

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 01 Sep 2024

**‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’**

Mark 7.6-7

**Welcome back to School!!!!**

\*\*\*\*\* STUDENTS AND TEACHERS \*\*\*\*\*

### *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-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**

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**St. Gregory the Great Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Pray for us.**

**“God is within all things but not included; outside all things but not excluded. God is above all things but not beyond their reach.”**



***“I know you just too well, ‘you do not have the Love of God in you.’” John 6:52***

***“Thus, you will give witness of your wisdom and intelligence to other Peoples, ... When the other Nations see and witness your adherence to the will of God they will say; “This Great Nation is Truly a Wise and Intelligent People.”***

This is the purpose of God’s Commandments! Keeping of God’s commandments is a privilege that illumine the people, making them witnesses who reflect God, the Law-giver.

In the Gospel reading, this Sunday, Jesus, God among his People is the Law Giver. He is in conflict with the Scribes and Pharisees, who claimed themselves to be right with God and boasted of keeping all the Commandments of God faithfully!

Jesus condemns them as Hypocrites! The question then becomes; Why?

Jesus did not condemn them because they kept the Law, but because their keeping of the Law, had become an end in itself. They had forgotten the Spirit of the Law, The Spirit that illumined them to direct others to its Source; God, the Father and Creator!

Jesus condemns them, sternly, in John 5:42, with the words; ***“I know you just too well, ‘you do not have the Love of God in you.’”***

Jesus challenged them to the dictates of their hearts, reminding them of the New Covenant foreseen by Prophet Jeremiah 31:33; Covenant, written on peoples’ hearts. Jesus challenged them to “an introspection;” “an examination of Conscience.”

He called on them to reflect on the obvious; It is from within the Heart of a Person, where evil originates and Jesus enumerated a number of these evils; ***“fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride and folly.”***

Conversely, it’s in the Heart of “One who loves God,” where, compassion and forgiveness, generosity and humility, justice and peace, trust, hope and above all Love of God originate.

Jesus called his disciples and us to the dictate of our hearts!



**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Section One - Prayer in the Christian Life**

**535. Why is there a universal call to prayer?** 2566-2567 Because through creation God first calls every being from nothingness. Even after the Fall man continues to be capable of recognizing his Creator and retains a desire for the One who has called him into existence. All religions, and the whole history of salvation in particular, bear witness to this human desire for God. It is God first of all, however, who ceaselessly draws every person to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.

**536. How is Abraham a model of prayer?** 2570-2573, 2592 Abraham is a model of prayer because he walked in the presence of God, heard and obeyed him. His prayer was a battle of faith because he continued to believe in the fidelity of God even in times of trial. Besides, after having received in his own tent the visit of the Lord who confided his plan to him, Abraham dared to intercede for sinners with bold confidence.

**537. How did Moses pray?** 2574-2577, 2593- The prayer of Moses was typical of contemplative prayer. God, who called to Moses from the burning bush, lingered in conversation with him often and at length, "face to face, like a man with his friend" (Exodus 33:11). In this intimacy with God, Moses attained the strength to intercede tenaciously for his people: his prayer thus prefigured the intercession of the one mediator, Christ Jesus.

**538. In the Old Testament, what relationship do the king and the temple have to prayer?** 2578-2580, 2594- The prayer of the People of God developed in the shadow of the dwelling place of God – the Ark of the Covenant, then the Temple – under the guidance of their shepherds. Among them there was David, the King "after God's own heart," the shepherd who prayed for his people. His prayer was a model for the prayer of the people because it involved clinging to the divine promise and a trust filled with love for the One who is the only King and Lord.

**539. What is the role of prayer in the mission of the prophets?** 2581-2584 The prophets drew from prayer the light and strength to exhort the people to faith and to conversion of heart. They entered into great intimacy with God and interceded for their brothers and sisters to whom they proclaimed what they had seen and heard from the Lord. Elijah was the father of the prophets, of those who sought the face of God. On Mount Carmel he achieved the return of the people to the faith, thanks to the intervention of God to whom he prayed: "Answer me, O Lord, answer me!" (1 Kings 18:37).

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Aug 31-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Benjie Romero

Sep 01- Sun 9:00AM + The Parishioners

12:15 PM + Consolacion Muya

5:30 PM + Lydia dela Cruz

Sep 02 -Mon, 7PM Thanksgiving of B-day of Gary A.

Sep 03 -Tue, 9 AM + Teodorica Garcia

Sep 04 -Wed, 7 PM Healing of Marieta L.

Sep 05 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving B-day of Marjorie

Sep 06 -Fri, 7PM +Mariano Cayetano

Sep 07 -Sat, 9AM +Teresa Cayetano

**7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Aug 31-Sep 06, 2024**

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Sally Sunga

Virgin Mary-

Chapel ---- Intention of Hayde

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**“PRAYER”**

- is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will.

