

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | Feast of CHRIST the KING | 26 November 2023



*Solemnity of*

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord  
will bless his people with peace. Ps. 28.10-11

### *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 Vigil Mass** – 5:15pm

**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 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-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**

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**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA**

(Nov 25<sup>th</sup>)

**Pray for us.**

**“Do not fear any challenge that comes your way, for God has placed it there to help you grow.”** St. Catherine of Alexandria



**“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”** (Matthew 25.34)

Today we celebrate the 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year of the Church, the last Sunday in the liturgical year and the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Since the announcement of his birth, Christ, was announced as “King” Heir to the throne of His Father David, and the Fulfillment of the Promise to Abraham.

To Mary the Angel Gabriel said, *“The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David, He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and his reign will have no end.”* (Lk. 1:33)

The Magi following the Star from the East, coming to Jerusalem seeking the one whose Star had appeared asked Herod and Jerusalem; *“Where is the Infant, the King of the Jews? We saw his Star as it rose and have come to do him homage.”* (Mt. 2: 2-3)

And standing before Pilate at His trial; Pilate representing the powers of the World questioned Jesus, *“Then you are a King?”*

Jesus answered, *“You say I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”* (Jn 18:34)

Jesus Christ is King with extraordinary Powers. Apostle Peter trying to defend him from being arrested and using a sword, Jesus rebuked him saying; *“Put your sword back into its place, do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, who in an instant would send more than twelve legions of angels in my defense?”* (Mt 26:52-54)

Yet Christ Jesus, having absolute power inherent in Him, chose, unlike the Kings and Rulers of this World who seek glory and influence; a way that was uniquely different!

*“He emptied himself,”* St. Paul tells, *“taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are; and being in every way like a Human Being, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a Cross.”* (Phil 2:7)

Self-emptying was the Way he chose, up to the point of the supreme sacrifice on the Cross, so that He could reveal the Love of His Father for us and bring us to fullness of Life again.

In the Gospel Reading today, Jesus sits glorious in his throne as King having defeated every enemy!

Matthew 25 gives us the Final Judgment. The Criterion of God’s Judgment, is our response in love to those created in the image of God.

*“Come, you Blessed by My Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the Foundation of the World; - “For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and in prison and you visited me.”*(Mt. 25:31-46)

In treating others in Love, we the disciples of Christ, acknowledge and reciprocate God’s Love for us.

May God, Our Creator and Father, increase our love for one another. And may He who has begun His wonderful work in us, continue to enhance it and by His grace bring it to fulfillment. Amen.

**JESUS. KING OF MERCY. WE TRUST US IN 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”*

105. Why did Jesus receive from John the “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3)? 535-537, 565

To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the “Baptism” of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). The Father proclaimed him to be “his beloved Son” (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon him. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism.

106. What do we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert? 538-540,560

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent.

107. Who is invited to come into the Kingdom of God proclaimed and brought about by Jesus? 541-546, 567

All are invited by Jesus to enter the Kingdom of God. Even the worst of sinners is called to convert and to accept the boundless mercy of the Father. Already here on earth, the Kingdom belongs to those who accept it with a humble heart. To them the mysteries of the Kingdom are revealed.

108. Why did Jesus manifest the Kingdom by means of signs and miracles? 547-550, 567

Jesus accompanied his words with signs and miracles to bear witness to the fact that the Kingdom is present in him, the Messiah. Although he healed some people, he did not come to abolish all evils here below but rather to free us especially from the slavery of sin. The driving out of demons proclaimed that his cross would be victorious over “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31).

109. In the Kingdom, what authority did Jesus bestow upon his Apostles? 551-553,567

Jesus chose the twelve, the future witnesses of his Resurrection, and made them sharers of his mission and of his authority to teach, to absolve from sins, and to build up and govern the Church. In this college, Peter received “the keys of the Kingdom” (Matthew 16:19) and assumed the first place with the mission to keep the faith in its integrity and to strengthen his brothers.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Nov 25–Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass- +Alyre & +John M.

Nov 26 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Luminoso & +Juanita V.

12:15 PM The Parishioners

5:30 PM + Deceased members of Legion of Mary

Nov 27 –Mon, 7PM + Randy G.

Nov 28 - Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving Barbara A.

+Jose V.

Nov 29 –Wed, 7 PM Parishioners

Nov 30–Thu, 9 AM +Luminoso V.

Dec 01– Fri, 7 PM + Rosita D.

Dec 02–Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Nida D.

**7-day Candle –Offering–Nov 25-Dec 01, 2023**

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Nida D.

Virgin Mary-

Chapel ----

**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

**New LITURGICAL YEAR**

—Holy Church celebrates the saving work of Christ on prescribed days in the course of the year with sacred remembrance. It consists of a seasonal cycle and a *sanctoral* cycle, called the Proper of Time and the Proper of Saints, respectively. It is made up of SIX seasons: -Advent - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth; -Christmas - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world; -Lent - a six-week period of penance before Easter; -Sacred Paschal Triduum - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus; Easter - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit; -Ordinary Time - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year>

**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...**

“And a devotion to the Eucharist that is ardent, constant and that carries over into works also has the effect of nourishing and fostering the inner perfection of his soul and assuring him, as he carries out his apostolic duties, of an abundance of the supernatural powers that the strongest workers for Christ must have”.

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

## St. Catherine of Alexandria (Nov 25<sup>th</sup>)

According to legend, Catherine was a woman of learning in 4<sup>th</sup>-century Alexandria, Egypt, who at the age of 18 converted to Christianity. She was imprisoned for speaking publicly against the Emperor Maximinus' persecution of Christians. While in prison, she was visited by the empress and the leader of the armed forces, both of whom she converted. For this she and they were martyred. Tortured by being strapped to a spiked wheel, Catherine was eventually beheaded about 310 A.D. She is a patron of librarians, teachers, students, jurists, nurses, unmarried girls, philosophers, those who work with wheels (e.g. potters, spinners, mechanics, etc.), the dying, and several other groups.

*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 on Evangelii Gaudium: 'Redemption marked by the poor'

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/pope-francis-evangelii-gaudium-10th-anniversary-conference.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:

- If you want to use 2024 pre-numbered donation envelope, please fill up the Parish Registration form and submit it to the OFFICE.
- “Hang a Christmas Card” will start on the first Sunday of Advent; details will follow next Sunday.
- CWL GALA NIGHT – December 2, 2023 at 6:00pm, contact [lyndacaratao@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndacaratao@hotmail.com) & [coradevs@gmail.com](mailto:coradevs@gmail.com) see foster next page

VIVA CRISTO REY- Long live Christ the King



## 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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