

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 2nd SUNDAY of LENT | 05 March 2023



Let your love be upon
us, Lord, even as we
hope in you.

**Prayer*

**Fasting*

**Almsgiving*

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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**St. Perpetua & St. Felicity,
PRAY FOR US.**

Feast Day on March 7th



*“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased;
listen to him!”*

Matthew 17:5

The Lord said to Abram, *“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the Land that I will show you. I will make you a great Nation and I will bless you.”*

The Call of Abraham and the beginning of a journey in which he would face a lot of challenges. Abraham is known for his Faith in God but he had moments when he faced realities that created doubts in his call; sometimes moments that even questioned the Source of his Calling; God Himself.

In the Gospel today, the Disciples of Christ had been following him for some time and had come to believe that he was the Promised Messiah. Their understanding of his Mission, however, led them to an expectation in which they looked forward for great returns for choosing to be his disciples!

Jesus, on the other hand, had been predicting, anything but earthly returns; Three times, Jesus had revealed to them, the Will of His Father;

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and everything written by the Prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Chief Priest and the Scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise.” (Lk. 18:31-33, Mt. 20:18-19, Mk. 10:33-34)

These predictions did not sit well with the Disciples, who had up to that time witnessed Jesus perform many miracles. They had longed for seats of influence as witnessed by their regular arguments over who among them was the greatest. They were positioning themselves for greatness in Christ’s Messianic Earthly Kingdom.

The shock of Christ’s Passion, Crucifixion and Death would have a devastating effect on them. The probable valid question then became; Would the disciples have Faith strong enough to survive the shock as they witness their Master, arrested, tortured, crucified and dead on the Cross? The Disciples needed encouragement and strength!

Today, this Second Sunday of Lent, the Church offers us, this Gospel of Encouragement; in the Account of the Transfiguration.

Before starting his final journey to Jerusalem, where He was to die, Jesus went up a mountain commonly identified as Mt. Tabor, to pray together with Peter, James, and John.

And there, God in His Generosity, gave the three Apostles, the full and definitive Revelation of their Master in Glory. They Witnessed their Master in His Glory in Heaven. In the Experience of this Glory, Elijah and Moses appeared with Jesus. Elijah representing the Prophets and Moses, the Covenant; Both appeared in bodily form that the three Apostles could recognize.

Moses and Elijah had previously gone up the mountain to receive God’s Revelation, but unlike their two episodes, in Transfiguration, it was not Jesus who received the Revelation of God rather, it is in Jesus that God is revealed.

The Topic that Jesus, Moses and Elijah discussed was, as given by Luke was “Christ’s Exodus;” Christ’s departure from this world, back to the Glory of God and the Covenant about to be sealed on the Cross.

The Apostles were overwhelmed by the Vision in the Glory of God, so much so that Peter wanted this Glorious Experience prolonged!

Then came the Voice of God the Father; *“This is My Beloved Son, With Whom I am Well Pleased /// Listen to Him.”*

The Apostles were commanded to be attentive to Christ, in this Final Act in God’s Revelation; *“When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know I am He.”* Jn 8:28



- Catechism of the Catholic Church-

Article 2 "AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD"

I. JESUS [430] – Jesus means in Hebrew: "God saves." At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, "will save his people from their sins" in Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men.

[431] – In the history of salvation God was not content to deliver Israel "out of the house of bondage" by bringing them out of Egypt. He also saves them from their sin. Because sin is always an offence against God, only he can forgive it. For this reason Israel, becoming more and more aware of the universality of sin, will no longer be able to seek salvation except by invoking the name of the Redeemer God.

[432] – The name "Jesus" signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son, made man for the universal and definitive redemption from sins. It is the divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke his name, for Jesus united himself to all men through his Incarnation, so that "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

[433] – The name of the Saviour God was invoked only once in the year by the high priest in atonement for the sins of Israel, after he had sprinkled the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies with the sacrificial blood, the mercy seat was the place of God's presence. When St. Paul speaks of Jesus whom "God put forward as an expiation by his blood", he means that in Christ's humanity "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself."

