

St. John XXIII Parish

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I am the
Way, the
Truth, and
the Life,
says the
Lord

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1

MAY

-the month of
Mother Mary-



Let us offer a
prayer for all
new mother.

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. JOHN OF AVILA,
PRAY FOR US**

Feast Day on May 10th



“Lord, show us the Father; and we will be satisfied.” John 14:8

“Have I been with you all this time Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, Philip ‘show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? “Believe me ... I am in the Father and the Father is in Me.”

These are the most wonderful words, that any human being, should be glad to hear. The greatest mystery revealed in all creation; that the Creator of all, lives in his creation, in the Person of Christ Jesus. What was denied to Moses in the Book of Exodus 33:20; Moses, “You cannot see my face, for no one can see my face and live,” is generously given in Jesus, for in him we see the Face of the Father. We should be very grateful for the question of Apostle Philip; “Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied.”

The Human Being in his arrogance, in wishing to put himself in the place of his Creator, had resulted in hardships and agony. Worse still, because man was not an origin in himself, in his inner being, cleaved for the Friend, whom Adam and Eve, had knowingly disobeyed. They cleaved for “The Face of God whom they had regularly encountered. “This Cleaving for the Face of God;” “The quest to see his Face,” “The desire to see God as He is,” was clearly present throughout the Old Testament. The wish to see God’s Face is expressed over 100 times in the Old Testament. (Pope. Benedict -General Audience Jan. 2013)

Something then, very extraordinary happened in the New Testament. At Christmas and in the Grotto of Bethlehem, the search for the Face of God was given an unimaginable turning point; The Face of God was seen in His Only Begotten Son! The sad spin however, was that, only a few People were attentive to recognize this Miracle; many, unlike the Shepherds and the Magi, failed to go and adore the Face of God shining through that of baby Jesus.

You can understand then the Significance of Philip’s Dialogue with Christ. Philip like everyone of else, in the Old Testament, still quested for the Face of God even though he had been beholding it, for the time they had been with Christ.

The challenge to Philip was to every human being; “Philip, believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me.”

Brothers and Sisters, once we believe in this mysterious reality, then, we are completely transformed, in the understanding of our Privilege. We are able to rejoice and are consoled, when Jesus exults us; “Let your heart not be troubled.” Jesus is Emmanuel and is announcing this to us, human beings! We feel fully secured in Him as “The Way, and the Truth and the Life.” We, then, rejoice in the Words of Apostle Peter that we are “A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”

“Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living Stone, though rejected by human beings yet chosen and precious in God’s Sight.”



– Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church-

121. What happened in the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane? (Par 612)

Despite the horror which death represented for the sacred humanity of Jesus “who is the Author of Life” (Acts 3:15), the human will of the Son of God remained faithful to the will of the Father for our salvation. Jesus accepted the duty to carry our sins in his Body “becoming obedient unto death” (Philippians 2:8).

122. What are the results of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross? 613-617; 622-623

Jesus freely offered his life as an expiatory sacrifice, that is, he made reparation for our sins with the full obedience of his love unto death. This love “to the end” (John 13:1) of the Son of God reconciled all of humanity with the Father. The paschal sacrifice of Christ, therefore, redeems humanity in a way that is unique, perfect, and definitive; and it opens up for them communion with God.

123. Why does Jesus call upon his disciples to take up their cross? 618

By calling his disciples to take up their cross and follow him Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who are to be its first beneficiaries.

124. In what condition was the body of Christ while it lay in the tomb? 624-630

Christ underwent a real death and a true burial. However, the power of God preserved his body from corruption.

“Jesus Christ descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead.”

125. What is the “hell” into which Jesus descended? 623; 637

This “hell” was different from the hell of the damned. It was the state of all those, righteous and evil, who died before Christ. With his soul united to his divine Person Jesus went down to the just in hell who were awaiting their Redeemer so they could enter at last into the vision of God. When he had conquered by his death both death and the devil “who has the power of death” (Hebrews 2:14), he freed the just who looked forward to the Redeemer and opened for them the gates of heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 06 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass - +Soledad A.

May 07 – Sunday 9:00 AM The Parishioners

12:15 PM + Belinda C.

5:30 PM + Antonia P.

May 08– Mon, 7 PM + Rosadas D.

May 09 – Tue, 9 AM Intention of Mercedes A.

May 10 – Wed, 7PM + Jose L.

May 11 – Thu, 9AM For all Souls in Purgatory

May 12 – Fri, 7PM Intention of Singampalli B.

Thanksgiving of Pete L.

May 13–Sat,9AM +Dennis E.

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Sanctuary & Chapel- Memorial Lamp +Donna M.

126. What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith? 631, 638

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

127. What are the signs that bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus? 639-644; 656-657

Along with the essential sign of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus is witnessed to by the women who first encountered Christ and proclaimed him to the apostles. Jesus then “appeared to Cephas (Peter) and then to the Twelve. Following that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brethren at one time” (1 Corinthians 15:5-6) and to others as well. The apostles could not have invented the story of the resurrection since it seemed impossible to them. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself upbraided them for their unbelief.

128. Why is the Resurrection at the same time a transcendent occurrence? 647; 656-657

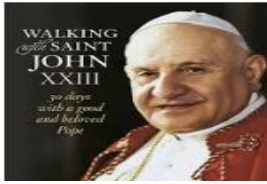
While being an historical event, verifiable and attested by signs and testimonies, the Resurrection, insofar as it is the entrance of Christ's humanity into the glory of God, transcends and surpasses history as a mystery of faith. For this reason, the risen Christ did not manifest himself to the world but to his disciples, making them his witnesses to the people.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention -May 2023 - For Church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world..”



Our Patron Saint..



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Pope John XXIII

“This is the rosary of Mary, considered in its various elements, which are linked together in vocal prayer and woven into it as in a delicate and rich embroidery, full of spiritual warmth and beauty.” *To be continued*

St. John of Avila, May 10th

John of Avila was a Spanish diocesan priest who lived 1500-1569 and was famed as a preacher, confessor and spiritual writer. He was a contemporary, friend and counsellor of great saints (such as St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of God and St. John of the Cross) and one of the most celebrated and widely esteemed spiritual masters of his time. He is best known for the works *Audi, Filia (Listen, Daughter)*, which is a guide to the spiritual life, and for his *Treaty of God’s Love*. In Spain he is honoured as the patron saint of diocesan priests. He is a Doctor of the Church. (source:slmedia.org; vatican.va)

Living with Christ May 2023 issue- Novalis

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
- 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 ...?

1. What month is considered the month of Mary?
2. Who complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the distribution of food?
3. What is the responsorial psalm sang or recited in the 5th Sunday of Easter?
4. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone, who are they referring to?
5. Who wrote the second reading this Sunday?
6. Supply the missing words in this praise ‘I am the ____, the ____, and the ____, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.’
7. Who said this, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
8. No one comes to the Father except through whom?
9. Who said this, “Lord show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.?”
10. Jesus said the one who believes in him will also do the works that He does and even will do greater works because He is going to who? †



Grant Eternal Rest to the soul of

+Jose Laurel, +Belinda Castillo, +Aurelia Paje, +Antonia Piano

Answer on last week: 1. Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven and you’ll receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; 2. Psalm 23; 3. Ascension of the Lord; 4. Pentecost; 5. Jesus; 6. Jesus said I am the gate for the sheep; 7. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.; 8. John the Evangelist; 9. I am the Good Shepherd; 10. I am the Way, the Truth & the Life, Resurrection, the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Vine & the Gate.