## St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 19November 2023

Amen, I say to you:
Whatever you ask in
prayer, believe that
you will receive, and it
shall be given to you,
says the Lord, Mark 11.23-24

This Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> in the 9:00AM Mass we honor and pray for our parishioners who died this year. Their families are invited to pray with us.

#### 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 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

<u>Catholic</u> – call the office for appointment Parish School-

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ST. GERTRUDE (Nov 16th)
Pray for us.

"Every time we look at the Blessed Sacrament, our place in heaven is raised forever." St. Gertrude



# "Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord: my branches bear much fruit." (John 15.4,5)

Today, we celebrate the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year; A week before the Solemnity of "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." This Solemnity will mark the end of the year of the Church. Today, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Gospel readings, carry on the theme of preparedness and anticipation of the return of Christ at the End of Times.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading exalts us with the image, so well spelt out; The image of a worthy wife; "She is far more precious than jewels; The heart of her husband trusts in her, she does him good and not harm, all the days of her life. "She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out to the needy. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too praise her. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." **Proverbs 31: 1and ff.** 

**Proverb 18:22** says "The Man who finds such a Wife finds a Treasure; It is a favor he receives from the Lord."

St Paul's advising the Christian Community of Thessalonica, in last Sunday's second reading reminded the Church, struggling and preoccupied, with this very question; Christ's 2nd coming, of their call to be vigilant that was enshrined in their Privilege.

"Beloved, you are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief. You are Children of Light and Children of the Day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober."

Yes; We are supposed to be ready but not preoccupied! But why not be preoccupied?

Because the Knowledge of the day and time, the hour of Christ 2<sup>nd</sup> coming and the end of time was the privilege of only God, the Father as Jesus affirms in Mathew 24: 36; "As for that day or hour, nobody knows, neither the Angels of heaven, nor the Son, but My Heavenly Father."

Today's Gospel Reading, reminds us that, in this time of vigilant wait, <u>we are called to be good stewards of the gifts of God.</u>

In the Parable, God is depicted as the Master, whose generosity knows no bounds; He entrusts a huge amount of his wealth to slaves! He entrusts us with his gifts for a Mission!

The Master recognizes different abilities, as he is the Creator and portions his gifts, according to our ability and expect returns to his generosity accordingly!

We cannot be indifferent when it comes to his gifts; we cannot dig into the ground and bury the talents given to us! This is not a very good economic strategy even in our times when everything seems to be struggling.

As Children of Light, we are called to be wise and generous. May God who has begun his wonderful work in us, by His Grace bring it to fulfillment. Amen



## 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"

101. In what sense is the life of Christ a Mystery? 512-521, 561-562

The entire life of Christ is a revelation. What was visible in the earthly life of Jesus leads us to the invisible mystery of his divine sonship: "whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). Furthermore, even though salvation comes completely from the cross and the resurrection, the entire life of Christ is a mystery of redemption because everything that Jesus did, said, and suffered had for its aim the salvation of fallen human beings and the restoration of their vocation as children of God.

102. How did God prepare the world for the mystery of Christ? 522-524 God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.

103. What does the Gospel teach about the mysteries of the birth and infancy of Jesus? 525-530, 563-564

At Christmas the glory of heaven is shown forth in the weakness of a baby; the circumcision of Jesus is a sign of his belonging to the Hebrew people and is a prefiguration of our Baptism; the Epiphany is the manifestation of the Messiah King of Israel to all the nations; at the presentation in the temple, Simeon and Anna symbolize all the anticipation of Israel awaiting its encounter with its Savior; the flight into Egypt and the massacre of the innocents proclaim that the entire life of Christ will be under the sign of persecution; the departure from Egypt recalls the exodus and presents Jesus as the new Moses and the true and definitive liberator.

104. What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us? 533-534, 564 In the course of his hidden life in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work and family love. His obedience to Mary and to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it.

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

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Nov 18–Sat, 5:15PM <u>Vigil Mass</u>- +Bienvenido M. Nov 19 – Sunday 9:00 AM The Parishioners

> 12:15 PM +Isabel L. 5:30 PM + Eduardo P.

Nov 20 -Mon, 7PM + Felisa dV.

Nov 21 - Tue, 9 AM + Alberto dV.

Nov 22 -Wed, 7 PM + Dante L.

Nov 23-Thu, 9 AM +Lerma & Isagani A.

Nov 24– Fri, 7 PM + Willie A.

Nov 25-Sat, 9 AM +Reynaldo & + Remedios G.

#### 7-day Candle -Offering-Nov 18-24, 2023

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes
Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

## WORD OF THE WEEK

## New CIBORIUM

—a chalice-like vessel used to contain the Blessed Sacrament. The word is of rather doubtful etymology. Some derive it from the Latin word cibus, "food", because it is used to contain the Heavenly Bread; while others trace it to the Greek kiborion, "cup", because of the original shape of this Eucharistic receptacle. The term was also applied in early Christian times to the canopy that surmounted and crowned the altar (see article Altar. sub-title Altar-Canopy), but according to modern liturgical usage the word denotes exclusively the sacred vessel employed for the reservation of the Consecrated Species.

https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/ciborium

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...**



"The family, founded upon marriage freely contracted, one and indissoluble, must be regarded is the natural, primary cell of human society. The interests of the family, therefore, must be taken very specially into consideration in social and economic affairs, as well as in the spheres of faith and morals. For all of these have to do with strengthening the family and assisting it in the fulfilment of its mission.

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

### St. Gertrude (Nov 16th)

All we know of Gertrude's life comes from her own writings. She was born on Epiphany 1256 and at the age of five was placed in the care of the Benedictive nuns at Helfta in Saxony, where she studied under Mechtilde of Hackborn. A promising scholar of the humanities, Gertrude eventually became a nun.

When she was nearly 25, she received the first of many visions. In time, these experiences were recorded. Although her visions and spiritual instructions comprise five books, only the second is her own composition. This book alone shows the depth of her spiritual and intellectual gifts. Meanwhile, Gertrude was also recording the mystical experiences of Mechtilde. These works are extant and, because of the great influence of the nuns of Helfta, have lately been of interest to theologians. Gertrude died in 1301, and although she was never officially canonized, her feast is in the general calendar of the Roman rite.

Living with Christ Nov 2023 edition.

## IN THE NEWS !!!

# Pope encourages Filipino pilgrims to embrace Marian devotion

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/pope-francis-address-pilgrims-ozamiz-marian-devotion.html



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S ADDRESS FROM THE 44TH ANNUAL CARDINAL'S DINNER

Wednesday, November 15, 2023



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

Tuesday, October 31, 2023



RENEW TORONTO CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS A "MOVING AND UPLIFTING" EXPERIENCE

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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 <a href="mailto:stjohn23do@archtoronto.org">stjohn23do@archtoronto.org</a> 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:**

- 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
  - 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.
- CWL GALA NIGHT December 2, 2023 at 6:00pm, contact <u>lyndacaratao@hotmail.com</u> & <u>coradevs@gmail.com</u> turn the next page for details;

Peace be with you-La Pace sia con voi



## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

ST.JOHN XXIII PARISH COUNCIL

# Gala Wight

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AT 6:00 PM

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TILL 1:00 AM

2023

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