

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 03 Nov 2024

Jesus answered,
“...; you shall **LOVE**
the Lord your God
with **ALL** your heart,
and with **ALL** your soul,
and with **ALL** your
mind, *and* with **ALL**
your strength.”

Mark 12:29

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. Charles Borromeo Nov 4th

Pray for us.

“Charity is that with which
no man is lost, and without
which no man is saved.”



“Which commandment is the first of all?”

Mark 12:28

These past two days we celebrated two uplifting festivities in our Mother Church. On Friday, November 1st we lifted up our eyes heavenward and reflected on the Glorified Church in Heaven. This is who St. John witnessed in the Book of Revelation and described as “a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race and tongue.” We looked homewards, to the Glory of God Our Father in awe and joy, with courage and determination, to admire and pray with those who lived the beatitudes and were blessed with Eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Yesterday, November 2nd we congregated to celebrate and pray for our Faithful Departed. We prayed not in grief but in hope, trusting, on the love and mercy of God, that these who believed in Christ Jesus would be granted full communion with God, Our Creator and Father.

Today, we celebrate the 31st Sunday and we are nearing the end of the Year of the Church. St. Mark, who has been giving us episode after episode, in the life of Jesus as he made his final journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, he taught his inattentive disciples, Jesus, would be handed over to the Gentiles and be put to death.

In today’s Gospel reading, Mark the Evangelist presents to us with the encounter of Jesus and a Scribe: An expert in the Jewish Law, who was interested in acquiring Eternal Life. This Scribe posed to Jesus a fundamental question: Master; *“Which commandment is the first of all?”*

Jesus begins by quoting from what we heard in 1st Reading today; Deut. 6:4-5. The Principal Jewish Confession of Faith; The Shema Israel; The prayer that was supposed to be recited by every pious Jew; *“Hear, o Israel! The Lord Our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.”*

Jesus then used Leviticus 19:18 and added *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

The scribe recognized the response of Jesus as “right” and in “truth.” His answer impressed Jesus, who responded; *“You are not far from the Kingdom of God!”*

The Scribe’s openness to the truth reduced all opposition and hostility to Christ into silence; Scripture says **“no one dared to ask him any more questions!”**

Yet; there is something that went unnoticed something greater that needed attention. Notice that Jesus was standing within the Temple Area, and it’s its officials he had brought to a silence. Notice also that the Scribe accepted Christ’s two commandments as *“much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices;”*

What the Scribe does not see and know is that hidden in plain sight, in the simplicity of a human nature, standing in front of him was the Lord whom they worshipped in the Temple of Jerusalem! He alone was the True Temple and Perfect Priest, about to intercede in fullness for the People to God.

Jesus too would be the Perfect Lamb about to replace the lamb or bulls, offered in burnt offering. This Perfect Victim in the Words of the 2nd Reading today; *“Was able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”*



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

42. In what way does God reveal that he is love? 218-221 God revealed himself to Israel as the One who has a stronger love than that of parents for their children or of husbands and wives for their spouses. God in himself “is love” (1 John 4: 8.16), who gives himself completely and gratuitously, who “so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:16-17). By sending his Son and the Holy Spirit, God reveals that he himself is an eternal exchange of love.

The Ten Commandments

A Traditional Catechetical Formula

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the LORD’s day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods

434. “Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?” (Matthew 19:16). 2052-2054, 2075-2076

To the young man who asked this question, Jesus answered, “If you would enter into life, keep the commandments”, and then he added, “Come, follow Me” (Matthew 19:16-21). To follow Jesus involves keeping the commandments. The law has not been abolished but man is invited to rediscover it in the Person of the divine Master who realized it perfectly in himself, revealed its full meaning and attested to its permanent validity.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Nov 02-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Edwin Martinez
+All Souls in Purgatory
- Nov 03- Sun 9:00AM + Lerma Glen Ayala
12:15 PM + The Parishioners
5:30 PM + Antonio Hernandez
- Nov 04 -Mon,7:00PM Deceased members of
Donado & Arce Family
- Nov 05-Tue, 9AM Deceased members-D’Souza Fam
- Nov 06 -Wed, 7 PM + Merilyn Baldemor
- Nov 07 -Thu, 9 AM + Charles Fernandes
- Nov 08 -Fri, 7PM + Elena & Gregorio Cabungcal
- Nov 09 -Sat, 9AM + Jose Liars

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Nov 02-08, 2024

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

WORD OF THE WEEK

“**LOVE**”

St. Thomas Aquinas defines **Love** as “willing the good of the other”.

Agape is the highest form of love, charity. Agape comes from God and is accepted actively by our free choice.

