

# St. John XXIII Parish

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**PARISH BULLETIN | 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 04 Aug 2024**

**“Do not work  
for the food that  
perishes, but the  
food that endures  
for eternal  
life...”**

John 6.24-35

## *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 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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**St. John Mary Vianney Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Pray for us.**

**“Every worldly priest hinders the  
growth of the Church; every saintly  
priest promotes it.”**



**“This is the Work of God that you believe in whom he has sent.” Jn 6:29**

The People of Israel after a long time of enslavement in Egypt had cried to God for Freedom. God in the leadership of Moses and Aaron, had intervened strongly and saved them through the Great Miracles that we remember to our day. Yet, despite of the splendor of these miracles. The People of Israel still failed to trust God as their protector and provider!

In the first Reading today, in the desert between Elim and Mount Sinai (Also called the Desert of Sin) when the supply of food **run out, they forgot the intervention of God and complained bitterly to Aaron and Moses; “If only, we had died in the hands of the Lord in the Land of Egypt, when we sat by our fleshpots and ate to our fill of bread; they complained, for you’ve brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” (Exodus 16:3)**

God understood their fragility and responded immediately. He provided food for them; manna every morning and quail meat in the evening. They ate to their fill and lived, but were they satisfied? No! In Numbers chapter 11, they complained again; they wanted a variety; **“Think of the fish we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and Garlic! But now we are withering away here; there is nothing wherever we look, except this manna!” (Nb. 11:5) “Moses heard the People weeping, each family at the door of its tent!” (Nb. 11:10)**

Human longing, human thirst, know no bound! Nothing short of God’s infinite patience and mercy can save Humanity! God has to intervene in our human history!

In the fullness of time, God intervention reached its peak in his final Act. It was Garden of Eden all over again! God chose to be physically present among humanity, in the Person His Son, Christ Jesus; He became one with us and lived among us.

Last Sunday, in the Gospel reading, the People experienced him as a “Moses Like Prophet” and attempted to force Jesus to be their King. Jesus vanished from their sight. This was after the Miracle of the Multiplication of Bread after that Generous Act of the young boy with five loaves and two fish.

In today’s Gospel, the people are looking for Him; And in the Christ’s response reveals that instead of moving forward in Faith they had moved backward

Last Sunday, they had proclaimed him “the Prophet who is to come,” in the reading today they just seek to be fed!” Christ was disappointed and accused them of losing focus of the Miracle as a sign that revealed that he was more than just a Prophet.

He challenged them to seek that Food that endures. This challenge prompted them to ask an important question, A question that preoccupy many to our days; **“What can we do to accomplish the works of God? (Jn 6:28)**

This is Christ’s answer; **“This is the Work of God that you believe in whom he has sent.” (Jn 6:29)**

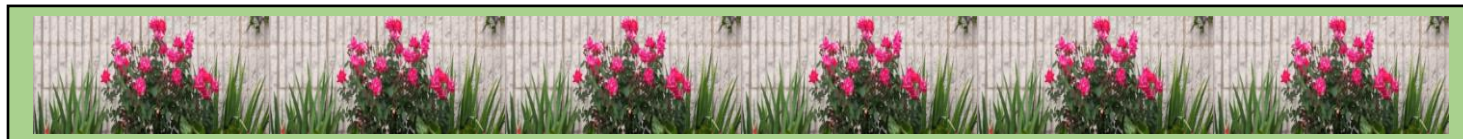
The only work God demands is Faith; Faith in the One whom He has sent. Sin, for John the Evangelist is failing to believe in Jesus as the Son and God.

The Crowd could not accept this! They had a tradition that trusted in their forefathers. They trusted in Moses as the source of that which gave life.

What Sign then, could Jesus give that surpassed the gift of Moses? What Sign authorized him to challenge the unique authority of Moses and the law as the only source of life?

Jesus responds and identifies himself, once and for all as the ultimate gift of God, that satisfies all.

**“I am the Bread of Life.” “Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (Jn. 6:35)**



**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**IV. "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"**

**2828. "Give us":** The trust of children who look to their Father for everything is beautiful. "He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."113 He gives to all the living "their food in due season."114 Jesus teaches us this petition, because it glorifies our Father by acknowledging how good he is, beyond all goodness.

