

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 17, 2022

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:41-42

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm

Sunday Mass –9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

Baptism- every 2nd Saturday & 3rd Sunday 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 2023 is in the months of September and October 2022

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2023 is on October and November 2022

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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Today’s 1st and Gospel readings are linked by the “Themes of hospitality built one’s generosity.”

In the First Reading Abraham extends the hospitality of his camp to Three Strangers; In the Gospel Reading, Martha, Mary and supposedly Lazarus, their brother opened their home to Jesus.

These generous human beings, not only entertained Angels in their homes but were honored with an Extraordinary Presence; They became hosts to God, The Almighty.

Notice, this Truth, God came to them.

In the 1st Reading, **Abraham**, seated at the entrance of his tent by the Oaks of Mamre, in the heat of the day, raised his eyes and saw three Men standing before him. In his generosity, he ran from the tent’s entrance to them, and bowed down to the ground.

“If I find favor with you, My Lord, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on.”

In his generosity, Abraham’s little bread, became cakes made from three measures of choice flour and veal from a whole calf.

Bible Scholars go by what Abraham acknowledged, that it was the Lord who visited Him. And going further in their interpretations notice “Hints” or “Intimations” of the Holy Trinity; These Men were 3 yet, Abraham addressed them in singular “My Lord.” And the Men though 3 addressed Abraham as One.

The Icon by Andrey Rub/Lev (the greatest Medieval Russian Painter of the 14th Century) representing the Holy Trinity is based on this Episode.

The Lord confirmed His Presence to Abraham by blessing him and Sarah with the fulfillment of the Promise; *“At the appointed time, about this time next year, I will return to you and Sarah will have a Son.”*
Gen 8:14

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus was enjoying the hospitality of Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Martha, over-burdened with the usual activities of ensuring that the guests were well fed and comfortable; noticed what siblings always do; that her Sister Mary was dogging her responsibilities! So, she did what siblings do; Complain!

“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me//by myself to do the serving?”

“Martha, Martha,” Jesus replied, “You are worried and distracted by many things, there’s need (however) of only One thing. Mary has chosen the better part.”

What is the One Thing? What is the Better Part that Mary Chose?

To answer this Question, we have to go back to our origins and to the Garden of Eden, where we have to acknowledge what we lost after the Sin of Adam and Eve.

Yes, we lost “Peace and Serenity,” “the Joy and Consolation” that emanates from the very being of God but more importantly we lost His Very Presence.”

The work of service of Martha was excellent in itself, but it was excluding her from the Very Presence of God.

Mary, on the other hand, was consumed by the fullness of God, present in the Person of Christ Jesus.

This is “the Only Thing” that mattered, Jesus reveals, for a disciple who like Martha, may be “anxious and upset,” with the many concerns of life;

A Disciple, a Son or Daughter of God, should bask in the joy and peace that comes from being in the Presence of God!

We here are, consciously chosen to be at the Feet of Jesus; celebrating his Sacrifice on the Cross, in this Mass!

It’s the Spirit of God who draws us to every Liturgical Celebration.

Mass, we have been taught, is a Celebration that is Alive and Active.

In Mass, God meets us, in His Word and in the Eucharist. We Commune with Him, who comes to live in us. In the Mass, we are in the very Presence of God!

You have chosen the better part which will not be taken away from you!

+++ May the Lord increase our Faith. +++

Q&A – Catechism of the Catholic Church-**Q-Liturgy as source of Life-**

A- **[CCC 1071]** As the work of Christ liturgy is also an action of his Church It makes the Church present and manifests her as the visible sign of the communion in Christ between God and men. It engages the faithful in the new life of the community and involves the “conscious, active, and fruitful participation” of everyone.

[CCC 1072] “The sacred liturgy does not exhaust the entire activity of the Church”; it must be preceded by evangelization, faith, and conversion. It can then produce its fruits in the lives of the faithful: new life in the Spirit, involvement in the mission of the Church, and service to her unity.

Prayer and liturgy

[CCC 1073] The liturgy is also a participation in Christ’s own prayer addressed to the Father in the Holy Spirit. In the liturgy, all Christian prayer finds its source and goal. Through the liturgy the inner man is rooted and grounded in “the great love with which [the Father] loved us” in his beloved Son. It is the same “marvelous work of God” that is lived and internalized by all prayer, “at all times in the Spirit.”

