

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 31, 2022

Aim of Pope Francis' Visit to Canada

“Dear Brothers and Sisters of Canada, I come among you to meet the indigenous Peoples. I hope, with God’s Grace, that my Penitential pilgrimage might contribute to the journey of reconciliation already undertaken. Please accompany me with your Prayer.”

Pope Francis' Apology for Residential Schools:

“I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry.”

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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**St. Alphonsus Liguori,
pray for us.**

Feast Day on Aug 2, 2022

"Truly, we must not put ourselves at the centre of our questions, our inner struggles or of the pastoral life of the Church. Instead, we must put him, the Lord Jesus. Let us make his word central to everything we do, for it sheds light on all that happens and restores our vision." *Pope Francis, National Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupré, Thursday, 28 July 2022*



Excerpt of the homily of Pope Francis on July 28, 2022 at the National Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre

The journey of the disciples to Emmaus, at the conclusion of Luke's Gospel, is an icon of our own personal journey and that of the Church. On the path of life and faith, as we seek to achieve the dreams, plans, hopes and expectations deep in our hearts, we also come up against our own frailties and weaknesses; we experience setbacks and disappointments, and often we can remain imprisoned by a paralyzing sense of failure. Yet the Gospel tells us that at those very moments we are not alone, for the Lord comes to meet us and stands at our side. He accompanies us on our way with the discretion of a gentle fellow-traveller who wants to open our eyes and make our hearts once more burn within us. Whenever our failures lead to an encounter with the Lord, life and hope are reborn and we are able to be reconciled: with ourselves, with our brothers and sisters, and with God.

So let us follow the itinerary of this journey. We can call it a journey from failure to hope.

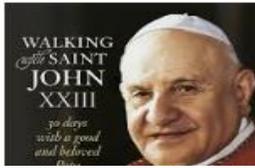
First, there is the sense of failure haunting the hearts of the two disciples after the death of Jesus. They had enthusiastically pursued a dream and pinned all their hopes and desires on Jesus. Now, after his scandalous death on the cross, they were leaving Jerusalem and going back to their former life. They were on a return trip, as a way perhaps of leaving behind the experience that had so dismayed them and the memory of the Messiah executed on the cross, like a common criminal. They were making their way home despondently, "looking sad" (Lk 24:17). Their cherished expectations had come to nought; the hopes they had put their trust in had been dashed, the dreams they dreamed had given way to disappointment and sorrow.

That experience also marks our own lives, and our spiritual journey, at those times when we are forced to recalibrate expectations and to cope with our failings and the ambiguities and confusions of life. When our high ideals come up against life's disappointments and we abandon our goals due to our weaknesses and inadequacies. When we embark on great projects, but then find that we cannot carry them out (cf. Rom 7:18). When, sooner or later, all of us, in our daily lives and relationships, experience a setback, a mistake, a failure or fall, and see what we had believed in, or committed ourselves to, come to nought. When we feel crushed by our sins and by feelings of remorse.

This was the case with Adam and Eve, as we heard in the first reading: their sin alienated them from God, but also from each other. Now they can only accuse each other. And we see it in the disciples from Emmaus, whose distress at seeing Jesus' plan come to nought led only to a dispirited conversation. We can also see it in the life of the Church, the community of the Lord's disciples, as represented by those two from Emmaus. Even though we are the community of the Risen Lord, we can find ourselves confused and disappointed before the scandal of evil and the violence that led to Calvary. At those times, we can do little more than cling to our sense of failure and ask: What happened? Why did it happen? How could it happen?

Brothers and sisters, these are our own questions, and they are the burning questions that this pilgrim Church in Canada is asking, with heartfelt sorrow, on its difficult and demanding journey of healing and reconciliation. In confronting the scandal of evil and the Body of Christ wounded in the flesh of our indigenous brothers and sisters, we too have experienced deep dismay; we too feel the burden of failure. Allow me, then, to join in spirit the many pilgrims who in this place ascend the "holy staircase" that evokes Jesus' ascent to Pilate's praetorium. Allow me to accompany you as a Church in pondering these questions that arise from hearts filled with pain: Why did all this happen? How could this happen in the community of those who follow Jesus? [To read the full text see <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2022/document/20220728>](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2022/document/20220728)

Our Patron Saint..



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

7. 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. *To be continued*

Let us reflect on some of the definition of Prayers

St. Therese of Avila - "Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

St. Therese of Lisieux - "Prayer is a surge of Heart, it is a simple look turned toward Heaven. It's a cry of recognition and love."

St. John Damascene- "Prayer is the raising of One's Mind and Heart of God.

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

Catechism of the Catholic Church (par2558) – "Prayer is a Vital and Personal relationship with the Living & true God."

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.

St. Alphonsus Liguori – August 2

The life of St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) spanned the 18th century. Born in Naples, he was ordained in 1726. He soon won a reputation in Naples as a preacher and become widely sought as a confessor. He was committed to preaching sermons that were simple to understand and structured to hold the listener's attention. In 1732 he went to Scala and founded an order of mission priests that became the Redemptorists. His Moral Theology was published in 1748.

Alphonsus Liguori was known for his great kindness and concern for others. Made a bishop in 1762, he retired in 1775. He was canonized in 1839 and in 1871 was named a Doctor of the Church. He is a patron of moral theologians and confessors.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. For the love of money is _____; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith & pierced their hearts with many pangs. [1Tim6:10]
2. What are the seven capital sins in the CCC? [CCC 1866]
3. In Exodus 19:5, who owns everything?
4. How much Judas sold our Lord Jesus to the chief priests? [Mat 26-15]
5. Joseph the son of Jacob, how much he was sold by his brothers to the Ishamaelites? [Gen 37:27-28]

5. What is the antidote of Greed? [Proverbs 22:9]
6. If you love money, _____ ; if you long to be rich, you will never get all you want. It is useless. [Ecc5-10]
7. The poor widow in the New Testament gave everything she has in the Temple treasury, how much she offered? Luke 21:1-4]

Answer on last week trivia: **1.** Methuselah- [Genesis 5:27]; **2.** Ruth -[Ruth 4:13-26]; **3.** Lois -[1Tim 2:1-9]; **4.** Laban-[Gen 43:55]; **5.** Anna & Joachim [According to tradition]; **6.** Anna the daughter of Phan'uel tribe of Asher-[Luke 2:22-38]; **7.** St. Matthew's gospel -[Mat 6:9-13].