**2829. "Give us":** also expresses the covenant. We are his and he is ours, for our sake. But this "us" also recognizes him as the Father of all men and we pray to him for them all, in solidarity with their needs and sufferings.

**2830. "Our bread":** The Father who gives us life cannot not but give us the nourishment life requires - all appropriate goods and blessings, both material and spiritual. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus insists on the filial trust that cooperates with our Father's providence.115 He is not inviting us to idleness,116 but wants to relieve us from nagging worry and preoccupation. Such is the filial surrender of the children of God:

**2831.** But the presence of those who hunger because they lack bread opens up another profound meaning of this petition. The drama of hunger in the world calls Christians who pray sincerely to exercise responsibility toward their brethren, both in their personal behavior and in their solidarity with the human family. This petition of the Lord's Prayer cannot be isolated from the parables of the poor man Lazarus and of the Last Judgment.

**2832.** As leaven in the dough, the newness of the kingdom should make the earth "rise" by the Spirit of Christ.119 This must be shown by the establishment of justice in personal and social, economic and international relations, without ever forgetting that there are no just structures without people who want to be just.

**2833.** "Our" bread is the "one" loaf for the "many." In the Beatitudes "poverty" is the virtue of sharing: it calls us to communicate and share both material and spiritual goods, not by coercion but out of love, so that the abundance of some may remedy the needs of others

**2834** "Pray and work."121 "Pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you."122 Even when we have done our work, the food we receive is still a gift from our Father; it is good to ask him for it and to thank him, as Christian families do when saying grace at meals. *(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic Church*

<https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Aug 03-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Andrea R. Tolosa  
Aug 04- Sun 9:00AM + The Parishioners  
12:15 PM + Elisa T. Epan  
5:30 PM + Avelina Molina  
Aug 05 - Mon, 7 PM Thanksgiving Joseph Labrador  
+Sheldon Silver  
Aug 06 -Tue, 9 AM + Yaeri Nakamura  
Aug 07 -Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Rachel Brown  
Aug 08 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Zeny Crescini  
Aug 09 -Fri, 7PM \_\_\_\_\_  
Aug 10 -Sat, 9AM + Eustaquio &Simplicio Bernales

**7-day Vigil Lamp Offering–Aug 03- 09, 2024**

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa  
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa  
Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

**“BREAD FROM HEAVEN”**

-Jesus said “I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever...he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and....abides in me, and I in him”.

*John 6:51*

***Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention - August 2024 - FOR POLITICAL LEADERS***

*“We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good. especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their*





**Our Patron Saint...**



**"The world will never be the dwelling place of peace, till peace has found a home in the heart of each and every man, till every man preserves in himself the order ordained by God to be preserved." Pope John XXIII**

**St. John Mary Vianney Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**

The name of this French priest may be unfamiliar to many, but his title is known around the world: the Cure of Ars. He was born in 1786 near Lyons, France. At age 20, he enrolled in school but found studying difficult. Having learned the rudiments of theology, John was ordained in 1815.

In 1818, John became the parish priest of the little village of Ars-en-Dombes, where most of the people were not interested in religion or God. He spent the rest of his life serving the parishioners of this village.

A renowned confessor, he was visited by hundreds of pilgrims every day, hearing confessions for 12 to 16 hours daily. When he walked from the confessional to the rectory, pilgrims would cut pieces from his clothing and his hair. For 30 years he served all who came to him: people were healed and converted, and many were given appropriate words of wisdom or advice even before they had explained their predicament. When he died in 1859 at the age of 73, John Vianney already had the reputation of being a saint. He was canonized in 1925 and is a patron of parish priests.

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**IN THE NEWS !!!**



Pope Francis arriving in St. Peter's Square to meet the altar servers on pilgrimage to Rome. (VATICAN MEDIA/Divisione Foto)

**Pope to altar servers: 'Share Jesus with others'**

[Pope to altar servers: 'Share Jesus with others' - Vatican News](#)

 **ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**  
Monday, July 15, 2024

 **MESSAGE & RESOURCES FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION (SEPT. 1, 2024)**  
Monday, July 29, 2024

 **CANADIAN BISHOPS RELEASE LETTER ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' VISIT**  
Wednesday, July 24, 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 [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**

**Announcements!!!**

 **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 14, 2024 at 7 pm in all Catholic Cemeteries in 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.**