[434] –Jesus' Resurrection glorifies the name of the Saviour God, for from that time on it is the name of Jesus that fully manifests the supreme power of the "name which is above every name. The evil spirits fear his name; in his name his

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mar 04 – Saturday, 7:00PM Vigil Mass
The Parishioners
- Mar 05 – Sunday
9:00 AM +Tony & Rey H.
12:15 PM Parishioners
5:30 PM + Catalina A.
- Mar 06– Monday, 7 PM
The Parishioners
- Mar 07 – Tuesday, 9AM
Thanksgiving of Hernandez Family
- Mar 08 – Wednesday, 7PM
+ Rosadas D.
- Mar 09 – Thursday, 9AM
+ Perfecto B.
- Mar 10 – Friday, 7PM
The Parishioners
- Mar 11– Saturday, 9AM
Thanksgiving of Jacqueline
Thanksgiving of Gemma
- Memorial Lamp – Mar 04-March 10, 2023
- Sanctuary Candle – + Donna M.
Mother Mary -
Chapel Candle - + Donna M.

disciples perform miracles, for the Father grants all they ask in this name.

[435] – The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayers. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words "through our Lord Jesus Christ", the Hail Mary reaches its high point in the words "blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus: the Eastern prayer of the heart, the Jesus Prayer, says: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word "Jesus" on their lips.Catechism of the Catholic

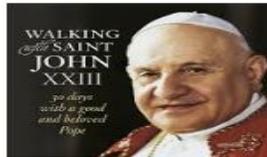
Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - March 2023

For victims of abuse

"We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."



Our Patron Saint...



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

““To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems.”

To be continued

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, March 7th

Perpetua, noblewoman, and Felicity, a slave, were killed for their faith on March 7, 203, in Carthage. Perpetua’s diary and accounts by eyewitnesses provide a vivid picture of the martyrs’ experiences.

During the persecution of Christians by Emperor Severus, several catechumens were arrested, among them Perpetua with her infant son and the pregnant Felicity. They were baptized while under arrest.

After being flogged, the Christians were led to the amphitheatre, exposed to the wild beasts and beheaded.

Living with Christ, Feb 2023 edition



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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| 1 st - Jesus is condemned to Death | 8 th -The women weep over Jesus |
| 2 nd -Jesus carries His Cross | 9 th - Jesus Falls the 3rd time |
| 3 rd -Jesus falls the 1st time | 10 th - Jesus is stripped of His garments |
| 4 th -Jesus meets His sorrowful mother | 11 th - Jesus is nailed to the cross |
| 5 th -Simon helps Jesus carry the Cross | 12 th -Jesus dies on the Cross |
| 6 th -Veronica wipes the face of Jesus | 13 th - Jesus is taken from the Cross |
| 7 th - Jesus falls the 2nd time | 14 th -Jesus is laid in the Sepulcher |

V. WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU,
R. BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU REDEMED THE WORLD.

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Station of the Cross - All Fridays of Lent at 6:30 followed by the 7pm 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

DO YOU KNOW ...?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who was considered the Father of many nations in the Bible? Who was called by God in the first reading this Sunday and asked to go to other land? In the second reading from Timothy, who was the one who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who were the apostles that Jesus took with him in a high mountain as mentioned in the Gospel this 2nd Sunday of Lent? When Jesus was praying on the mountain what happened to him? Who were the two persons that appeared and talking with Him? What is this musterv called? |
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Answer on last week trivia: 1. The season of Lent; 2. To Pray, Fast and Almsgiving; 3. Lent ends at sundown of Holy Thursday; 4. Jesus fasted for 40 nights and 40 days; 5. In the Desert; 6. The temptations of hedonism, egoism and materialism; 7. Jesus said, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him”; 8. The Angels came and waited on Him; 9. Have mercy, Lord, for we have sinned. 10. Paul said to the Romans “death came through sin.