

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 19 November 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**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment

**Parish School-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**  
175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7  
Tel. 416-393-5348

**Archdiocese of Toronto-**

Tel. 416-934-0606 \*[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

**ST. GERTRUDE (Nov 16<sup>th</sup>)**

**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: 1 and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, we are called to be good stewards of the gifts of God.

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

**JESUS. HAVE MERCY ON US.**



## Our Patron Saint...



*"The family, founded upon marriage freely contracted, one and indissoluble, must be regarded as 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 16<sup>th</sup>)

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.*

### 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](mailto: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 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\*\***

## 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-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 [lyndacaratao@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndacaratao@hotmail.com) & [coradevs@gmail.com](mailto:coradevs@gmail.com) 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 Night

DEC

AT 6:00 PM

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TILL 1:00 AM

2023

## THE GRAND BALLROOM

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