

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 05 November 2023

*You will show me
the path of life, the
fullness of joy in
your presence, O
Lord.* Psalm 15.11



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 September and October 2023

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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ST. LEO THE GREAT (Nov 10th)

Pray for us.

**“Peace is the first thing the angels sang.
Peace is the mark of the children of God.”**

St. Leo the Great

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



“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ chair; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach.” (Matthew 23:1)

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the Solemnity of All the Saints: “A Great Multitude,” witnessed by John the Apostle; ***“which no man could number from every nation, from all tribes, peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb clothed in white robes praising God.”*** In this Great Solemnity, we were reminded of our destiny; ***“Being forever in Full Light of God Himself.”*** With the Solemnity, the Church awakened in us, the reality that we do not praise God alone! We praise Him with the whole Church, comprising of those with Him in his glory: and us; the pilgrim Church.

On Thursday, we celebrated “All Souls Day” and prayed for all our Faithful Departed; People who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. In the 2nd Reading, St Paul consoled us and relieved our worries about these departed for whom we continue to pray for the whole month of November and in every Mass; ***“We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep!”***

Today, we celebrate 31st Sunday of the year; just 3 Sundays away from the Solemnity of Christ the King that marks the end of the Year of the Church. As we approach the end of the year, the Church reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, on a journey back to our Creator and Father.

In the Gospel readings this Sunday, the opposition to Christ and his teaching continues, mainly from those who were scripturally prepared to receive him; the Pharisees and the Scribes. Jesus urges his disciples to listen to their teaching but not follow their practices; ***“The Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses’s chair therefore do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do.”*** These were consumed with pride, for they were convinced that they had achieved justification with the Lord. Their upkeep of the law and required tradition had turned into self-glory and worse self-worship.

True Worship of God, demands self-emptying; ***“The greatest among you must be your servant.”*** And in this teaching, Christ was the model to be imitated and followed, as St. Paul reminds us his Letter to the Philippians; ***“Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God something to be grasped rather he emptied himself...” (Phil. 2:6-11).*** In the Spirit of self-emptying, this is why titles like “Rabbi,” or “Father,” with honor and recognition attached, are to be avoided. For we have ***“One Father, the One in Heaven.”***



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”

91. How did the two wills of the incarnate Word cooperate? 475,482
 Jesus had a divine will and a human will. In his earthly life the Son of God humanly willed all that he had divinely decided with the Father and the Holy Spirit for our salvation. The human will of Christ followed without opposition or reluctance the divine will or, in other words, it was subject to it.

92. Did Christ have a true human body? 476-477
 Christ assumed a true human body by means of which the invisible God became visible. This is the reason why Christ can be represented and venerated in sacred images.

93. What does the heart of Jesus exemplify? 478
 Jesus knew us and loved us with a human heart. His Heart, pierced for our salvation, is the symbol of that infinite love with which he loves the Father and each one of us.

94. What is the meaning of the expression “conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit...”? 484- 486
 This expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without the cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that “the Holy Spirit will come upon you” (Luke 1:35).

95. “...Born of the Virgin Mary”: Why is Mary truly the Mother of God?
 Mary is truly the Mother of God because she is the Mother of Jesus (John 2:1, John 19:25). The One who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became truly her Son is actually the eternal Son of God the Father. He is God himself.

96. What does the “Immaculate Conception” mean? 487-492; 508
 God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission she herself was conceived immaculate. This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary was preserved from original sin from the first instant of her conception.

(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic Church
https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html

MASS INTENTIONS

- Nov 04–Saturday,5:15PM Vigil Mass- +Scott H.
- Nov 05 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Deceased CWL
 12:15 PM +Rebecca & +Rodolfo D.
 5:30 PM The Parishioners
- Nov 06 –Mon, 9AM + Godfrey; + Estelita L.
- Nov 07 - Tue, 9 AM Healing of Marie M.
- Nov 08 –Wed, 7 PM +Leroy S.
- Nov 09–Thu, 9 AM + Dorothy Cople
- Nov 10– Fri, 7 PM +Virgilio dV; +Jose L.
 Intention of Patricia C.
- Nov 11–Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Rena R.;
 Intention of Gemma C.

7-day Candle –Offering–Nov 04-10, 2023

- Sanctuary--- +Conchita & +Leoncio Ayala
- Virgin Mary- + Eugenia & +Isaias Porte
- Chapel ----+ Deceased members of Septimo & Tiosen fam



WORD OF THE WEEK
GOSPEL

—The word Gospel usually designates a written record of Christs words and deeds. It is very likely derived from the Anglo-Saxon **god** (good) and **spell** (to tell), and is generally treated as the exact equivalent of the Greek **euaggelion** (**eu** well, **aggello**, I bear a message), and the Latin **Evangelium**, which has passed into French, German, Italian, and other modern languages.

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

The four Gospels in the New Testaments are: Gospel according to Matthew, to Luke, to Mark & according to John.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention –November 2023 - FOR THE POPE

“We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.”



Our Patron Saint...



"A peaceful man does more good than a learned one."

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

Pope St. Leo the Great (Nov 10th)

Leo was born to Tuscan parents. His religious beliefs guided his entire life. As a deacon he worked to bring peace to warring Roman factions who were leaving Gaul vulnerable to barbarian invasion. Leo is well known for his peacekeeping efforts, and especially for his encounter with Attila the Hun, persuading Attila not to plunder Rome. During another attack three years later, Leo was not so successful, though he did manage to save the city from being burnt. Leo worked alongside the people to rebuild the city and its churches.

Pope from 440 until his death in 461, Leo is best known for his sermons on faith and charity. Always a strong opponent of heresies, his teaching has had a lasting influence on the life of the Roman Church. He is the first pope whose sermons and letters have been preserved in extensive collections. He was made Doctor of the in 1754.

Living Christ Nov 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

IN THE NEWS !!!

Pope Francis calls Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/pope-francis-palestinian-president-mahmoud-abbas-peace.html>



POPE FRANCIS ON SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: "HOLINESS IS A GIFT AND A JOURNEY"

Wednesday, November 01, 2023



ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY – SHARE YOUR IDEAS TO ASSIST WITH FUTURE PLANNING!

Tuesday, October 31, 2023



LETTER AND SYNTHESIS REPORT ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF FIRST SYNOD SESSION

Monday, October 30, 2023

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Book of Life is on the altar and the names listed are included in all Masses in the month of November;**
- **All Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the preparation of the pastoral plan for the next ten years by Bishop Francis. To answer the survey, Click this link below:**
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/consultation/home/>
- **If you want to use 2024 pre-numbered donation envelope, please fill up the Parish Registration form and submit it to the OFFICE.**

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