Catechesis and liturgy

[CCC 1074] The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the font from which all her power flows.” It is therefore the privileged place for catechizing the People of God. “Catechesis is intrinsically linked with the whole of liturgical and sacramental activity, for it is in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, that Christ Jesus works in fullness for the transformation of men.”

[CCC 1075] Liturgical catechesis aims to initiate people into the mystery of Christ (It is “mystagogy.”) by proceeding from the visible to the invisible, from the sign to the thing signified, from the “sacraments” to the “mysteries.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText (vatican.va)

Mass Intentions for the week:**July 16 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

+Dennis C.
+ Norma G.

July 17 – Sunday

9:00 AM + Francesca G.
+ Lita B.
12:15 PM + Antonio B.
+ Naty S.

5:30 PM Parishioners of SJXXIII

July 18 – Monday, 7PM

Thanksgiving B-day Marcelle A.

July 19 – Tuesday, 9AM

For Good Health of Jovita F.

July 20 – Wednesday, 7PM

+ Eduardo D.
Thanksgiving for Jacob V.

July 21 – Thursday, 9AM

+ Maria C.

July 22 – Friday, 7PM

Thanksgiving B-day Andre G.
Thanksgiving B-day Roy M.

July 23 – Saturday, 9AM

+Eduard D.

Memorial Lamp – July 16-Aug 1, 2022

Sanctuary Candle – Thanksgiving of VdV

Mother Mary - Thanksgiving of VdV

Chapel Candle - Thanksgiving of VdV

Note to All Parishioners:

If you want to offer mass intentions, please email or call the office at least two weeks in advance so it could be included in the bulletin.

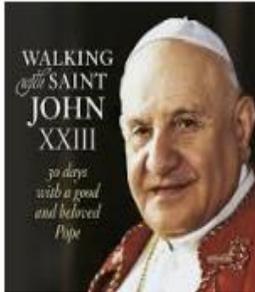
Let us pray for all the members of our Community who are sick, homebound and needs spiritual healing especially:

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| 1. Cristina | 3. Denise |
| 2. Jinky | 4. Nelly |

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention –July 2022

“We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.”

Our Patron Saint...



The Decalogue of Pope St. John XXIII: Daily resolutions for you and me.

5. 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. *To be continued*

St. Mary Magdalene – July 22

Since the 6th century, Western tradition has linked three gospel accounts as referring to one woman, although some notable writers are undecided.

Luke relates that an unnamed sinner who anointed the Lord's feet received forgiveness of her many sins because of her great love. He also writes that among the women who travelled with Jesus and the apostles was Mary Magdalene, who had been exorcised of seven devils. Mary Magdalene was a faithful follower of the Lord. With the other women, she stood near the cross, brought spices to anoint the body and alone, weeping with grief, was the first witness to the resurrection of Christ. Mary Magdalene is a patron of the Order of Preachers. *Living with Christ, July 2022 ed.*

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who were the sons of Noah? [Genesis 9:18]
2. Who were the brothers of Abram [Abraham]? [Genesis 11:26]
3. Who was the half-brother of Isaac born of the handmaiden of Sarah? [Genesis 21:9]
4. Who was the sister of Abigail daughter of Jesse? [Chronicles 2:16]
5. How many daughters Lot had? [Genesis 19:30]
6. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited Mary and Martha, who was their brother? [John 11:1]
7. Jesus raised a dead child, who was the father of this child? [Mark 5:22]
8. When was the first time the name Paul mentioned in the bible? [Acts 13:9]
9. Who was asked by God to restore Paul's vision? [Acts 9:17]

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

-Everyday – personal in the chapel

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God's words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women's League
- Legion of Mary
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Shrine Apostolate Icon of Our Lady

If you are interested to join, please email us at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

CWL ARE SELLING TICKETS FOR THEIR FUND RAISING Campaign... Please support them.....

Answer on last week trivia: **1.** Amen- Rev 22-21; **2.** AMEN–CCC1061; **3.** In Hebrew Amen comes from the same root word of "believe" CCC 1062; **4.** Jesus Christ is the AMEN CCC 1065; **5.** Six times [Luke 4:24; 12:37; 18:17, 29; 21:32; 23:43]; **6.** "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God. [Cor 1:20]; **7.** God of AMEN- [Is65:16, CCC1063] **8.** Twelve times in Deut 27, Neh 5:13, Jer 11:5; **9.** In the Gospel of John, Jesus said 2 Amen/Truly before each statement.