

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 25 August 2024

“It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

John 6.60-69

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. Monica Aug 27th

Pray for us.

“Pray without ceasing, for in prayer you will find strength and guidance.”



“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

This is the fifth Sunday that the Gospel Reading is taken from Chapter 6 of St. John’s Gospel; Jesus reveals himself as the Bread of Life. 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 point on, there was mounting eagerness in Jesus to satisfy forever the need of the people. The trouble, however was, his listeners were fixated on that which would materially satisfy their need; *“Our ancestors ate manna in the desert!” “What can you do?”*

To this, Jesus emphatically revealed himself to be 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.”*

People could not accept Jesus making this claim, they thought they knew him too well, he was from Nazareth; *“Is not this Jesus, son of Joseph? Whose brothers and sisters we know! ... How could he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’*

Jesus reminded them that to accept Him as “the One Sent of the Father” required Grace; The Grace given by God His Father alone!

In last Sunday’s Gospel Reading, Jesus, had surprised his listeners even more; He revealed to them that, *“The Bread that he was to give for the Life of the World was His Flesh,”* The People were horrified had rejected this and complained; *“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” They questioned again!*

Jesus did not back down, but with double Amens, affirmed the value of eating of this Bread that comes 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 my blood is true drink.”* *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*

These words did not pacify the crowd; many abandoned Jesus saying; ***“This is a hard saying; who can accept it?”***

Jesus reminded them of the truth that he had revealed earlier; *“This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”*

Jesus gives us himself as food which gives us the Life of God. Jesus asks us three questions; ***Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? And finally; “Do you also wish to go away?”***

Simon Peter, like Joshua in the 1st Reading speaks for the People; ***“Lord, to whom shall we go?” “You have the words of eternal life.” “We have believed and we have come to know, “You are the Holy One of God.”***

Christians thrive through faith in God, who sent his Son Jesus for our Salvation! Jesus gives himself up for us as this Bread that gives us the Fullness of Life. He also, as a great gift left his Church the Miracle of being able to repeat the very sacrifice on the Cross. In the Mass Jesus is made Present through the Power of the Holy Spirit; giving us, this Divine Food.

We are participants in this Great Miracle; In this Eucharist we will receive Jesus the Bread of Life that comes down from Heaven. Blessed are you because you believe.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

285. How long does the presence of Christ last in the Eucharist?¹³⁷⁷ The presence of Christ continues in the Eucharist as long as the eucharistic species subsist.

286. What kind of worship is due to the sacrament of the Eucharist?^{1378-1381, 1418} The worship due to the sacrament of the Eucharist, whether during the celebration of the Mass or outside it, is the worship of latria, that is, the adoration given to God alone. The Church guards with the greatest care Hosts that have been consecrated. She brings them to the sick and to other persons who find it impossible to participate at Mass. She also presents them for the solemn adoration of the faithful and she bears them in processions. The Church encourages the faithful to make frequent visits to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.

287. Why is the Holy Eucharist the paschal banquet?^{1382-1384, 1391-1396} The Holy Eucharist is the paschal banquet in as much as Christ sacramentally makes present his Passover and gives us his Body and Blood, offered as food and drink, uniting us to himself and to one another in his sacrifice.

288. What is the meaning of the altar?^{1383, 1410} The altar is the symbol of Christ himself who is present both as sacrificial victim (the altar of the sacrifice) and as food from heaven which is given to us (the table of the Lord).

289. When does the Church oblige her members to participate at Holy Mass?¹³⁸⁹⁻¹⁴¹⁷ The Church obliges the faithful to participate at Holy Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation. She recommends participation at Holy Mass on other days as well.

290. When must one receive Holy Communion?¹³⁸⁹ The Church recommends that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive Holy Communion whenever they participate at Holy Mass. However, the Church obliges them to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.

291. What is required to receive Holy Communion? ^{1385-1389, 1415}
To receive Holy Communion, one must be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church and be in the state of grace, that is, not conscious of being in mortal sin. Anyone who is conscious of having committed a grave sin must first receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before going to Communion. Also important for those receiving Holy Communion are a spirit of recollection and prayer, observance of the fast prescribed by the Church, and an appropriate disposition of the body (gestures and dress) as a sign of respect for Christ.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 24-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + The Parishioners
Aug 25- Sun 9:00AM + Nelson Donado
12:15 PM + Aurelia Miana
5:30 PM + Alberto dela Cruz
Aug 26 - Mon, 7 PM Thanksgiving of B-day of Olivia
Aug 27 -Tue, 9 AM +Christine Potes
Aug 28 -Wed, 7 PM +Reynaldo Pinon
Aug 29 -Thu, 9 AM + Mateo Cabrera
Aug 30 -Fri, 7PM + Margueritte Miguel
Aug 30 -Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving for the 21st Wed
of Victor & Emmalyn Hugo

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Aug 24- 30, 2024

Sanctuary--- +Conchita Ayala
Virgin Mary-
Chapel ---- + Leoncio Ayala

WORDS OF THE WEEK

“HOLY COMMUNION”

- Is the act by which we receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: *“Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”* (Jn 6:53) **CCC 1384**

In Holy Communion something analogous happens to us spiritually, but with a great difference: in this case it is the individual who is united to the Food, not the Food to the individual. The lesser is united to the Greater. We become one with Christ. Holy Communion in the Catholic Church I

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 jobs..”



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. Monica Aug 27th

Saint Monica was born in North Africa in 332 of Christian parents. At a young age, she was given in marriage to Patricius; they had three children. Patricius criticized his wife's piety and her generosity to the poor, but was always respectful of her person. Monica's influence was such that both husband and mother-in-law converted to Christianity. In 371, a year after his baptism, Patricius died.

Monica then devoted herself to the conversion of her son, Augustine (see August 28) who had abandoned his Christian faith. After 17 years of Monica's persistent prayers, Augustine was converted while in Milan where he met Bishop Ambrose and returned to his faith. Mother and son enjoyed a close relationship from then on; Monica died during their return trip to Africa. She had said that there was nothing left for her to do, all her hopes having been fulfilled.

All we know about Monica comes from Augustine's *Confessions*. In the tenth chapter of the Book IX, he describes a spiritual experience they shared near the end of her life, and he always remembered his mother's efforts on his behalf. She is a patron of mothers.

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IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope: 'Once we've encountered Christ, we can't keep Him to ourselves'

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-08/pope-sends-prayers-to-eucharistic-congress-in-madagascar.html>



BISHOP JOHN BOISSONNEAU APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES IN CANADA
Tuesday, August 20, 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!!!

- ✚ **Our Seniors Group is inviting other seniors to join them every 2nd Thursday 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.**

