

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 22 Sep 2024

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Mark 9:35

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace. 1Peter 4:10

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. Pius of Pietrelcina Sep 23rd

Pray for us.

“You don’t have to be worthy, you can only have to be willing.”



“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Mark 9:37

Jesus asked them; “What were you arguing about on the way?” “But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.”

In this beautiful World we live in, honor and greatness are valued if not worshipped! And competition seems to govern many aspects of our lives; people thrill and value the experience of winning. So, when we hear Jesus say ***“whoever wants to be first must be the last of all and the servant of all,”*** this can be concerning if not shocking!

In the Gospel reading, today, Jesus was on the journey to Jerusalem where he was to fulfill the Will of the Father for our salvation. His disciples, in the profession of Peter in last Sunday’s Gospel, knew who Jesus was; “The Christ,” “The Anointed of God.”

It was the expectation of the day that the long awaited Messiah, would rebuild Israel anew, restoring her to the glory of the days of David the King, with an abundance of freedom, prosperity, peace and security prevailed. No wonder then, that the disciples were positioning themselves for greatness in the forthcoming earthly dominion of Christ; the King!

You can imagine then how shocked they were when they heard their Master, revealed to them of his imminent betrayal and death! This must have been absolutely unthinkable and unacceptable for One who through many miracles had clearly revealed that He had power over all! In the Gospel, last Sunday, Peter had even taken Jesus aside and tempted to derail him from the Will of the Father.

In the Gospel today, Jesus takes his disciples aside by themselves so that they could have a moment together; where the disciples could be attentive! In Capernaum, in the privacy of the house, Jesus began his teaching by asking his disciples, what they were arguing about on the way! Scripture says; The Disciples were reduced to silence! It also tells us why they were silent; they were arguing about who among them was the greatest.

Jesus took a child and put him among the disciples. The child became the focus of attention as the disciples stopped looking at themselves.

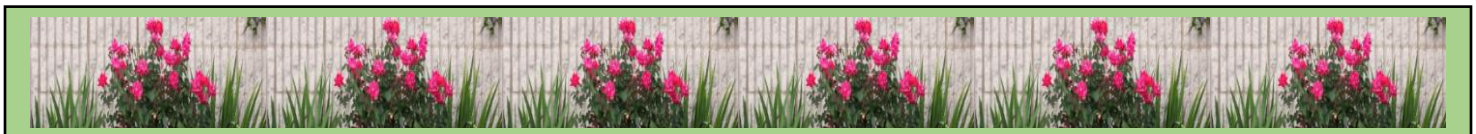
The child, the symbol of innocence and simplicity, the symbol of dependence and trust! The child a symbol of humility and receptivity; Here became the symbol of Wisdom” in the Kingdom of God. ***“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”***

In the Kingdom of God, acceptance and service of the insignificant is the Way to greatness! And receiving and serving the insignificant is the Way to God.

As the disciples listened in a simplicity that they themselves found impossible to accept; the teaching they were hearing was generously being fulfilled in their very midst:

The Son of God had taken up our human nature, and was present among us and was on his way to Jerusalem in obedience to the Father where his ultimate self-giving act for the love of humanity would take place! He alone who had power over all had deliberately given it up!

“If anyone wants to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PRAYER IS FULLY REVEALED AND REALIZED IN JESUS

541. From whom did Jesus learn how to pray?²⁵⁹⁹⁻²⁶²⁰ Jesus, with his human heart, learned how to pray from his mother and from the Jewish tradition. But his prayer sprang from a more secret source because he is the eternal Son of God who in his holy humanity offers his perfect filial prayer to his Father.

542. When did Jesus pray? ^{2600-2604, 2620} The Gospel often shows Jesus at prayer. We see him draw apart to pray in solitude, even at night. He prays before the decisive moments of his mission or that of his apostles. In fact, all his life is a prayer because he is in a constant communion of love with the Father.

543. How did Jesus pray during his passion? ^{2605-2606, 2620} The prayer of Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemani and his last words on the cross reveal the depth of his filial prayer. Jesus brings to completion the loving plan of the Father and takes upon himself all the anguish of humanity and all the petitions and intercessions of the history of salvation. He presents them to the Father who accepts them and answers them beyond all hope by raising his Son from the dead.

544. How does Jesus teach us to pray?^{2608-2614, 2621} Jesus teaches us to pray not only with the Our Father but also when he prays. In this way he teaches us, in addition to the content, the dispositions necessary for every true prayer: purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies, bold and filial faith that goes beyond what we feel and understand, and watchfulness that protects the disciple from temptation.

545. Why is our prayer efficacious? ²⁶¹⁵⁻²⁶¹⁶ Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him Christian prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).

546. How did the Virgin Mary pray? ^{2617-2618 2622, 2674, 2679} Mary's prayer was characterized by faith and by the generous offering of her whole being to God. The Mother of Jesus is also the new Eve, the "Mother of all the living". She prays to Jesus for the needs of all people.

547. Is there a prayer of Mary in the Gospel?²⁶¹⁹ Along with the prayer of Mary at Cana in Galilee, the Gospel gives us the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) which is the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church, the joyous thanksgiving that rises from the hearts of the poor because their hope is met by the fulfillment of the divine promises.