It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

CCC 2558-2565, 2590

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention – September 2024 – FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

*“Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit.”*



Our Patron Saint...



**"I say only this to the Lord: here I am, ready for everything, sufferings as well as joys."** Pope John XXIII

**St. Gregory the Great Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Saint Gregory was born about the year 540 into a wealthy Roman family. After brief but distinguished service as Chief Magistrate of Rome, Gregory resigned to become a Benedictine monk and used his great wealth to establish several monasteries. In 578 he was ordained deacon and sent to Constantinople as papal ambassador.

In 586 Gregory was recalled to Rome and became abbot. Four years later he was elected pope. His charity in feeding starving Romans, his protection of Jewish rights and his political diplomacy helped him earn the title 'Great'. Several centuries after his death, Gregory was credited with developing Gregorian chant, although this remains disputed.

He is known as the Apostle of England for sending missionaries there, including Augustine of Canterbury. Gregory, who died in 604, is a Doctor of the Church. *Living with Christ, Sep 2024 edition*

*"I am the good shepherd. I know my own- by which I mean, I love them – and my own known me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it."* St. Gregory

**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

**IN THE NEWS !!!**



**Pope at Audience: World must heed cries of migrants dying in deserts and seas**

[Pope at Audience: World must heed cries of migrants dying in deserts and seas - Vatican News](#)



**ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS OUR LADY QUEEN OF POLAND PARISH IN SCARBOROUGH**  
Friday, August 30, 2024



**STATEMENT RE: FR. NINO CAVOTO – FACULTIES FOR MINISTRY RESTORED**  
Thursday, August 29, 2024

**ALL ARE CALLED TO PRAY FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**  
Monday, August 26, 2024

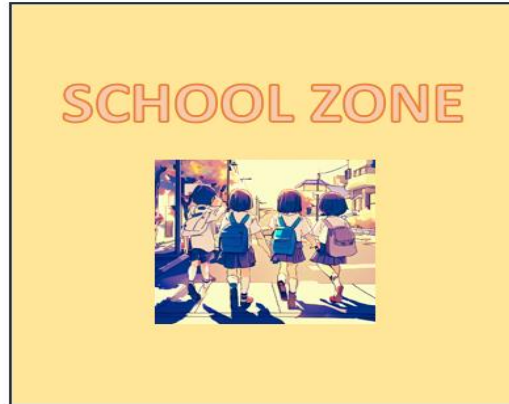
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

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

**Parish Announcements!!!**

- **Registration for Confirmation is now open for Grade 7 and up, please approach Fr. David after any of the Sunday Mass;**
- **Calling Grade 2 and up who have not received the First Holy Communion registration is now open;**
- **If you know anyone from the Parish area who wanted to become catholic, ask them to register as RCIA;**
- **Our Seniors Group is inviting other seniors to join them every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in a breakfast potluck after the 9am Mass.**





## A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this  
new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings  
You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and  
exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

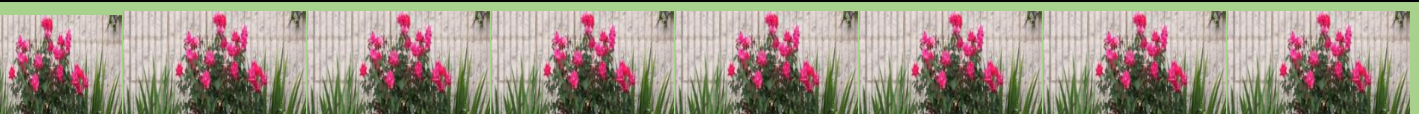
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies  
and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience  
Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen



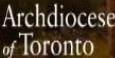



**Archdiocese Office of Catholic Youth –  
Announcements!!!!**

JULY 23, 2025 - AUGUST 5, 2025

# JUBILEE OF YOUTH

Join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time! All young adults (ages 19 - 39) are invited.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
**ELEVATE TRAINING  
WEEKEND**

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 **Sept 21 - Sept 22, 2024**

 **Dante Aligheri Academy**  
2 St Andrews Blvd, Etobicoke

 youth@archtoronto.org






**RENEW  
TORONTO**

Annual Young Adult (19 - 39)  
Catholic Conference

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 **Nov 23 - Nov 24, 2024**

 **Canada Event Centre**  
300 Water St, Whitby

 www.renewtoronto.org




**Re: Lay Pastoral Visitors Training – Registration Now Open**

From: Saulina Amaral, Diocesan Coordinator, Ministries of Care and Ministry with Maturing Adults

**Please add the following announcement to your parish bulletin and share with your lay pastoral visitors:**

The annual archdiocesan training for Lay Pastoral Visitors will be offered online on **Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend.

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

**REGISTER:** <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2024> by Oct. 22, 2024.

**DOWNLOAD POSTER:** <https://bit.ly/LPVT-PosterOctNov2024>

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