

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 07 July 2024

**“A Prophet is not
without honour,
except in his
hometown, and
among his own kin,
and in his own
house.”**

Mark 6:1-6



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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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

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

July 9th

Pray for us.

“I am a CHRISTIAN.”



"I shall never hide my face from them again, since I shall pour out my Spirit on the House of Israel." Ezekiel 39:29

The 1st Reading of today is taken from the book of Prophet Ezekiel; A Prophet who lived in a very trying moment in the history of the People of God! The name Ezekiel means "God is strong," or "God strengthens," in Hebrew. Ezekiel was called by God to prophesy during the Babylonian captivity. He, himself was exiled to Babylon, in the first wave taken, with three thousand people; the nobles of Judah together with King Jehoiachin. This 1st wave of deportation to Babylon was around the 598 or 597 BCE.

Ezekiel was commissioned to a very difficult mission; to announce God's Justice and Judgment on his unfaithful People! Ezekiel understood the root of Israel's Sin. The People of God, despite God's generosity and blessings had turned away from him; and those who did not were tarnishing his Holy Name by including in their worship, the worship of idol gods.

Ezekiel's Mission, became even more painful because he was to prophesy the total destruction of not only Jerusalem itself but also the Solomon Temple; the very Presence of God in their Land. And as if this was not bad enough, God informed Ezekiel that nobody would heed his warning; "For Israel was a *'Nation of Rebels,'* "Impudent and stubborn."

God would, however never give up on the remnant of Israel! Though in the mouth of Ezekiel, they were "*a Nation of Rebels,*" and "*Stubborn*", Ezekiel towards the end of his life would announce God's Consolation on his People. Listen to God's Words as his Prophet closed his Mission. Talking about Jerusalem and its hope he wrote;

*"When I bring Israel home from the peoples, gather them from countries of their enemies,...I will display my holiness in them for many nations to see!
... They will know that I am Yahweh their God. ... I shall never hide my face from them again, since I shall pour out my Spirit on the House of Israel." "The name of Jerusalem in the future will be "Yahweh-is-there."*

The Lord is always faithful but Israel was unfaithful! And look at what is happening in the Gospel reading of today; 600 years later and Israel still had not changed! The time of fulfillment had come, and God's generosity had reached its peak; God was among his People, in the Person of Christ Jesus. Yet, did they heed him? No!

The people of Nazareth had heard of the marvelous reports of their native Son, his wonderful preaching and outstanding miracles. You would expect that they would rejoice in having one of their own, a fellow neighbor, admired by many!

The people of Nazareth could not take it! Why would a neighbor's son, a mere carpenter, all too common and ordinary, Mother and Father known to them; How could he claim such a huge privilege? The neighbor first expressed amazement, but this quickly changed into hostility; "*They took offense at him!*" the Gospel tells us!

Bitter jealousy shut their hearts and minds cold! Scripture says, Jesus was amazed at their lack of Faith! "*A Prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and among his own relations.*"

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You and I are the New Israel; the Church, A People of the New Covenant! A Covenant based on Love! As disciples of Christ, we are privileged to share in the life of God in Baptism. As disciples, does jealousy, hinder you and me, from acknowledging and accepting the Love of God that has been graciously been poured into our hearts?



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

136. What does the Church mean when she confesses:

"I believe in the Holy Spirit"? 683-686

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess faith in the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity who proceeds from the Father and the Son and "is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son". The Spirit is "sent into our hearts" (Galatians 4:6) so that we might receive new life as sons of God.

137. Why are the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit inseparable? 687-690, 742-743

In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Spirit are distinct but inseparable. From the very beginning until the end of time, when the Father sends his Son he also sends his Spirit who unites us to Christ in faith so that as adopted sons we can call God "Father" (Romans 8:15). The Spirit is invisible but we know him through his actions, when he reveals the Word to us and when he acts in the Church.

138. What are the names of the Holy Spirit? 691-693

"The Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus also called him the Paraclete (Consoler or Advocate) and the Spirit of Truth. The New Testament also refers to him as the Spirit of Christ, of the Lord, of God - the Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of the Promise.

139. What symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit? 694-701

There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit: living water which springs from the wounded Heart of Christ and which quenches the thirst of the baptized; anointing with oil, which is the sacramental sign of Confirmation; fire which transforms what it touches; the cloud, dark or luminous, in which the divine glory is revealed; the imposition of hands by which the Holy Spirit is given; the dove which descended on Christ at his baptism and remained with him.

140. What does it mean that the Spirit "has spoken through the prophets"? 687-688, 702-716, 743

The term "prophets" means those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfillment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jul 06-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Lerma Glen Ayala
- Jul 07- Sun 9:00AM + The Parishioners
12:15 PM + Mariano Cayetano
5:30 PM +Isaias & Eugenia Porte
- Jul 08 - Mon, 7 PM +Thanksgiving- Bday Melissa B.
- Jul 09 -Tue, 9 AM +Oscar Anacta
- Jul 10 -Wed, 7 PM +Arcadio & Luz de Guia
- Jul 11 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving Jenn Garde
- Jul 12 -Fri, 7 PM +Julius Arevalo
- Jul 13 -Sat, 9 AM + Norma Galang
+Greta Reid

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7-day Vigil Lamp Offering-Jul 06-Jul 12, 2024

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla
- Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla

WORD OF THE WEEK



PROPHET

-means "TO SPEAK FOR." A prophet, then is someone who speaks for God.

"A prophet, brothers and sisters, is each one of us," Pope Francis said. "A prophet is he who, by virtue of baptism, helps others read the present under the action of the Holy Spirit," which helps people "understand God's plans and align yourselves" with them.

The pope said a prophet is someone who "shows Jesus to others, who witnesses him, who helps live today and build tomorrow according to his design."

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - July 2024 - FOR PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all."



Our Patron Saint...



"It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father." Pope John XXIII

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions Jul 9th

The 19th century was a time of Christian persecution in China. Imperial edicts imposed the death penalty for evangelization, as well as for the education and ordination of priests. Father Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese diocesan priest who had been a soldier. While escorting a missionary priest from France he converted and was baptized. He then studied at a seminary and was ordained. In 1815, he and 119 companions were tortured and martyred. They were canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

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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 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 !!!



The four logos for the four trips making up Pope Francis Apostolic Journey

Pope's Schedule for Apostolic Journey to Asia and Oceania

[Pope's Schedule for Apostolic Journey to Asia and Oceania - Vatican News](#)



YOUNG ADULT LEADERS HOLD YEAR END RETREAT
Thursday, July 04, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS YOUNG ADULT (18-35)



ARCHBISHOP LEO BLESSES RESTORED CEMETERY AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST IN WESTON
Thursday, July 04, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO HOSTS LUNCHEON FOR ORTHODOX DELEGATION
Tuesday, July 02, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO TRAVELS TO OSHAWA PARISHES
Friday, June 28, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH (11-17) ARCHBISHOP LEO

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

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



Announcements!!!

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 14, 2024 at 7 pm in Catholic Cemetery;

Employment Opportunities in the Archdiocese of Toronto, visit the archdiocese website: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Employment Opportunities \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Employment Opportunities (archtoronto.org))

If you have talent in Music, play instruments, or singing, join the choir of our parish. Approach any member of the choir and introduce yourself and let them know your interest of joining.

