

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 02 July 2023



“Those who do not take up their cross and follow in my steps are not fit to be my disciples. Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will gain it.” Mt.10:38-39

HAPPY CANADA DAY!

Thank you, Canada! Let us be witnesses to Christ in Canada & in the World.

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



Saturday Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00pm

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 2024 is in the months of September and October 2023

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2024 is on October and November 2023

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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ST. THOMAS (Jul 3rd)

Pray for us.

“Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

John 20:25



“Whoever welcomes you, welcome me, and whoever welcome me, Welcome the one who sent me.” (Mt. 10:41)

“I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.” The Response of the Responsorial Psalm today; It’s a Song of a Confident Soul, who is consoled and jubilant in the gracious encounter with its Creator and Father.

“I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure that your Love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the Heavens.”
Psalm 88:2-3

+ Prophet Elisha in the 1st Reading, pleads with the Lord for a woman who had been very generous to him and his party. This woman (of rank) had convinced her husband to establish a guest house for the Man of God;

“Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a Holy Man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it. ... whenever he comes to us, he can rest there.”

The Lord through Elisha reciprocated the generosity of the woman, with a gift beyond her imagination;

“This time next year, you will hold a son in your arms.”

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Jesus in the Gospel reading today, encourages a generosity that recognises the elevation in dignity allotted by our Christian calling. This Christian generosity elevates a disciple to the level of the Divine; ***“Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, Welcome the one who sent me.”***

The call to be a Disciple of Christ, challenges one to respond God in absolute generosity! There is nothing that should come between us and the Love of God, made manifest in Christ Jesus.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

Brothers and Sisters, if we are to rise to the level of miraculously welcoming God in our Presence and Life, we cannot get tired of this generous self-giving.

Generous Self-Giving calls that we overcome ourselves, and this is very tough. It requires Divine intervention. Let us pray then, for God’s Grace that we may be generous;

“...Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple ... Truly I tell you ... that Person will not lose their reward.”



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

8. What are the next stages of God's Revelation? 59-64; 72

God chose Abram, calling him out of his country, making him “the father of a multitude of nations” (Genesis 17:5), and promising to bless in him “all the nations of the earth” (Genesis 12:3). The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the divine promise made to the patriarchs. God formed Israel as his chosen people, freeing them from slavery in Egypt, establishing with them the covenant of Mount Sinai, and, through Moses, giving them his law. The prophets proclaimed a radical redemption of the people and a salvation which would include all nations in a new and everlasting covenant. From the people of Israel and from the house of King David, would be born the Messiah, Jesus.

9. What is the full and definitive stage of God's Revelation? 65-66;73

The full and definitive stage of God’s revelation is accomplished in his Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the mediator and fullness of Revelation. He, being the only-begotten Son of God made man, is the perfect and definitive Word of the Father. In the sending of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, Revelation is now fully complete, although the faith of the Church must gradually grasp its full significance over the course of centuries.

“In giving us his Son, his only and definitive Word, God spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word, and he has no more to say.” (Saint John of the Cross)

10. What is the value of private revelations? 67

While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation which is Christ.

The Transmission of Divine Revelation

11. Why and in what way is divine revelation transmitted? 74

God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to his own command, “Go forth and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition.

12. What is Apostolic Tradition?75-79,83,96,98

Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity by means of

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MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 01 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –
+ Cirilo A.

Jul 02 – Sunday 9:00 AM The Parishioners
12:15 PM +Lydia L.
5:30 + Saturnina L.

Jul 03–Mon, 10:00 AM For World Peace
+Maria S.

Jul 04–Tue, 9 AM + Cesar M.

Jul 05 –Wed,7 PM +Lerma Glen Ayala

Jul 06 –Thu, 9AM +Benjie R. & Intention of Karin G.

Jul 07 –Fri, 7PM Thanksgiving of Melissa B.

Jul 08 –Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving of Sunga Family

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7-day Candle – Offering

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

Virgin Mary- For Healing of Mary Ylagan

Chapel -----Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla

preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations until the end of the world.

13. In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur? 76

Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture? 80-82, 97

Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

(to be continued next week)

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention - July 2023 - [For a Eucharistic Life](#)

“We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.”



Our Patron Saint...



“All men without exception, both individually and in society, have a lifelong obligation to strive after heavenly values through the right use of the things of this earth. These temporal goods must be used in such a way as not to jeopardize eternal happiness.”

QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Thomas (the doubting Thomas), July 3rd

Since the early Church there has been a tradition that Thomas is the Apostle of India. In Syriac his name means ‘twins’; he is also called by the Greek equivalent, ‘Didymus.’ Although the phrase “doubting Thomas” refers to him, it overlooks both his loyalty in troubled times and his absolute surrender when given the evidence he sought. Having seen, he declared the great Christian confession, “My Lord and my God”: the doubter became the believer. Thomas is a patron saint of builders, and of India and Pakistan.

*Living With Christ- July 2023 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
- 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.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us.” St. John XXIII

New

WORD FOR THE WEEK**AMEN**

-is uttered at the end of a prayer or hymn, meaning ‘So be it’; “Let it be so”, or “Be it firm,” or “Be it so established.”

Also, the Catholic Creed ends AMEN; the last word of the bible is Amen, in the last lines of the book of Revelation: “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. AMEN” (Rev. 22:21)

The word Amen is not static. It is in fact dynamic, because it is a two-way, double-faceted, word. It is a two-armed word. One might even say that, at the Annunciation, it became an “incarnate” word. That’s why Blessed John Paul II, in his Encyclical Ecclesia de Eucharistia, tied the word “Amen” to Mary’s Fiat: “[T]here is a profound analogy between the Fiat which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the Amen which every believer says when receiving the body of the Lord.” (No. 55) It is a word that, when uttered in faith, is a word spoken by two people--God and man--and at the same time.

<https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/storv.php?id=50507>

GOOD NEWS:

- The Sunday Liturgy for the kids is backed. Please bring your kids every Sunday in the 12:15pm Sunday Mass;
- The Seniors Group breakfast returns. It is held every 2nd Thursday of the month;

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. Who was the prophet who said to the woman in Shunem ‘At this season in due time, you shall embrace a son.’?
2. What did the woman in the first reading do to Elisha?
3. What sacrament was mentioned by Paul in the second reading to the Romans?
4. In the gospel this Sunday, what did Jesus say about those who do not take up their cross?

5. Fill in the missing words from the Gospel Acclamation

“You are a chosen _____, a royal priesthood a holy _____. Praise God who called you out of darkness into his _____.”

6. What are the 7 Corporal works of mercy?

Answer on last week: 1. Our Father; 2. Pope John Paul II; 3. St. John the Baptist; 4. The church calendar is on Ordinary Time; 5. Isaac; 6. Love; 7. Jesus told them, “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.” 8. The Holy Spirit.