

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 4, 2022

**“So therefore,
whoever of you does
not give up all their
possessions cannot
be my disciple.”**

Luke 14:33

A BLESSED LABOR DAY

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-

St. John XXIII Catholic School

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day on September 8, 2022



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This Sunday, Author of the Book of Wisdom, again, was calling on the People of God, **to a realization** of how blessed they were **to have the knowledge of the One True God**. The Author, reflected on God’s own revelation to man and acknowledged the limitations of a Soul. He exalted, in the realization of being given the Power by him who was his Creator and Father;

“And thus, the paths of those on earth are set right and people are taught what pleases Him, and are saved.”

The Power in God’s Wisdom is always present in all ages and times. This Power has a single purpose of illumining us, as we encounter Him, in His Generous Revelation of Himself to us.

Listen to the Words of Our Catholic Catechism, reminding us of the Finality of God’s Revelation; # 65 *“In many and various ways God spoke of old to our Fathers by the Prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son.” (Heb. 1:1-3)*

Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father’s One, Perfect, and unsurpassable Word... In him he has said everything; and there will be no other Word than this one.

St. John of the Cross, among others, commenting on this says *“in giving us his Son, his only word, for he possesses no other, he spoke everything to us at once in this single Word ... and he has no more to say ... because what he spoke before to the Prophets in parts, he has now spoken all at once by giving us “the All,” Who is His Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some Vision or Revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behavior but also of offending him, by not fixing his eyes entirely upon Christ.”*

Christ Jesus is the Mediator and Fullness of God’s Revelation, and every Disciple is called to accept this.

In Today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches his Disciples on the cost of Discipleship; The Cost of Following Him!

“If anyone comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters; even his own Life, he cannot be my disciple.”

The Call for “The Choice of God;” The Call for detachment in order to fully embrace God,” is what “a Wise Planner;” has weighed in the cost and made resolve to pursue, with all his heart, with his soul, with all his mind and with all his strength.

Our Choice for God, many times, like in the case of Christ may mean the Cross, we need His Strength to do his Will. Let us pray with St Neumann;

*Dear Lord, flood my Soul with your Spirit and Life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being.
Shine through me, that others may feel your Presence in my Soul
Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shiniest. Amen.*

Q&A – Catechism of the Catholic Church-

Q-What is the root of human dignity?

A- [CCC 1699-1715] The dignity of the human person is rooted in his or her creation in the image and likeness of God. Endowed with a spiritual and immortal soul, intelligence and free will, the human person is ordered to God and called in soul and in body to eternal beatitude.

Q-How do we attain beatitude?

A- [CCC 1716] We attain beatitude by virtue of the grace of Christ which makes us participants in the divine life. Christ in the Gospel points out to his followers the way that leads to eternal happiness: the beatitudes. The grace of Christ also is operative in every person who, following a correct conscience, seeks and loves the true and the good and avoids evil.

Q- Why are the beatitudes important for us?

A- [CCC1716-1717; 1725-1726] The beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching and they take up and fulfill the promises that God made starting with Abraham. They depict the very countenance of Jesus and they characterize authentic Christian life. They reveal the ultimate goal of human activity, which is eternal happiness.

Q- What is the relationship between the beatitudes and our desire for happiness?

A- [CCC1718-1719] The beatitudes respond to the innate desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart in order to draw us to himself. God alone can satisfy this desire.

[Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText \(vatican.va\)](#)

Mass Intentions for the week:

Sep 3 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass
+ Teoderica G.

Sep 4 – Sunday

9:00 AM The Parishioners

12:15 PM + Alfredo S.

5:30 PM Thanksgiving of CWL

Sep 5 – Monday, 10AM

Thanksgiving of Mercedes A.

Sep 6 – Tuesday, 9AM

Sep 7 – Wednesday, 7PM

+ Frances S.

Sep 8 – Thursday, 9AM

For all Souls in Purgatory

+ Rosadas D.

Sep 9 – Friday, 7PM

+ Salvador M.

+ Rodolfo R.

Sep 10 – Saturday, 9AM

Memorial Lamp – Sep 3- 9,, 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.

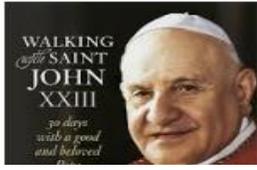
Let us pray for all the members of our Community who are sick, homebound and needs spiritual healing especially:



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -September 2022

“We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, maybe legally abolished in every country.”

Our Patron Saint. The Humor and Love of John XXIII.



Not long after he was elected pope, Blessed John was walking in the streets of Rome. A woman passed him and said to her friend, "My God, he's so fat!" Overhearing what she said, he turned around and replied, "Madame, I trust you understand that the papal conclave is not exactly a beauty contest." *To be continued*

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Sep 8th

This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the 5th century. No one is certain where Mary was born, but two traditions have survived from ancient times, one naming Nazareth and the other, Jerusalem. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus. *Living with Christ, September 2022 ed.*

CALLING YOUNG ADULTS

Office of the Catholic Youth

Re: RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference 2022

From: Fr. Joshua Roldan, Director of Office of Catholic Youth

We are very excited to be bringing young adults together again for RENEW Toronto. RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults aged 19-39 with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. We invite young adults to unite with one another to collectively renew their hearts, renew their call and renew their community.

Saturday, November 5, 2022- 10am to 9:30pm

Canada Christian College (300 Water St. Whitby, ON)

Registration is now open! Deadline to register October 19, 2022

Website: www.renewtoronto.org

Contact: youngadult@ocytoronto.org

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.



DO YOU KNOW

1. Who is the patron saint of workers?
2. Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with _____, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.
3. Before Simon Peter joined Jesus, what was his work?
4. Who is the patron saint of doctors and surgeons?
5. Among the Apostles of Jesus, who was the tax collector?

6. 1:31 Corinthians- Well, whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do it all for _____.
7. God saw all that he had made, and it was _____ and there was evening, and there was morning –the sixth day. Genesis 1:31.
8. Proverbs 14:23 – All _____ brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Answer on last week trivia: 1. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 2. St. Monica is the mother of St. Augustine 3. St. John the Baptist son of Elizabeth cousin of Mary 4. St. Jude Thaddeus brother of St. James; 5. St. Therese of the Little Flowers; 6. St. Anthony of Padua; 7. St. John Vianney 8. St. Joseph the Worker the husband of Mary and father of Jesus.