St. John XXIII Parish

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"Come away

to a deserted

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Mark 6.30-31

ourselves and



PARISH BULLETIN | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 21 July 2024



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.

<u>**Confession**</u> every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

<u>Confirmation</u> - 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

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

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St. Bridget of Sweden July 23rd Pray for us.

"The source of justice is not vengeance but charity."

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

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"The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as King and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Woe to the shepherd who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: you have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them but I will take care to punish your evil deeds."

The verdict of God to the leaders of Israel; the Kings, who were supposed to be signs and instruments of God's justice and mercy of among his people was clear.

Israel was supposed to be a Theocracy; where the King was a representative of God among his people! Yet, the majority of the Kings, were obsessed with enriching themselves and forgot the weak and down trodden.

The condemnation, was for the Priests too; servants of God among the people and supposed vessels of helping the people reach their God; These were not doing a good job either, instead of serving the people, they are serving themselves! The people of God as a consequence of lack of direction were forgetting Yahweh their God and would be taken exile, but God would bring his judgment on the leaders both political and spiritual, for failing the people.

God, through Prophet Jeremiah, promised his intervention: "God Himself will gather the remnant of the flock and bless them!" "God Himself will raise faithful shepherds who would be interested in people's true welfare! At an opportune time, God would fulfill His promise made to Abraham (Gen 12:2) and to David (Samuel: 7:5ff)

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This Day was inaugurated with the coming of the Son of God among us. It is he who is proclaimed to be the Good Shepherd and defines the essential characteristic of a true Shepherd; *"One who is ready to lay his Life for his Sheep!"*

In the Gospel of today, the Apostles return after their missionary work. In last Sunday's Gospel Reading, they had been sent to proclaim repentance and consolation of God through healing. They were successful. On their return, Jesus as the Good Shepherd is concerned for they are tired and want them to rest. Jesus is however, overcome about the condition of the people longing for him; *"his heart is moved with pity for them, they are like sheep without a shepherd;"*

Although hungry and tired, Jesus does not neglect the people like the shepherds of Jeremiah's time He teaches them of the love of God! This is what draws people to Christ with such a persistence; Christ's authentic and sincere love for them!

We, the disciples of Christ, are entrusted with the mission of consoling God's People! This Mission can be difficult but there's always a pat by Christ on our shoulders, pleading; *"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest for a while."*

May Christ give us the Grace to be faithful to His Mission, Amen.

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord"

82. Why is Jesus called "Christ"? 436-440 453

"Christ" in Greek, "Messiah" in Hebrew, means the "anointed one". Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah but he made the meaning of the term clear: "come down from heaven" (John 3:13), crucified and then risen, he is the Suffering Servant "who gives his life as a ransom for the many" (Matthew 20:28). From the name Christ comes our name of Christian.

83. In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?

Jesus is the Son of God in a unique and perfect way. At the time of his Baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice of the Father designated Jesus as his "beloved Son". In presenting himself as the Son who "knows the Father" (Matthew 11:27), Jesus affirmed his singular and eternal relationship with God his Father. He is "the Only Begotten Son of God" (1 John 4:9), the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the central figure of apostolic preaching. The apostles saw "his glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father" (John 1:14).

84. What is the meaning of the title "Lord"? 446-451, 455

In the Bible this title regularly designates God as Sovereign. Jesus ascribed this title to himself and revealed his divine sovereignty by his power over nature, over demons, over sin, and over death, above all by his own Resurrection. The first Christian creeds proclaimed that the power, the honor, and the glory that are due to God the Father also belong to Jesus: God "has given him the name which is above every other name" (Philippians 2:9). He is the Lord of the world and of history, the only One to whom we must completely submit our personal freedom.

"Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary" 85. Why did the Son of God become man? 456-460

For us men and for our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God's infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

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

> > A Martin Star

MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 20-Sat, 5:15PM <u>Vigil Mass</u> +Crispulo & Emilia S. Jul 21- Sun 9:00AM + Eduardo Donado 12:15 PM + Antonio Brequillo 5:30 PM + The Parishioners Jul 22 - Mon, 7 PM Thanksgiving – Andre Garde Thanksgiving – Roy Marasigan Jul 23 -Tue, 9 AM + Mariano Cayetano Jul 24 -Wed, 7 PM +Ernesto & Victoria Vallejo Jul 25 -Thu, 9 AM For Good Health of Jordan F. Jul 26 -Fri, 7PM +Herberto & Simeona Manzanilla + Antonio Hernandez Jul 27 -Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving recovery of Cristina <u>7-day Vigil Lamp Offering–Jul 20-26, 2024</u> Sanctuary--- Intention of Hayde Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Hayde

WORD OF THE WEEK

+Leoncio & + Conchita Avala

Chapel ----



-means "God saves" Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation.

The name expresses his identity and his mission "because he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). Peter proclaimed that "there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved" (Acts 4:12)

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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."

MAL A HALF STORE

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"What unites us, is much greater than what divides us." Pope John XXIII

St. Bridget of Sweden Jul 23rd

She was born in Sweden in o1303. Her father was governor of the main province of Sweden and her mother was the daughter of a governor. Throughout her life, Brigit received visions and dreams, and possessed gifts of prophecy and healing.

After her mother's death in 1314, Briget lived with an aunt. She married at 13, bore eight children and lived happily until her husband's death in 1344. After his death, Bridget moved near a Cistercian monastery, where she lived a penitential life. Seeking papal approval to create a new religious community, she moved to Rome and lived a life of prayer and penitence there for nearly 20 years. She founded the Bridgettine order in 1370. Originally it included both men and women but today it is for women only. Bridget died 1373, while returning to Rome from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She is patron of Sweden and co-patron of Europe, with St. Benedict. Saint Catherine of Siena and St. Theresa Benedicta of the cross. *Living with Christ, June 2024 edition*

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope at Angelus: Don't distance yourself from Christ's joy

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-07/pope-francis-at-angelus-catechesis-14-july-2024.html



ARCHBISHOP LEO TRAVELS TO CHINESE MARTYRS PARISH IN MARKHAM Wednesday, July 17, 2024



OVER 500 TRAVEL TO OHIO FOR SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE Wednesday, July 17, 2024

YOUNG ADULTS TRAVEL TO MARTYRS' SHRINE TO "REAWAKEN" THEIR SPIRITUAL LIVES Wednesday, July 10, 2024

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 <u>stjohn23do@archtoronto.org</u> and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

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Announcements!!!

- Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 14, 2024 at 7 pm in all Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Toronto;
- New to the Parish? Please register, fill up a Parish Registration Form and submit to the Office or to Fr. David;
- 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.