

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 17 Nov 2024

Jesus said,

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Mark 13:31



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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World Day of the Poor

Shepherd's Trust Sunday

Remember and Support our Retired Priests

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

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Nov 17th

Pray for us.

“How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!”



“But about that day or Hour, no one knows, neither the Angels in Heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” *Mark 3:32*

Today we celebrate the 33rd Sunday of the Year of the Church, a Sunday before the Solemnity of Christ the King, which will mark the end of the Liturgical Year: 2023-2024.

The Year of the Church has always been presented to us as journey, beginning with the preparation of the coming of the Son of God in Advent, to His Birth, His Death, Resurrection and Ascension, to the time of the Church; the time of the Holy Spirit which begins with Pentecost.

Last Sunday, Jesus concluded his teaching in the Temple area with a Model of Generosity – the Widow putting two small coins into the Temple Treasury – Jesus reminded his disciples that it was the generosity of heart that mattered when it came to giving; ***“In truth I say to you, this poor widow has given more than all the other who contributed in the treasury...for they have contributed from their surplus wealth // but she, from her poverty has given all she had to live on.”***

Today, the Gospel and the 1st reading, take us to the heart of Christ’s teaching about the “End of Time.”

The beginning of Chapter 13 of the Gospel of Mark, from which the Gospel reading of today is taken, as Jesus was leaving the temple area, one of his disciples expressed his amazement at the size and the splendor of the Temple;

“Master, look at the size of these stones! Look at the size of the building!”- telling the Creator to marvel at the created!

Jesus replied ***“Do you see these Great Buildings? There will not be one stone left upon another that will not be thrown down!”*** Mark13:1-2

The disciples must have been shocked at the prediction! The Temple destroyed! Again! They must have been anxious to know the time this was going to take place!”

Jesus sitting on Mount of Olives overlooking the Temple, Peter, John, James and Andrew raised the question about what Jesus had said about the end of temple; ***“Tell us, when this is going to happen and what signs will there be that it was about to take place?”***

Jesus gave the answer we hear in the Gospel reading of today and avoided to give a direct answer as to the when. Instead, He gave a list of portents; the signs of the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem was about to take place: There will be Great tribulations and ***“this generation will not pass away until all these things happen.”***

The Temple of Jerusalem was destroyed in the Year 70 CE and was Never rebuilt until today!

Jesus then confirmed that there would be his second coming at the end of times Those who will witness the end of time will see ***“the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great Power and Glory.”***

The disciples were then to be attentive and learn from the lesson of the fig tree; like with the tree, the glorious coming of Christ was certain and inevitable! The disciple consequently was not to be preoccupied with date and hour. Why? Mark answers this in Chapter 13, verse 32; ***“Of that day or Hour, no one knows, neither the Angels in Heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”***

May God continue to bless us with his Graces that we may persevere until the end. Amen.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

VI. Love For the Poor

2443 God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay."²³¹ It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones.²³² When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is the sign of Christ's presence.²³³

2444 "The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor.²³⁴ Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to "be able to give to those in need."²³⁵ It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty.²³⁶

2445 Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use:

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you.²³⁷

To find more click the link below-
https://www.vatican.va/content/catechism/en/part_three/section_two/chapter_two/article_7/vi_love_for_the_poor.html

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 16-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass - The Parishioners

Nov 17- Sun 9:00AM + Etilda & Alfred Puncion

12:15 PM + Lily Mendonsa

5:30 PM + Eduardo Perlas

Nov 18 -Mon,7:00PM Healing of Nelia Alzate

Nov 19-Tue, 9:00 AM + Lena Marie Fernandes

+ Joseph Gonsalves

Nov 20 -Wed, 7 PM + Felisa de Villa

+ Cleotilde Agpaoa

Nov 21 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Laguatan Family

+ Alberto de Villa

Nov 22 -Fri, 7PM + Nicholas Vidad

Nov 23- Sat, 9AM +Richard & Jan McNeilly and

Deceased members of Stewart Family

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Nov 16-22, 2024

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

WORD OF THE WEEK

“SON OF MAN”

-it is used by Jesus to describe himself in the New Testament. In some ways, he uses it to show his solidarity with humanity, including that in becoming truly man he needs rest (Matt. 8:20) and also eats and drinks (Luke 7:34).

[Biblical Meaning of "Son of Man" | Catholic Answers Q&A](#)

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 Church has always opposed...errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity." Pope John XXIII

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Nov 17th

Also known as Elizabeth of Thuringia, St. Elizabeth was born in 1207 to King Andrew II of Hungary and Gertrude of Andechs-Meran. At age four, she was betrothed to Ludwig of Thuringia and sent to live in his family's castle. They married when Elizabeth was 14, and by all accounts enjoyed a happy through brief life together. Elizabeth build hospitals to care for the needy and the sick, but many of the nobles resented the expense. When her husband died of the plague while away on a crusade, Elizabeth was accused of mismanagement and had to leave Wartburg.

Having made provision for her children, Elizabeth entered the Third Order of St. Francis and spent her days caring for the sick, the aged and the poor. Renowned for her prayer, her works of charity, her spirit of penance and great gentleness, she died at Marburg in 1231 at the age of 24 and was canonized by Pope Gregory IX in 1235. She is a patron saint of the Franciscan Third Order and of Catholic charities.

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 sends letter to participants at safeguarding conference

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POPE FRANCIS ELEVATES ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

Sunday, October 06, 2024



MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO – VIDEO ADDRESS – 45TH ANNUAL CARDINAL'S DINNER

Wednesday, November 13, 2024



WORLD YOUTH DAY MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO

Tuesday, November 12, 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 ;**

✚ **Meeting of Confirmation Candidates on November 30th at 11 am and Meeting of First Holy Communion Candidates on November 30th at 12 noon;**

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



Common Prayers

Act of Contrition

(traditional)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. AMEN

ETERNAL REST

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary.....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord, Be it done unto me according to your Word.

Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh, And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.






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



OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY & RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

Re: Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Nov. 11, 2024–Jan. 13, 2025) "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)
From: Fr. Luis M. Melo, Director, Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism

Dear Parish Clergy and Ministry Leaders,

I kindly request your support in promoting the Annual Friars Student Writing Contest within your parish. This is a part of our local commemoration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated globally from January 18 to 25 each year.

This year's resources were drafted by the Monastic Community of Bose in northern Italy and prepared by an international team appointed by the Vatican and World Council of Churches.

We would appreciate visibility be given to the contest by printing the poster and placing it in your church notice board. The poster is available at, <https://bit.ly/3XCGGg0>.

"Of particular importance in the promoting of a grass roots ecumenism is the connection between family, parish, school, different groups, associations, and ecclesial movements." (Ecumenical Directory §65).

Please consider the following in your bulletin/parish website and kindly make an announcement from the pulpit:

Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (November 11, 2024 - January 13, 2025)
Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGg0>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

