

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 12 November 2023

Keep awake and be ready: you do not know when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia. Matthew 24.42, 44

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 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 October and November 2023

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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ST. JOSAPHAT (Nov 12th)

Pray for us.

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” St. Josaphat



“ ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” (Matthew 24:44)

Today, we celebrate 32nd Sunday of the year of the Church; Just two Sundays away from “The Solemnity of Christ the King,” which 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 God; Our Creator and Father;

In the Readings, today and coming days, there is an urgent call for the need to be prepared. This first reading and the Gospel reading, today, emphasize “Wisdom,” as the foundation of this preparation

The Book of Wisdom encourages us to thirst for Wisdom: A Wisdom that has a unique characteristic: which is, once given she transforms us and frees us from every care. This Wisdom cannot be acquired, independent of its origin; for its origin is Divine. To those who are attentive, this Wisdom reveals God, in a communication of Himself to us. The question then is;

Who is the totality of God’s Communication, but Christ Jesus, His Son?

In the Gospel reading today, He urges us again to be the wise; **“Be Wise for in a Day and Hour you do not know, the Son of Man will Come.”**

I am not sure what would delay a bride or bridegroom’s arrival to a wedding celebration today! But in my tribe in Kenya, last minutes in dowry settlement could mean hours and hours of wait! The groom’s family has to send the best of their negotiators in the morning of the wedding day to persuade the bride family to release the bride from her family’s residence. The bride’s family makes demand after demand and this consumes a lot of time. I have witnessed priests wait for the wedding party in the Church for hours!

Among the Jews of Christ’s time, bible scholars tell us, negotiations in the wedding contract with the bride’s father could result in long delays! What was there was, every member of the community expected it and were to be prepared for the wait!

The Bridegroom of the Parable is the Son of Man. The wise maidens were vigilant and prepared for his unexpected arrival. The Foolish Virgins however did not act on time. They failed to use the Wisdom they had acquired over the years to make right judgment and preparation. The response at their knock at the door, by the bridegroom was; **“Amen I say to you, I do not know you!”**

“Keep awake then, for you neither know the Day nor the Hour.”



JESUS. WE GLORIFY 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”

97. How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation? 493,494, 508-511

By the grace of God Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is “full of grace” (Luke 1:28), “the all holy”. When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to “the Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32), she freely gave her consent with “the obedience of faith” (Romans 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.

98. What does the virginal conception of Jesus mean?496-498,503

The virginal conception of Jesus means that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin solely by the power of the Holy Spirit without the intervention of a man. He is the Son of the heavenly Father according to his divine nature and the Son of Mary according to his human nature. He is, however, truly the Son of God in both natures since there is in him only one Person who is divine.

99. In what sense is Mary “ever Virgin”?499-507,510-511

Mary is ever virgin in the sense that she “remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin” (Saint Augustine). Therefore, when the Gospels speak of the “brothers and sisters of Jesus”, they are talking about the close relations of Jesus, according to the way of speaking used in Sacred Scripture.

100. In what way is the spiritual motherhood of Mary universal? 501-507, 511

Mary had only one Son, Jesus, but in him her spiritual motherhood extends to all whom he came to save. Obediently standing at the side of the new Adam, Jesus Christ, the Virgin is the new Eve, the true mother of all the living, who with a mother's love cooperates in their birth and their formation in the order of grace. Virgin and Mother, Mary is the figure of the Church, its most perfect realization.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 11–Saturday,5:15PM Vigil Mass-Parishioners

Nov 12 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Aurelio V.

12:15 PM +Greta R.

5:30 PM +Arcadio & +Luz dG.

Nov 13 –Mon, 7PM Thanksgiving- Hernandez Fam;

+ Benjie R.

Nov 14 - Tue, 9 AM + Gregorio & Elena C.

Nov 15 –Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving Laguatan Family

Nov 16–Thu, 9 AM +Eugenia & +Isaias P.

Nov 17– Fri, 7 PM Thanksgiving Tarun Marwin J.

Nov 18–Sat, 9 AM Healing of Shanti J.

7-day Candle –Offering–Nov 11-17, 2023

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa



WORD OF THE WEEK
CATHEDRAL

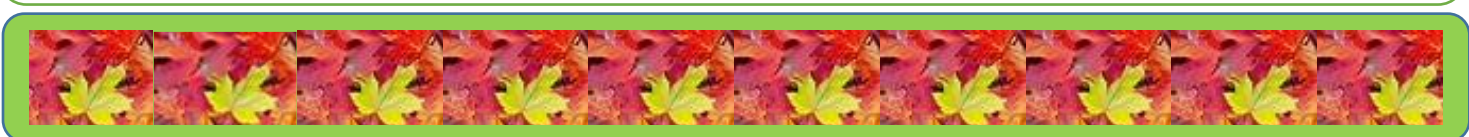
— Cathedral, the chief church of a diocese, in which the bishop has his throne (*cathedra*) and close to which is his residence; it is, properly speaking, the bishop's church wherein he presides, teaches, and conducts worship for the whole Christian community. The word is derived from the Gr. *kathedra* through the Lat. *cathedra*, throne, elevated seat. In early ecclesiastical literature it always conveyed the idea of authority.

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

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Michael's Cathedral is the cathedral of the diocese where Archbishop Francis Leo has his throne.

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...



“Human Life is sacred- all man must recognize that fact. From its very inception it reveals the creating hand of God.”

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

St. Josaphat (Nov 12th)

John Kuncewicz was born in present-day Ukraine about 1580. Upon entering the Order of St Basil he chose the name ‘Josaphat.’ He was ordained a priest of the Byzantine rite in 1609 and soon gained renown for his preaching. In 1617, named archbishop of Polotsk, Russia, he worked for the renewal of the diocese and for the union of the Ukrainian Church with Rome. Many opposed Josaphat, claiming that he was trying to impose Roman-style Catholicism on the Ukrainian Church. He was slain by opponents in 1623 in Vitebsk. In 1867 Josaphat became the first Eastern saint to be formally canonized.

Living with 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: Peace is built with listening, not weapons

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/pope-francis-sixth-paris-peace-forum-message.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



ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS LEGACY SOCIETY AT ST. PAUL’S BASILICA; U OF T STUDENTS IN MISSISSAUGA

Thursday, November 09, 2023



“CONCRETE WAYS TO RENEW PRACTICES IN FAMILY HOLINESS” WEBINAR RECORDING RELEASED

Tuesday, November 07, 2023

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Calling all confirmation candidates and parents -First Confirmation Session on November 18th Saturday at 11:00am;**
- **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/>
- **Next Sunday is Shepherd’s Trust Sunday, your donations will support our Retired Priests;**
- **If you want to use 2024 pre-numbered donation**

Peace be with you-La Pace sia con voi