

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | **MOST HOLY TRINITY** | 04 June 2023



# THREE IN ONE

“O my God, Trinity whom I adore...grant my soul peace; make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling, and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action.” (Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity)

### *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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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**SAINT NORBERT** (June 6th)  
**PRAY FOR US**

**“You will never enjoy the sweetness of a quiet prayer, unless you shut your mind, to all worldly desires and temporal affairs.”**



*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt. 28:19-20)*

Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Pentecost; 50 days after the Celebration of Easter. After Pentecost, the Church celebrates three more “Solemnities of Our Lord;” today, celebrating the Most Holy Trinity, next Sunday; “Corpus Christi,” and the Friday following, the Solemnity of “The Sacred Heart of Jesus.”

These past days, we have lived and celebrated what God has done for us; “Our Salvation through Christ Jesus!” Today, we are encouraged to turn our gaze and focus on the Being; God Himself. We are called to contemplate and celebrate the highest Revelation in the Being of God, the Reality of the Triune God.

In Our Catholic Catechism, we are taught, that “there is only One True God, Eternal, Infinite, Unchangeable, Almighty and Incomprehensible; The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three Persons yet One God.” In the Creed we Profess faith in One God, the Father Almighty maker of Heaven and earth; we profess faith in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and we profess faith in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; “A Oneness not of a Single Person, but in a Trinity of one substance.”

The Trinity! Three Distinct Persons united and equal in God, the Church teaches, is a Mystery, that is real and that no human mind or language is adequate to explain exhaustively.

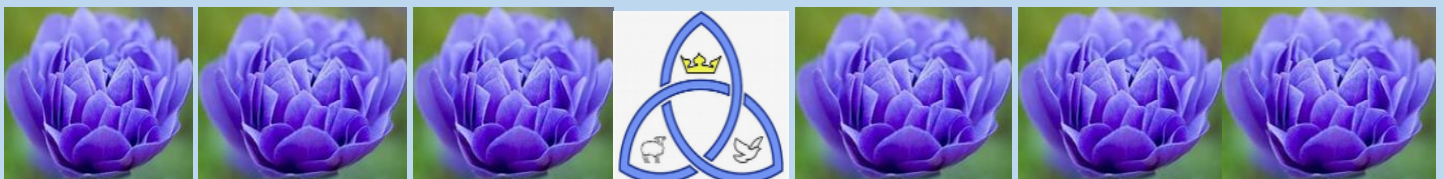
There is that Classic story told about St Augustine (one of the Greatest philosopher and theologian of our Church) who was strolling along the Seashore, struggling to comprehend the relationship between Persons of the Holy Trinity. As he strolled desiring to decipher the inner workings of this Mystery, he encountered a boy on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea; the Child had dug a small excavation, and with a bucket trekked back and forth, drawing the waters of the Sea and downing it into the excavation. St Augustine amused watched the boy for a while and after some time, he walked to the boy and asked him what he was trying to accomplish. The Lad looked straight to his face and replied that he wanted to empty all the Waters of the Sea into the excavation he had made. Augustine surprised, explained to the boy that what he was trying to accomplish was impossible. The boy without hesitation responded, it was equally impossible for you, to comprehend the Mystery of the Trinity. And the child left.

It was St. Augustine who would later affirm; ***“that if we thought that we had fully understood who God is, then He who we claimed to have understood is Not God!”***

While this insight of St Augustine is true, this does not mean that we know Little about the Triune God! Human beings have much knowledge about God, however not through a discovery of their own but through God’s Revelation of Himself to them. God reveals himself to us, through His Creation, then through Israel (Old Testament) and in the New Testament, revealed himself through his Son.

The Holy Trinity is revealed magnificently, in the Baptism of Jesus; The Son was physically present among us, the Holy Spirit is seen descend upon him as a Dove and the Voice of the Father is heard; ***“This is My Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Mt.3:17)***

In Baptism we are born into an intimacy with God; we are born of the Communion of the Trinity; A Communion of Love of the Father and of the Son in the Holy Spirit. As Disciples of Christ, we have been commissioned to share with others, this privilege. In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus commands; ***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt. 28:19-20)***



**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

44. What is the central mystery of Christian faith and life? 232-237

The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

45. Can the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity be known by the light of human reason alone? 237

God has left some traces of his trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries.

