

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** | **06 Oct 2024**

**“GOD
made them
male and
female.”**

Mark 10:2-16

*Love the truth sincerely to attain that peace
and harmony on which depends all real
prosperity.*

St. John XXIII

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-

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St. Bruno Oct 6th

Pray for us.

**“By your work you show what you
love & what you know.”**



***“Therefore, what God has joined together,
let no one separate.”*** Mark 10:9

In the Gospel readings we have been hearing, Jesus continued to instruct his Disciples about the secrets of the Kingdom of God, but in today’s Gospel, Jesus is interrupted by the Pharisees, whom we are told came to test him.

The Pharisees questioned Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. They wanted his judgment; ***“Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?”***

The Pharisees must have heard that Christ did not approve of divorce and their intention was to get him state this, with the peoples hearing: They hoped to accuse him of contradicting Moses; their great lawgiver. They hoped, that his teaching would turn people against him. Jesus responded to their question with a question; ***“What did Moses command you?”***

They responded by quoting Deut. 24:1-2; ***“When a man has taken a wife and married her, and it comes to pass that she finds no favor in his eyes, because he has found some indecency in her: Let him write her a bill of divorce, and give it to her and send her out of his house.”*** Moses had advised them to write a certificate of divorce, and in this way put a wife out of a man’s house.

Notice that the Pharisees respond with a quote that only favored the rights of a man in a divorce not his wife. Jesus clearly saw through the injustice.

Jesus conceded that Moses indeed, had allowed the certificate of divorce that enabled a man to send his wife away. However, he reminded them, that this was not God’s original plan. It had crept into their tradition, through Moses, because ***“of the Hardness of the Hearts”*** of the people of Israel, whom the Pharisees represented.

God’s original Creative Plan was to be found in his action “from the beginning of creation.” And from that original point, God made them man and woman; and Jesus quoted Genesis; ***“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.”***

In the Genesis, the woman was a gift of God to the Man and the man was a gift of God to woman. In the 1st Reading we heard, Adam acknowledged this; Listen to what he said when he awoke and saw Eve; ***“This at last, is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called “Woman.” for out of Man this one was taken.”***

It is God who established the Union “from the beginning”. And Jesus argues, it is not the right of any human being to tear that union apart; ***“Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”*** It is not the command of Moses but the will of God!

The Pharisees disappear and Jesus was left with his Disciples. In the house, the disciples enquire about the teaching they had listened to. And they question Jesus about the same issue! Jesus, however addresses a different question; The aftermath of Divorce!

Jesus addresses the Injustice to the Woman! Found in Verses 3 & 4 of Deut. 24;

And when she has departed out of his house, she may go and be another man’s wife. ... And if the latter husband hates her, and he writes her a bill of divorce ... her former husband, ... must not take her back again to be his wife, for she is defiled.

Jesus underlines that in the sin of infidelity, it is not only the woman who sins against her husband when she breaks the commandment as their Tradition taught!

The Man too sins against his wife when he breaks the commandment.

This Teaching does not sit well even with the Disciples; In the House they Complained to Jesus; ***“If that is how things are between husband and wife, it is advisable not to marry.”***

To which Jesus responded, ***“It is not everyone who can accept what I have said but only those to whom it is granted.”***



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Section One

"I believe" – "We believe"

1. What is the plan of God for man? 1-25 God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness.

CHAPTER ONE

Man's Capacity for God

2. Why does man have a desire for God? 27-30, 44-45 God himself, in creating man in his own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. By nature, and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on man his fundamental dignity.

3. How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason? 31-36, 46-47 Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the universe, as the highest good and as infinite truth and beauty.

4. Is the light of reason alone sufficient to know the mystery of God? 37-43, 48-49 In coming to a knowledge of God by the light of reason alone man experiences many difficulties. Indeed, on his own he is unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why he stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error.

To find more click the link below- https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/

MASS INTENTIONS

- Oct 05-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Efren Raymundo
- Oct 06- Sun 9:00AM + Estelita & Hector Labrador
12:15 PM + The Parishioners
5:30 PM +Severina & Arcadio Santos Sr.
- Oct 07 -Mon, 7PM Thanksgiving Imelda Macaraig
- Oct 08-Tue, 9 AM +Cecilia North
- Oct 09 -Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving of North Family
- Oct 10 -Thu, 9 AM Good health of Malou Cabrera
- Oct 11 -Fri, 7PM +Elena & Gregorio Cabungcal
+ Frank Manu-Arhin
- Oct 12 -Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving of Nelia Alzate

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Oct 5- 11, 2024

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

WORD OF THE WEEK

"MAN"

God created humanity as male and female.

