

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 15 Sep 2024

**“Whoever wants to become my followers, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”**

Mark 8:35



**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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Tel. 416-393-5348

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Tel. 416-934-0606 \*[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

**St. Hildegard of Bingen** Sep 17<sup>th</sup>

**Pray for us.**

**“God dwells within all beings, but not all beings are aware of this divine presence.”**

### *Welcome New Parishioners!*

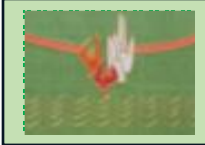
Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

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



## ***“Who do people say that I am?”*** Mk 8:29

***“The Lord God has opened my ear ... The Lord God helps me! ... Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?”***

The first reading of today is taken from the book of Prophet Isaiah and from the third Hymn of the Suffering Servant of the Yahweh. Though a kind of lament, the Prophet manifests his confidence in God. Isaiah was confident because he was aware, first and foremost of the Authority and Majesty, the Glory and Radiance of the One from whom his message originated; ***“The Lord has given me a disciple’s tongue, to know how to give a word of comfort to the weary; morning by morning he makes my ear alert to listen like a disciple!”***

Prophet Isaiah trusted in the Lord, even though he was clearly aware that he faced the fate of the Prophets, who were hated, their message ignored, and they themselves mistreated and sometimes killed. His confidence, as a Prophet, his trust in the Lord was founded on his knowledge and experience of God; ***“I have set my face like a flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame, He who upholds my right arm, ... the Lord God is my help.”***

Jesus, in the Gospel of today, despite the many miracles he had been performing, his majesty was still masked by the ordinariness of his humanity. In St. Mark’s Gospel, up to and prior to the reading of today, the only being that declared to know who he was the devil.

In the passage we read in the Gospel reading today, the secret that lay hidden for ages was revealed to Man. Peter, a human being, acknowledged and proclaimed that he was in the presence of God! Mark tells us that Jesus had asked the question to Peter, “on the way,” to Jerusalem.

Jesus begun his dialogue, by enquiring about the opinions of the people; ***“Who do people say that I am?”*** - The disciple responded, “John the Baptist,” “Elijah;” or “One of the Prophets.” Then, Jesus asked the most important question; ***“And you who do you say that I AM?”***

***“You are the Christ.”*** Peter Responded

In the Gospel of Mathew, Jesus to underline the importance of Peter confession exclaims, “Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh did not reveal this to you but My Heavenly Father.”

Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that he is the Christ began to teach the disciples of his mission; ***“the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected ... and be killed and rise after three days.”*** Mk.9:31

It was difficult for the disciples to accept this reality of the Messiah! Peter, even tried to talk Jesus out of his mission. Peter was rebuked strongly; ***“Go behind me Satan! You are thinking not as God thinks but as human beings do.”***

True discipleship demanded following the Will of God, the Father. Peter will require the strength and guidance of Holy Spirit to accept the Mission of God; The Cross was inevitable for our Salvation, through Christ Jesus. Accepting this is fundamental for every disciple, for it is fullness of life. May the Lord sustain us in this Faith.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Sep 14-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Efren Raymundo
- Sep 15- Sun 9:00AM + Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal  
12:15 PM + Francisca Tandingan  
5:30 PM + The Parishioners
- Sep 16 -Mon, 7PM + Gernelita Fabia
- Sep 17 -Tue, 9 AM + Isabelita dela Cruz
- Sep 18 -Wed, 7 PM +Healing of Andrew & Alex Luk
- Sep 19 -Thu, 9 AM + Samuel Lagera
- Sep 20 -Fri, 7PM + Juanita Villahermosa
- Sep 21 -Sat, 9AM +Deceased members of Luk's Fam

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Sep 14-20, 2024

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

WORDS OF THE WEEK

“CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH”

- Is not a mere collection of doctrines. It provides the groundwork for understanding what we Catholic believe.

Fr. John Hardon has 5 recommendations on how to use the Catechism in the apostolate of evangelization and catechesis.

- Know the Catechism
- Trust the Catechism
- Adapt the Catechism
- Live the Catechism
- Share the Catechism

See detailed explanation at:

[Catechism of the Catholic Church | EWTN](#)

To find the contents, click this link ---- > [Catechism of the Catholic Church \(vatican.va\)](#)

*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...**



**"God desires us to follow the examples of the saints by absorbing the vital sap of their virtues and turning it into our own life-blood, adapting it to our own individual capacities and particular circumstances."** Pope John XXIII

**St. Hildegard of Bingen Sep 17<sup>th</sup>**

Hildegard was an 11<sup>th</sup>-century Benedictine mystic and visionary who founded several abbeys, wrote extensively, composed liturgical music, and counted popes and archbishops among her correspondents. In her writings Hildegard dedicated herself to explaining divine revelation and making God known in the clarity of his love. Her main writings Hildegard dedicated herself to explaining divine revelation and making God known in the clarity of his love. Her main writings are the *Scivias*, the *Liber Vitae Meritorum* and the *Liber Divinorum Operum*. She also wrote botanical treatises and is considered an early pioneer in natural history. Much of her liturgical music survives and is performed to this day. She is widely seen as one of the most important women of the Middle Ages. In 2012 Hildegard was declared a Doctor of the Church, and an optional memorial was added to the universal calendar in 2021. (sources: Vatican.va; Wikipedia)

*Living with Christ, Sep 2024 edition*

**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 Mass: Love is the centre of the Gospel**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-09/pope-at-mass-love-is-the-centre-of-the-gospel.html>



**ARCHBISHOP LEO INVITES THE FAITHFUL TO JOIN NOVENA FOR SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

Sunday, September 08, 2024

**SECOND PART OF THE WEBINAR SERIES "A GREAT SYMPHONY OF PRAYER" SET FOR OCTOBER**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

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

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



**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;**
- 📅 **New to the Parish? Please register, fill up a Parish Registration Form and submit to the Office or to Fr. David;**
- 📅 **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.**






Archdiocese Office of Catholic Youth –  
Announcements!!!!

JULY 23, 2025 - AUGUST 5, 2025

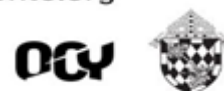
# JUBILEE OF YOUTH

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**

 **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

 **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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