46. What did Jesus Christ reveal to us about the mystery of the Father? 240-242

Jesus Christ revealed to us that God is "Father", not only insofar as he created the universe and the mankind, but above all because he eternally generated in his bosom the Son who is his Word, "the radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature" (Hebrews 1:3).

47. Who is the Holy Spirit revealed to us by Jesus Christ? 243-248

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He "proceeds from the Father" (John 15:26) who is the principle without a principle and the origin of all trinitarian life. He proceeds also from the Son (Filioque) by the eternal Gift which the Father makes of him to the Son. Sent by the Father and the Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church "to know all truth" (John 16:13).

48. How does the Church express her trinitarian faith? 249-256-;266

The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature. They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

49. How do the three divine Persons work? 257-260;267

Inseparable in their one substance, the three divine Persons are also inseparable in their activity. The Trinity has one operation, sole and the same. In this one divine action, however, each Person is present according to the mode which is proper to him in the Trinity.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Jun 03 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –  
+ Arthur M.

Jun 04 – Sunday 9:00 AM The Parishioners  
12:15 PM + Rodolfo M.  
5:30 PM + Virgilio L.

Jun 05– Mon, 7 PM +Arcadio &+Luz dG.  
Thanksgiving B-day of Mayette L.

Jun 06 – Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Loren G.  
Jun 07 –Wed,7 PM For Good Health of Mary Y.

Jun 08 – Thu, 9AM + Rosadas D.

Jun 09 – Fri, 7 PM Healing of Lucio C.

Jun 10 – Sat, 9AM +Perfecto & +Aurora E.

Memorial Lamp - Sanctuary & Chapel \* Virgin Mary  
- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's Te Deum of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity. Fifty days after the Resurrection at Pentecost the glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so that the Holy Trinity was fully manifest. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.

(—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch)

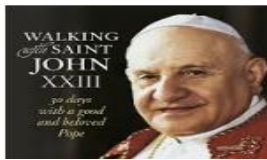
*Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - June 2023 - For the Abolition of Torture*

"We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families."





## Our Patron Saint..



## QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

*"Before everything else, fidelity to the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Jesus did not found several churches, but one single Church." "O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for You; keep me closely united with You, may my heart be near to Yours. I want to be to You like the apostle John.)"*

*epicpew.com/join-together-the-message-of-jolly-pope-john-xxiii/*

Saint Norbert, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Norbert was born near Xanten (Germany) in 1080. He lived a life devoted to pleasure until a narrow escape from death in 1115 inspired him to become a monk. Irked by his extreme asceticism and attempts to reform them, his fellow monks denounced him. Norbert gave everything away and went to Rome, where Pope Gelasius II granted him permission to preach wherever he wished.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher in France, attracting many followers. The bishop of Laon gave him land at Premontre, where he founded a community of strict and uncompromising asceticism (later known as the Premonstratensians or Norbertines.) Named bishop of Magdeburg in 1126 he survived several assassination attempts brought on by his rigorous reforms, particularly in the defence of the rights of the Church against secular powers. Norbert died on June 6, 1134.

*Living with Christ June 2023 issue- Novalis*

## DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. What feast is celebrated on Sunday after Pentecost?
2. What is said in John 3:16?
3. What is the catholic doctrine on the Holy Trinity?
4. Give at least three verses in the New Testament that contains a number of Trinitarian formulas?
5. What is the Responsorial Psalm at the feast of the Most Holy Trinity?
6. Fill in the missing words from the Gospel Acclamation- "Glory to the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia"
7. In the first reading Moses went up on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34.4b-6,8-9) when Lord passed by Moses quickly bowed his head, what did he said?
8. What did Paul appeal to the Corinthians in the second reading?

## 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 &amp; 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](mailto: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

## GOOD NEWS:

- The Sunday Liturgy for the kids is coming back this June. Please bring your kids in the 12:15pm Sunday Mass;
- The Seniors Group breakfast will return too this month and it will be held every second Thursday of the month;

**JOIN AND HAVE FUN!!!**

**Answer on last week:** 1. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control (Gal 5:22-23); 2. Holy Spirit; 3. Gifts of the Holy Spirit Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of God; 4. Dove, Fire, Water, Cloud/light & Anointing with oil; 5. Lord sent forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.; 6. Holy Spirit, fire, Love; 7. "Peace be with you"; 8. "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any. They are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."