

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time | 5 February 2023

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. FEED THE HUNGRY
2. GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY
3. CLOTHE THE NAKED
4. SHELTER THE HOMELESS
5. CARE FOR THE SICK
6. VISIT THE PRISONERS
7. BURY THE DEAD

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 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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**Our Lady of Lourdes,
PRAY FOR US.**

Feast Day on February 11th



***“You are the salt of the earth.....
You are the light of the whole world.”***

Matthew 5:13-14

Three Sundays ago, Jesus was presented to us by Matthew, beginning the Mission of his Father, with the proclamation;

“Repent and Believe for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Jesus then set to lay the Foundation of the New Israel, with the call of first four Apostles (Peter and Andrew, James, and John) and all heeded the call with an immediate response.

Last Sunday Jesus was presented to us as the ***“New Moses.”*** The New Law Giver who unlike Moses who had received God’s Commandments on Mount Sinai, Jesus, God with us gave the Law Himself; **Revealing the Will of God that brings fullness of Life in His Kingdom.**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God, Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted, Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth, Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied, Blessed are they who are merciful for they shall have mercy shown them. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Today, Jesus reveals **the Mission or say the motivation** of those who live the virtues listed in the Beatitudes. You, Faithful Disciples, **“Are the salt of the earth!” “Are the Light of the World!” “Are a City set upon a Mountain!”**

By this, Jesus affirms, your Significance in the World. You are indispensable, for without you, the World is tasteless and dark! This is great responsibility, but with it, Jesus elevates you, to an honorable position. He elevates you to a position closer to himself, because as He said in St John’s Gospel; He, Himself is the true light of the World;

Jesus calls us to this noble Mission; for a reason; ***“that others may see our good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven!”***

And which are these “Good Deeds?”

Isaiah, the Prophet, in the first reading today, tells his Fellow-Jews, that God commanded them to practice **charity** towards their needy neighbors.

It only by doing this, that they could prove their Love for God and expect God to respond in return;

“If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious talk, if you bestow your bread on the hungry, shelter for the homeless and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall break forth for you like the dawn! And you shall cry for help, and the Lord will answer: Here I am!”

God responds to our generosity, yet as Disciples of Christ we are prone to have many deficiencies! We can lose taste, but unlike salt that cannot be seasoned again, God in his mercy, gives us possibilities to return to Him!

May God, through Christ Jesus, Defend us always with his Protection! Amen.



- Catechism of the Catholic Church-

X. Indulgences

[1471] - The doctrine and practice of indulgences in the Church are closely linked to the effects of the sacrament of Penance.

What is an indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

The punishments of sin

[1472] To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This Purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 04 – Saturday, 7:00PM Vigil Mass
The Parishioners

Feb 05 – Sunday
9:00 AM + Helen A.
12:15 PM + Charles B.
5:30 PM + Stanley N.

Feb 06– Monday, 7 PM
Thanksgiving of Hayde A.

Feb 07 – Tuesday, 9AM
+ Thanksgiving of Gemma C.

Feb 08 – Wednesday, 7PM
+ Rosadas D.

Feb 09 – Thursday, 9AM
+ Mrs. Resurrection R.

Feb 10 – Friday, 7PM
Thanksgiving of Jane D.

Feb 11– Saturday, 9AM
+ Teresa C.

Memorial Lamp – Feb 04-Feb 10, 2023

Sanctuary Candle –

Mother Mary - Thanksgiving of Zeny C.

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. Margarete
3. Denise

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention - February 2023

For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.”



Our Patron Saint...



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

"A peaceful man does more good than a learned one."

To be continued

Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th

The veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes arose first in popular devotion and later in the Church's Liturgy.

In 1858 Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in a cave at Massabielle, near Lourdes in France. Just four years earlier, in 1954, the Church had declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, so when the "beautiful woman" of Bernadette's visions identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, there was initial skepticism. Although others accompanied Bernadette to the grotto, no one else could see or hear the visions. It did not take very long for an Episcopal Commission, an official inquiry, to state: "we judge that Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, did really appear to Bernadette Soubirous on February 11th, 1858, and on certain subsequent days, 18 times in all, in the Grotto of Massabielle, near the town of Lourdes; that this appearance bears every mark of truth and that the belief of the faithful is well-grounded."

A few years later, this date was added to the list of Marian feasts to honour the mysterious beauty of the Immaculate Conception.

Living with Christ. Feb 2023 edition

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. In what book the first reading this Sunday was taken?
2. Isaiah mentioned the corporal work of mercy, what are they?
3. What is the promise if you do these works of mercy? Isaiah 58:8
4. St. Paul addressed the community in Corinth in the second reading, he said to them their faith does not rest on human wisdom but on _____.
5. What is the Gospel Acclamation that was recited or sung before the Gospel is proclaimed this Sunday?
6. In the Gospel, how did Matthew describe or compare or symbolize His true followers?
7. On February 11th, what feast will be celebrated?
8. What are the two countries Pope Francis visited this week?
9. What did Pope Francis said about the exploitative Mining in Congo? †

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.

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



CRUCIFIX

The crucifix captures the great sacrifice that Jesus made for humanity. It is a symbol of salvation and Christ's ultimate act to atone for the sins of the world. The crucifix also represents Jesus' mission to reconcile our relationship with God.

Answer on last week trivia: 1. Beatitudes are found in the gospel of Matthew and Luke; 2. a.) Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; b.) Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land; c.) Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted; d.) Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill; e.) Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy; f.) Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God; g.) Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God; h.) Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; 3. Matthew; 4. Heaven; 5. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven; 6. Whoever wants to boast must boast of what the Lord has done; 7. Feast of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the temple; 8. St. Blaise.