Agape is an act, of the will, not the feelings. That is why we are responsible for it, and commanded to do it, to choose it.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=9375>

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – November 2024 – FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A CHILD

“We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.”



Our Patron Saint...



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

St. Charles Borromeo Nov 4th

Charles Borromeo lived during the Catholic Reformation. He was born in 1538 into an aristocratic family and, as second son., was expected to serve the Church. When his uncle became Pope Pius IV, Charles, only 22 years old, was created Cardinal Archbishop of Milan and Papal Secretary of State.

Charles resided in Milan until his death in 1584. As archbishop, he chose to live an ascetic life and reform his vast diocese, imposing severe discipline on both clergy and laity, thus provoking much opposition. His dedicated life entailed great personal sacrifice. He is a patron of catechists and catechumens.

Living with Christ, Nov 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: The Synod Document is a gift to the People of God

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-10/pope-francis-synod-final-document-gift-spirit-church.html>



POPE FRANCIS ELEVATES ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

Sunday, October 06, 2024



URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT IN LEBANON—JOINT CALL FOR HELP AND PRAYERS

Wednesday, October 16, 2024



UNPACKING THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY - NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

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

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



Announcements!!!

✚ If you want Pre-numbered Donation Envelopes for 2025, please email the office at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org ;

✚ CWL-St. John XXIII council is inviting you to join in their Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance on November 16th at 6pm. For tickets, Call Cora de Villa at 647-962-4691;

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





Message of Archbishop Francis Leo on All Souls Day- November 2nd

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

November 2nd is the annual *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*, commonly known as “All Souls Day”. As a family of believers, we pray in a very special way and intensity for those who have died and are awaiting entrance into heaven. Indeed, holy Mother Church recommends and encourages that we intercede for the eternal salvation of the faithful departed during the entire month of November. Praying for the deceased should never be seen as something morbid, or as a failure to “move on” with our own life from the death of a loved one. When we pray for those who have passed away before us, we contemplate the mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ; we acknowledge with personal and ecclesial faith that for Christ’s faithful *“life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven”* (Preface I For the Dead, *The Roman Missal*, 2011); and finally, as members of the communion of saints, we petition the Lord for mercy and forgiveness on behalf of those who have died in the peace of Christ.

In many ways we live in a culture that seeks to cancel or deny death. However, as Christians we understand that death is really a part of living, indeed a most important dimension and aspect of it. There is a natural movement from this world into the next which is facilitated by the reality of death, the separation of our soul from our body. The tragedy of death that was associated with the Fall of Adam and Eve, has been radically and gracefully transformed by Jesus Christ who has obtained eternal life for us through his own life, death and resurrection. This is why during the Easter season we proclaim: *“For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life”* (Preface I of Easter, *The Roman Missal*, 2011). Our prayers for the dead are not a refusal to accept the loss of a loved one, but an affirmation of the life they live in Christ. Our God is a God of the living, who has called us to be with him in eternal life (cf. Matt. 22:32).

As we know, All Saints Day, November 1st, recalls all those who are in heaven, who have reached the port of salvation and who are eternally in the glory of God. All Souls Day remembers all those souls in Purgatory and who need and ask for our prayers as they are being cleansed and prepared for Heaven. The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** teaches: *“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned”* (CCC 1030-1031). The entirety of the Church is thus brought into focus during these two days; those who are still journeying as pilgrims - here on earth,

To read the complete message, please click this link: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Message for All Souls Day from](#)






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 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.



Annual Young Adult (19 - 39) Catholic Conference

Nov 23 - Nov 24, 2024

Canada Event Centre
300 Water St, Whitby

www.renewtoronto.org



Re: Liturgical Ministries Week: Formation for Lectors Webinar

From: Michelle Brylowski, Associate Director, RCIA and Liturgical Formation

This webinar is for new and experienced lectors, those serving at Sunday or weekday liturgies and for RCIA team members who lead celebrations of the Word of God. It is designed to provide practical training for service in this ministry and will offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation.

DATE: Monday, Nov. 11, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LW-RegisterNov2024>
POSTER: <https://bit.ly/LW-PosterNov2024>
CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 523

Re: Liturgical Ministries Week: Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Webinar

From: Michelle Brylowski, Associate Director, RCIA and Liturgical Formation

This webinar is for new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who serve in parishes at Sunday or weekday liturgies. It is designed to provide practical training for service in this ministry and will offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation.

DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/EMCHW-RegisterNov2024>
POSTER: <https://bit.ly/EMCHW-PosterNov2024>
CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 523

