St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Aug 21, 2022

"Do your best to go in through the narrow door; because many people will surely try to go in but will not be able…..Open the door for us, sir! He will answer you, 'I don't know where you come from!"

Luke 13:24-25

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

Parish School-

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St. Rose of Lima, Pray for us.

Feast Day on Aug 23, 2022

"In times Past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the Prophets, and in these last days, he spoke to us through a Son."
Hebrew 1: 1-2

"Praise the Lord, all you Nations! Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us, and his Faithfulness endures forever."

These are the profound words of Psalm 117, a Psalm, only two verses long and one of the best exaltation Prayer, in Book of Psalms. The Church selects its words, today, to respond to the uplifting message in the 1st Reading;

The Prophesy of Isaiah, who in the last Chapter of his Book, prophesied a time when the Privilege, which until then, was exclusively enjoyed by Israel, would be extended to all Nations; "I am coming to gather every Nation and every language. They will witness my glory! …"From new moon to new moon, Sabbath to Sabbath, all humanity will come and bow in my presence, says the Lord."

The Author of the Book to the Hebrews, from which the 2nd reading is taken, puts it this way; "In times Past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the Prophets, and in these last days, he spoke to us through a Son." **Hebrew 1: 1-2**

Christ Jesus, the Son of God is the Privilege.

In Gospel Reading today, Jesus is on His Journey to Jerusalem for the Final Manifestation of God's Love for us. Luke, the Evangelist manifests Him, to be The Supreme Teacher, teaching with authority, the Truth of the Kingdom of God! But all was not well!

He, the Son of God had been experiencing opposition from the very People, who had been prepared for centuries to receive Him! Jesus was in Great Anguish! Towards the end of this Chapter from which the Gospel of today is taken you hear Him lament, the unbelief of His People; "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! You that kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often//// have I longed //to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you refused! **LK 13:34-35**

You can imagine then, when in "this environment of Demeaning Rejection;" Someone asked him the question: "Will only a Few People be saved?"

You can almost feel the frustration in Jesus: who chooses not to give a direct answer as per the Number of those to be saved! However, He the spelt out the thought of time! Salvation as a result of Faithfulness to the Covenant and not an undeserving Gift of God!

"Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

Notice the use of the symbol of "the door" or "The "Gate," to the Kingdom of Heaven; Jesus Claimed Himself to be "The Gate for the Sheep," in the Gospel according to John.

Jesus Himself is the Gateway to Salvation that leads us to the Father.

This is the Truth we proclaimed in the Gospel Acclamation; "I am the Way the Truth and the Life … No one comes to the Father, except through me."

This is what the Questioner, failed to notice and accept; that standing in front of him was the "Anointed of the Father."

The questioner was so certain of his source of Salvation; Salvation through entitlement as the Privileged Sons and Daughters of Abraham; with Moses the Law Giver, that he could not recognize the Real Source of Salvation!

It's like Jesus would have wanted to ask him; I Am here among you and you do not recognize me?

Salvation for Israel would be, not because they were the chosen people of God; privileged sons and daughters of Abraham, but **in the Person of Christ Jesus**, who is the Fulfillment of all that God had Promised to Abraham.

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This is the Truth that makes us a privileged people, that we have been redeemed by the Act of God; the generous self-giving of Christ Jesus on the Altar of the Cross, as the manifestation of God's Love for us; this is the only source of our Salvation!

Believing in and accepting Jesus, as the Only Source of Our Salvation is what gives life to a Disciple; solidifying our unshakable Faith in God Our Creator and Father. **Let us pray for Graces to persevere in this 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:

Aug 20 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass
+ Leoncio & + Conchita A.

Aug 21 – Sunday
9:00 AM + Tharyan T.
+ Shirley & +Abelardo B.
12:15 PM + Eduardo D.
5:30 PM Parishioners of SJXXIII

Aug 22 – Monday, 7PM
Thanksgiving of Benjie R.

Aug 23 – Tuesday, 9AM
+ Eduardo D.

Aug 24 – Wednesday, 7PM
+ Nelson & Fernando D.

Aug 25 – Thursday, 9AM
+ Bernardino & + EduvigesA.
+ Oswin &+ Adeline

Aug 26 – Friday, 7PM
Thanksgiving B-day of Olivia

Aug 27 – Saturday, 9AM
Thanksgiving Rusty P.

Memorial Lamp – Aug 20-26, 2022

Sanctuary Candle –
Mother Mary -
Chapel Candle -

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.

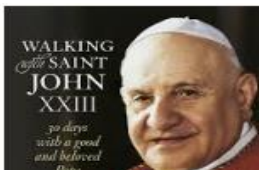
Let us pray for all the members of our Community who are sick, homebound and needs spiritual healing especially:

1. Cristina 2. Margarette 3. Denise

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention –August 2022

"Let us pray for small and medium-sized businesses, hard hit by the economic and social crisis, so they may find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."

Our Patron Saint..



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

10. Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life. *To be continued .....*

St. Rose of Lima – August 23

St. Rose of lived from 1586 to 1617. In 1671, she became the first canonized saint of the New World. Born in Lima, Peru, Rose embraced a life of prayer and penance while still a young girl, which she practised to the extreme, subjecting her body to autsterities as well as deprivation of food and sleep. As a resul, she endured interior periods of darkness and desolation as well as mystical experiences. She joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and lived in a little hut in her parents' garden, working to help support them. *Living with Christ, August 2022 ed.*

DO YOU KNOW.....

1. When does each liturgical year of the Catholic Church begin?
2. How many seasons the liturgical year has?
3. What is the season called the holiest "Three Days of the Church's year?
4. When the altar cloth and the chasuble of the priest are colored green, what liturgical season is it?
5. When will the priest wears a Rose colored chasuble?
6. The liturgical year ends at what feast/solemnity?
7. How many days the joyful Easter season is celebrated?
8. When will the Lenten season starts?
9. What is the liturgical cycle of the church?
10. What are the Catholic Church's liturgical days in 2022?

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.

"Wether we realize it or not, Prayer is the Encounter of God's thirst with us. God thirst, that we may thirst for him." **-St. Agustine -**

Answer on last week trivia: 1. Bishop & priest, deacon & any person case of necessity can baptize-[CCC 1256-1284]; **2.** Baptism is necessary for salvation [CCC 1257]; **3.** Since Christ died for the salvation of all, those can be saved without Baptism who die for the faith. Catechumens & all those who, even without knowing Christ & the Church, still sincerely seek God & strive to do his will can also be saved without Baptism[CCC1258-1261,1281-1283]; **4.** The name is important because God knows each of us by name, that is, in our uniqueness as persons.[CCC2156-2159-1267]; 5. Baptism takes away original sin [CCC1262-1274, 1279-1280]; **6**.Liturgy of the Word & liturgy of the Eucharist-[CCC1345-1355; 1408]. 7. Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven 8. St. John XXII 9. Archdiocese of Toronto 10. Cardinal Thomas Collins.