In Genesis 1:27, So God created human beings making them to be like himself. He created them male and female.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention – October 2024 – FOR A SHARED MISSION

"We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people."



Our Patron Saint...



“The true and solid peace of nations consists not in equality of arms, but in mutual trust alone.” Pope John XXIII

St. Bruno Oct 6th

Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order, was born in Cologne, Germany, about 1030. He studied at Rheims and was invited back to teach theology and grammar. During his 18 years at Rheims he taught many eminent scholars and was chancellor of the diocese. When the archbishop died in 1068, his replacement was highly unsuitable and the objections of Bruno and other canons were met with persecution, which forced them to flee the city. Eventually that archbishop was deposed.

Clerical corruption left Bruno wanting to live a contemplative life. In 1080 he gave up his riches and, with six companions, began to live as a hermit. In 1084, the group was granted land in the Chartreuse Mountains. This was the beginning of the Carthusian Order and of the great abbey that is its motherhouse.

In recognition of this great learning, Bruno was called to Rome in 1090 to assist the pope, a former pupil. It was soon obvious that Bruno was not suited to court life and he was permitted to found a second monastery in Calabria, close enough to be available to the Holy See. He died there in 1101, leaving no rule, but a spirit of prayerful simplicity, which lives on. *Living with Christ, Oct 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 opens Synod General Assembly with Mass in St Peter’s Square

[Pope opens Synod General Assembly with Mass in St Peter’s Square - Vatican News](#)



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND OF THE MISSIONS

Wednesday, October 02, 2024



NEW YOUTH MINISTERS AND YOUTH MINISTRIES TAKING FLIGHT IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Tuesday, October 01, 2024



2024 NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Monday, September 30, 2024

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

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



Announcements!!!

- 📖 **Novena for our patron saint St. John XXIII is on going. The feast day will be celebrated on October 13th Sunday;**
- 📖 **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;**



Novena in preparation for the Feast Day of St. John XXIII, our Patron Saint

Day 4-Oct 7th - St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote:
“**Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.**”

By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, that I may give up my will and take pleasure in doing the will of others for Jesus’ sake.

Pray for me during this novena especially for ... (your personal intention)

Recite the - Our Father.... & Hail Mary& Glory Be....
Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

Day 7- Oct 10th - St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote:

“**Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.**”

By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, to give up my self-will and be filled with a Spirit of service.

Pray for me during this novena especially for ... (your personal intention)

Recite the - Our Father.... & Hail Mary ...& Glory Be...
Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

Day 5- Oct 8th - St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote:
“**Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.**”

By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, a desire for what is holy and good and nourishes my soul

Pray for me during this novena especially for (your personal intention)

Recite the following prayers- Our Father.... & Hail Mary& Glory Be....

Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

Day 8- Oct 11th- St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote:

“**Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.**”

By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, freedom from sloth, and the gift of zeal for Jesus’ Way.

Pray for me during this novena especially for ... (your personal intention)

Recite the - Our Father.... & Hail Mary ...& Glory Be...
Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

Day 6 - Oct 9th - St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote: “**Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.**”

By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, joy in serving Jesus anonymously.

Pray for me during this novena especially for (your personal intention)

Recite the following prayers- Our Father.... & Hail Mary& Glory Be....

Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

Day 9- Oct 12th - St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote:

“**Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.**”

By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, to see Jesus’ loving hand in my life.

Pray for me during this novena especially for ... (your personal intention)

Recite the - Our Father.... & Hail Mary ...& Glory Be...
Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

O Mary

O Mary, your name has been on my lips and in my heart from my early infancy. When I was a child, I learned to love you as a Mother, turn to you in danger, and trust your intercession. You see in my heart the desire to know the truth, to practice virtue, to be prudent and just, strong and patient, a brother to all. O Mary, help me to keep to my purpose of living as a faithful disciple of Jesus, for the building up of the Christian society and the joy of the holy Catholic Church. I greet you, Mother, morning and evening; I pray to you as I go on my way; from you I hope for the inspiration and encouragement that will enable me to fulfill the sacred promises of my earthly vocation, give glory to God, and win eternal salvation. O Mary! Like you in Bethlehem and on Golgotha, I too wish to stay always close to Jesus. He is the eternal King of all ages and all peoples. Amen






Archdiocese 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.



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



RENEW
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Annual Young Adult (19 - 39)
Catholic Conference



Nov 23 - Nov 24, 2024



Canada Event Centre
300 Water St, Whitby



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FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:



2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebOct19

3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