To find more click the link below-

[Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church \(vatican.va\)](http://compendiumofthecatechism.org/)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sep 21-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + The Parishioners
- Sep 22- Sun 9:00AM + Sinforosa Cabelen
12:15 PM + Herminigilda Culig
5:30 PM + Monica de Villa
- Sep 23 -Mon, 7PM + Deceased members of NG fam
- Sep 24 -Tue, 9 AM + Lourdina Figueiredo
- Sep 25 -Wed, 7 PM + Jose Laurel
Thanksgiving B-Day -Mitch Marie
- Sep 26 -Thu, 9 AM +Rosario Sabayle
- Sep 27 -Fri, 7PM + Antonio & + Isabel Manrique
- Sep 28 -Sat, 9AM + Maria & Hilario Dumauual Sr.

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Sep 21-27, 2024

- Sanctuary--- + Lerma Glen Ayala
- Virgin Mary- + Emilia Sunga
- Chapel ---- + Isagani Ayala

WORD OF THE WEEK

“HUMILITY”

- **Freedom from pride or arrogance; a quality or state of being humble.**

[Humility Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster](#)

In catholic tradition, **humility is a virtue**. It involves having a modest estimate of one's own worth and submitting oneself to others.

Humility is less about recognizing our own lowliness and more about acknowledging that God is the author of all good.

[Ch. 2 - The Virtue of Humility — My Catholic Life!](#)

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. Pius Pietrelcina Sep 23rd

Francesco Forgione (1887-1968) was born in the Italian village of Pietrelcina. He entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 16 taking the name Pio ('pious'), and was ordained in 1910. A stigmatic, he lived more than 50 years at the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, devoted to a life of ministry through sacramental reconciliation and celebration of the Eucharist, and helping countless people who sought his counsel.

Pope Paul VI said of him: "Look what fame he had, what a worldwide following gathered around him! Bu why? Perhaps because he was a philosopher? Because he was wise? Because he had resources at this disposal? Because he said Mass humbly, heard confessions from dawn to dusk and was – it is not easy to say it- one who bore the wounds of our Lord. He was a man of prayer and suffering." Padre Pio was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

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 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: I saw living and joyful faith in Asia and Oceania

[Pope at Audience: I saw living and joyful faith in Asia and Oceania - Vatican News](#)



ARCHBISHOP LEO INVITES THE FAITHFUL TO JOIN NOVENA FOR SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
Sunday, September 08, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL ON NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND
Friday, September 20, 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 2nd Thursday of the month in a breakfast potluck after the 9am Mass.**



**Homily of His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
Stewardship Sunday – 22 September 2024**

Praised be Jesus Christ.

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Today, we celebrate Stewardship Sunday across the Archdiocese of Toronto. I welcome this opportunity to speak with you briefly about a very important aspect of our lives as Christians, about how we express our faith both individually and as a Church and how we live our convictions and serve in a world that does not always understand what it means to be loved by God and to be actively pursuing his purpose in our lives, fulfilling his saving plan. What I am speaking about is Stewardship and I wish to underscore especially how it constitutes the path to authentic Christian living and holiness.

We gather as a community of believers and worshipers, disciples and witnesses of the Risen Christ. We desire to be in right relationship with the Lord, a relationship which is deep and personal, transformative and redemptive. It is a life of faith and trust which colours our daily living. We want to get to know him better, to serve his Kingdom faithfully and to be with him forever when the time comes to leave this earthly dwelling. As pilgrims on a journey, we interact with a myriad of persons and are invited to love and serve with the very love of Christ and to love out of love for Christ – even our enemies. This requires that we make efforts to grow in His love, to grow in virtue, to grow in service. Stewardship is about this growth... in love, virtue and service. It is about fostering an engaging awareness of God who calls us to live, to abide in His presence daily, to witness and to show his face to our wounded humanity.

Stewardship is the crucial process, the inner attitude and multi-faceted approach that leads us to a place of humble recognition of who we are, of who God is and what the Lord desires to accomplish in, through and around us. Perhaps you have never heard stewardship described as a process or a way of living our Catholic faith. In the past we have heard about stewardship almost exclusively with respect to sharing gifts, using our talents and resources in service of God and the community; the main focus was about caring for what is entrusted to us and sharing it with others—making the world a better place. All very true, and essential – but it is not the entire story. When speaking of stewardship more along the lines of a life-giving development of faith and engagement, a dynamic transformation, a way of being Catholic and serving as a follower of the Incarnate God, a living and active commitment that changes life and changes lives, then it is not a one-time act of giving or sacrifice, or even awareness. It is a fundamental, vivifying, compelling disposition of the heart, the mind and the will that strives to uncover, discover and re-discover the riches and mystery of God and serve his greater purpose for our lives. Clarifying the distorted understanding of what true greatness is, Jesus reminds his disciples in today's Gospel reading: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all". This is the royal way, the way of the King, the road to the Kingdom and it is the life of every authentic believer.

To continue click this link ----> [homily-of-his-grace-most-reverend-francis-leo---stewardship-sunday-2024-final.pdf](https://www.archtoronto.org/homily-of-his-grace-most-reverend-francis-leo---stewardship-sunday-2024-final.pdf) (archtoronto.org)

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.



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RENEW Toronto is back!

Join us on **Saturday, November 23rd** and **Sunday, November 24th** for an unforgettable experience at our annual conference for young adults aged 19 - 39! This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple, or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something special for you!

Our theme this year is Isaiah 40:31: **"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary."** Come be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic vendors and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life.

Don't miss out! Save your spot today by registering on our website
renewtoronto.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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