

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11 August 2024



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.”

John 6.50-51

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

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St. Maximilian Aug 11th

Pray for us.

“For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more.”



“This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.” John 6.41-51

In the 1st Reading, today, Elijah makes a journey to the desert, running away from Jezebel the wife of King Ahab, who wanted him dead, for the slaughter of the Prophets of her god, Baal on Mt Carmel. Jezebel, the Queen, had promoted the worship of the gods of her people in Israel, contrary to the commandments of God. Elijah, the Prophet of the One True God of Israel, had challenged the Prophets of the pagan god, in a **contest**. They were to prepare animals for sacrifice on two different altars, each according to the one they worshipped; but not light fire to consume the sacrifice. They were to call on the One they worshipped; The one who rained fire on the sacrifice and consume it, would be the True God! In the contest, only, The One True God of Israel responded and consumed the sacrifice with fire. The Prophets of Baal were killed by the People. Jezebel the queen, was furious and vowed to have Elijah, the Prophet of God, put to death.

In the 1st Reading today, Elijah flees into the desert, and made a pilgrimage to Mt. Sinai, the mountain of God’s Encounter with Moses. Elijah went there to lay a complaint before God. On the way he ran out of food and longed to die; *“This is enough O Lord! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers. He lay down and fell asleep.”* Elijah experienced the consolation of the Lord through His Angel, who awoke Elijah twice with food and water, with the words; *“Get up and eat, else the journey... be too long for you.”*

This Food of the Angel proved miraculous, for it provided enough strength for Elijah to be able to walk for forty days and nights to Mt Horeb.

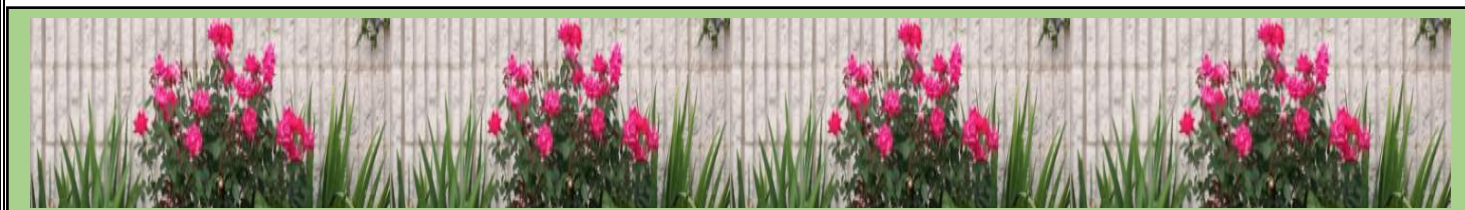
This miraculous feeding of Prophet Elijah on the journey to Horeb, calls to mind the Gospel reading of today. Last two Sundays, Jesus has been revealing Himself as **“The Bread of Life.”** Last Sunday, Jesus emphatically proclaimed; ***“I am the bread of Life that came from heaven; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”***

In today’s Gospel the people have a problem with this claim; and were murmuring against Jesus. They wondered how Jesus, an ordinary, or so he seemed, from their village claim an origin that is heaven? They claimed to know him well; He was from Nazareth and the son of Joseph and Mary! Yet, we know that they are wrong.

From the beginning of the Gospels, Jesus was announced by Angel Gabriel to be the Son of the most high God. To the shepherd, the Angels called him, the Savior. He is the “Lamb of God,” as proclaimed by John the Baptist; and from the voice of the Father; He’s “My Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Jesus reveals in the Gospel today, that He is the True Manna and unlike the Manna given to the People of Israel, which they ate and died, He is “the Bread come down from Heaven.” Receiving this Bread brings with it, it’s essence; Life that is Eternal.

“Amen, Amen,” I tell you “I am the Living bread that came down from Heaven, whoever eats of this bread will live forever...” “And the bread that I will give for the life of the World is my flesh.”



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

271. What is the Eucharist? 1322-1323, 1409 The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus, he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist? 1323-1337-1340 Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday “the night on which he was betrayed” (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.

273. How did he institute the Eucharist? 1337-1340, 1365,1406-After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, “Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you”. Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, “Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me”.

274. What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church? 1324-1327, 1407 It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.

275. What are the names for this sacrament? 1328-1332 The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and Holy Communion. *(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic Church)*

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 10-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Donna Martin
Aug 11- Sun 9:00AM + Elvira & Thomas Bernales
12:15 PM + The Parishioners
5:30 PM + _____
Aug 12 - Mon, 7 PM Safe travel of Hayde
Aug 13 -Tue, 9 AM _____
Aug 14 -Wed, 7 PM + Emilia Sunga
Aug 15 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Nida Donado
Aug 16 -Fri, 7PM _____
Aug 17 -Sat, 9AM _____

7-day Vigil Lamp Offering–Aug 10- 16, 2024

Sanctuary--- +Donna Martin
Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
Chapel ---- +Donna Martin

WORDS OF THE WEEK

“EUCCHARIST”
-means “thanksgiving”
From the Greek word
eucharistia

In Catholic Tradition, the Eucharist is a sacrament—and sacrifice—of thanksgiving and communion. We gather at Mass and Holy Communion to express gratitude to Jesus for his sacrifice on the Cross, and to offer anew that one sacrifice under the forms of bread and wine.

Receiving the Eucharist unites us more closely as the body of Christ within the Church. [What Is the Eucharist? Catholic Answers Guide | Catholic Answers Tract](#)

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...



"In the Blessed Sacrament a heavenly school is open to you, with the best teacher one can possibly imagine, Jesus Christ Himself."

Pope John XXIII

St. Maximilian Kolbe Aug 14th

Saint Maximilian was born in Poland in 1894. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the Gospel in his native Poland as well as in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady.

During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz. Three months after Maximilian's arrival, a prisoner escaped. In retaliation, 10 men were chosen at random to die. One was a young father; Maximilian offered to take his place. His offer accepted, Maximilian died on this day in 1941 and was canonized in October 1982.

Living with Christ, Aug 2024 edition

St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. "That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

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IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope to Knights of Columbus: Pray for Christ's peace to triumph

[Pope to Knights of Columbus: Pray for Christ's peace to triumph - 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 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!!!

✚ August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

✚ 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;