

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 18 August 2024

“Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”

John 6.53



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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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

St. Bernard Aug 20th

Pray for us.

“The measure of Love is love without measure.”



“Just as the Living Father has sent me and I have Life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have Life because of me.” John 6:57

In the last four Sundays we’ve been reading from chapter 6 of St. John Gospel. Our Lord Jesus, has been teaching us about the Bread of Life that was replacing the Manna given by God to the people of Israel in the desert. Jesus initiated this teaching with the Miracle of the feeding of the five thousand through the generosity of a boy with five loaves and two fish. And from that miracle, the people who had been fed were pursuing Jesus to be fed again. The trouble though, was that his listeners are fixed on that which is material; using their effort to demand for its provision; ***“What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert!”*** ***“What can you do?”***

Two Sundays Jesus, emphatically, revealed to them and to us that; He is the Bread of Life; ***“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.”***

Last Sunday his listener protested this claim by questioning his origin! They knew well or so they thought; He was from Nazareth and their neighbor! ***Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? ... How could he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’*** They questioned! They could not accept him because of this. Jesus retorted; ***“No One can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him.”*** To accept Jesus, as One sent of the Father required the grace of Faith and this grace is given by God His Father. It is God who initiates and determines the process of accepting His Son who in turn reveals him!

Today the One who is the Bread of Life makes a very surprising promise: ***“The Bread that I shall give for the Life of the World is My Flesh.”***

His country men were outraged. They are horrified and reject Christ’s suggestion; ***“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”*** They questioned again!

Their question, allows Jesus to definitively conclude his teaching of Himself as the True bread that came from Heaven: ***“Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal Life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and blood is true drink.”***

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Jesus then gives an analogy; ***“Just as the Living Father has sent me and I have Life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have Life because of me.”***

The Eucharist is the place where the believer encounters the broken flesh and the spilled blood of Jesus, lifted up on the Altar which is the Cross. And as Jesus lives because of the Father, the One who eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live because of him.

Last Thursday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady: Mary taken to Heaven; Body and Soul.

In the Gospel reading that day, we heard again the words of Mary’s Cousin, Elizabeth; ***“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”***

You too, are blessed because you believe. You are blessed because you believe and receive Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist. You receive Him who is the Bread that gives Life; Eternal Life.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

276. Where does the Eucharist fit in the divine plan of salvation? 1333, 1344 The Eucharist was foreshadowed in the Old Covenant above all in the annual Passover meal celebrated every year by the Jews with unleavened bread to commemorate their hasty, liberating departure from Egypt. Jesus foretold it in his teaching and he instituted it when he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles in a Passover meal. The Church, faithful to the command of her Lord, “Do this in memory of me” (1 Corinthians 11:24), has always celebrated the Eucharist, especially on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection of Jesus.

277. How is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist carried out? 1345-1355, 1408 The Eucharist unfolds in two great parts which together form one, single act of worship. The Liturgy of the Word involves proclaiming and listening to the Word of God. The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the presentation of the bread and wine, the prayer or the anaphora containing the words of consecration, and communion.

278. Who is the minister for the celebration of the Eucharist? 1348-1411- The celebrant of the Eucharist is a validly ordained priest (bishop or priest) who acts in the Person of Christ the Head and in the name of the Church.

279. What are the essential and necessary elements for celebrating the Eucharist? 1412 The essential elements are wheat bread and grape wine.

280. In what way is the Eucharist a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ? 1362-1367 The Eucharist is a memorial in the sense that it makes present and actual the sacrifice which Christ offered to the Father on the cross, once and for all on behalf of mankind. The sacrificial character of the Holy Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution, “This is my Body which is given for you” and “This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood that will be shed for you” (Luke 22:19-20). The sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one and the same sacrifice. The priest and the victim are the same; only the manner of offering is different: in a bloody manner on the cross, in an unbloody manner in the Eucharist.

284. Does the breaking of the bread divide Christ? 1377 The breaking of the bread does not divide Christ. He is present whole and entire in each of the eucharistic species and in each of their parts.
(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic Church <https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium>

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 17-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Arcadio & Luz de G.
Aug 18- Sun 9:00AM + Mirosław Dutczak
12:15 PM + Eugenia & Isaias Porte
5:30 PM + The Parishioners
Aug 19 - Mon, 7 PM + Luisa Hernandez
Aug 20 -Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Hernandez Fam
Aug 21 -Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Lita Varnamo
Aug 22 -Thu, 9 AM _____
Aug 23 -Fri, 7PM + Randy Goertzen
Aug 24 -Sat, 9AM +Reynaldo & Remedios Galvez

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7-day Vigil Lamp Offering – Aug 17- 23, 2024

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Fely Lazaga
Virgin Mary- Intention of Pete Lazaga
Chapel ----

WORDS OF THE WEEK

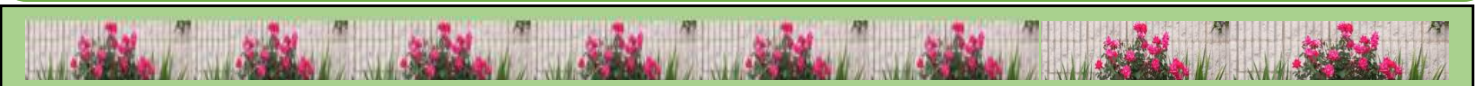
“TRANSUBSTANTIATION”

- means the change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the Body of Christ and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of his Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic prayer through the efficacy of the word of Christ and by the action of the Holy Spirit. However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, that is the “eucharistic species”, remain unaltered.

CCCC 1376-1377,1413

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...



"To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems." Pope John XXIII

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Aug 20th

Saint Bernard was born near Dijon, France, in 1090. In his Apologia, he wrote that it was because of his unruly nature that he chose the newly founded Cistercians, thinking their austerity could tame him.

At 22, Bernard went to Citeaux, an abbey known for its strict observance of St. Benedict's Rule. His remarkable enthusiasm helped persuade his uncle, his brothers and many friends to join him. A group of about 30 men left for the abbey. Within three years, Bernard was sent with 12 monks to a diocese in Champagne where, in a valley that came to be known as the Valley of Light ('Clairvaux'), Bernard founded the monastery where he ruled as abbot for the rest of his life.

From the time he became abbot until his death in 1153, Bernard dominated the religious and political life of Western Europe. His writings have had a lasting influence on Catholic spirituality and his abbey became the motherhouse for dozens of Cistercian monasteries around the world. When Bernard died, Europe mourned. He was canonized in 1174 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1830.

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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

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope on Assumption: The Blessed Mother leads us toward eternal life

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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

Discover the Jubilee 2025!

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link to read the full text of the news****



Announcements!!!

- ✚ **Our Seniors Group is inviting other seniors to join them every 2nd Tuesday of the month in a breakfast potluck after the 9am Mass;**
- ✚ **New to the Parish? Please register, fill up a Parish Registration Form and submit to the Office or to Fr. David;**
- ✚ **If you are a registered Parishioners and have changes in your Contact information, please advise the Parish Office to update your record.**

