM Thanksgiving of CWL
- Jan 02 - Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Eric, Sheila & Shirley
- Jan 03 –Wed, 7 PM + Raul Aquino, +Willie Agustin Sr.
- Jan 04–Thu, 9 AM +Lerma Glen Ayala, +Alfredo Almero
- Jan 05– Fri, 7 PM +Modesto Marquez
- Jan 06- Sat 9:00 AM Healing of Celerina Potas
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- 7-day Candle –Offering–Dec 30-Jan5, 2023**
- Sanctuary--- + Lerma Glen Ayala
- Virgin Mary- +Isagani Ayala
- Chapel ---- +Raul Aquino



WORDS OF THE WEEK
ANNO DOMINI

-Anno Domini (AD) is a Latin phrase that means “in the year of the Lord”. It is used to refer to the years after the birth of Jesus. Also, it is used to indicate that a time division falls Christian era.

The terms anno Domini (AD) and before Christ (BC) are used when designating years in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The Anno Domini dating system was devised in 525 by Dionysius Exiguus to enumerate years in his Easter table. His system was to replace the Diocletian era that had been used in older Easter tables, as he did not wish to continue the memory of a tyrant who persecuted Christians.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anno_Dominiw
<http://www.webster.com>

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention –December 2023 - FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
“We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.”



CHRISTMAS SEASON



Our Patron Saint...



"[A]ll men without exception, both individually and in society, have a lifelong obligation to strive after heavenly values through the right use of the things of this earth. These temporal goods must be used in such a way as not to jeopardize eternal happiness."

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Jan 1st)

Of all the Marian feasts of the Church, this day dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, is the greatest. Drawing on scriptural and patristic sources, it celebrates Mary's role in the Incarnation and in redemption. In this way, her special relationship with her son is emphasized, and she is acknowledged as a model of the Church.

January 1 is marked as a holy day of obligation in Canada.

Living with Christ Jan 2024 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

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope at Te Deum: May our hearts be filled with gratitude and hope

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-12/pope-at-te-deum-may-our-hearts-be-filled-with-gratitude-hope.html>



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO
Sunday, December 24, 2023

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP LEO



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW CYCLE OF FORMATION COURSES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This coming Friday January 5th is the first Friday of 2024. Everyone is invited to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm followed by the 7pm Mass;
- If you want to use 2024 pre-numbered donation envelope, please fill up the Parish Registration form and submit it to the OFFICE;
- First Holy Communion candidates who have not taken the First Test, email the office to book an appointment;

