

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | EASTER SUNDAY | 09 April 2023



*This is the DAY the
Lord has made; let
us rejoice and be
glad.*

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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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mass will be on April 16th at 10:00AM



“And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings! “And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them “Do not be afraid: go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.!” Mathew 28:9-10

Rejoice, Heavenly Powers! Sing, Choirs of Angels. Exult, all Creation around God’s throne! Jesus Christ, Our King, is Risen! Rejoice, O Earth, in shining splendor, Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in Glory! The Risen Shines upon you!

This is the proclamation made, announcing the Holy and Great Easter Night. It is a call to be joyful as we behold and accept God’s Greatest Miracle; That moment when He rained down Graces of New Life upon the tomb and His Son rose from the dead.

Easter Festivities always begin with the “Miracle of Light;” Light illumining the darkness of Sin. On that Holy Night, Christians enter the Sanctuary with Light progressively growing brighter and brighter from a single Easter Candle.

The same reality is then repeated in the Proclaimed Readings of the Night; Readings from the Old Testament beginning in the Genesis with the Creation to the Time of Fulfillment in the New Testament. We, the disciples of Christ, listen and reflect on the Whole of Our Salvation History, as we visualized it pass, as it were on a Screen, from Creation to Redemption: Adam, Abraham, Moses, the Prophets; the Old Covenant to the New and Eternal Covenant sealed by the blood of Christ Jesus.

On this Holy Day, God’s Plan to Save us reached its Peak in its fulfillment. This is a cause of Great Joy! As we hear yet again the Words of the Angel to the women; ***“Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.”***

See after the tragic evening of Good Friday, when “the power of darkness,” seemed to have prevailed over the One who is ***“the Light of the World.”*** And while all his friends deserted Him and all seemed hopeless, Jesus remained determined to fulfill the Will of His Father. He had to fulfill all that the Scriptures had foretold about Him. He was the New Adam who unlike the first remained perfectly obedient to the Will of the Father leading him to death, death on the Cross. On Good Friday, we heard those liberating words; ***“It is Finished,”*** and with them Jesus announced the completion of his Mission. The reaction of his disciples was that of fear; They were scared, hidden behind locked doors!

You can imagine then, how they felt, when Mary Magdalene came on that Easter Morning with the news; ***“they have taken the Lord from the tomb and we do not know where they have laid him.”*** This meant the end of all hope! Anxiety propelled Peter and John to the tomb! A Race without Faith: to find out, whether, what the women had reported was true; They had removed the body. What they saw; the empty tomb, the shroud and the napkins; transformed them, as John the Evangelist wrote; they ***“saw and believed.”*** The Pilgrim Journey of Faith, from moments when anxiety, doubts and fear had

enslaved them was Illumined by the Spirit of God into Joy beyond any human fathoming.

The Events of the Day, were to become even more dramatic! That evening with the doors still closed, for the fear of the Jews, Jesus appeared to them. “Peace to you,” He greeted them. The disciples were breathless! What an amazing turn of events! ***They were in the Presence of the Risen Lord,*** We can almost see the Joy, that victory brings, shining on the Faces of the Disciples. You can almost hear them explode with the exclamation of today’s Responsorial Psalm; ***“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!”***

We should also come to this Great Joy, on this extraordinary Day, because Christ’s Victory is our Victory. And He tells us in John 14:19, ***“I live and you will live also.”***



ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA



– Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church-

111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about? 557-560; 569-570

I. At the established time Jesus chose to go up to Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the *Sanctus* of the Eucharistic liturgy:

“Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! *Hosanna* (save us!)” (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem.

“Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.”

112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus? 571-573

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemned to death? 574-576

Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason, they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.

117. Who is responsible for the death of Jesus? 595-598

The passion and death of Jesus cannot be imputed indiscriminately either to all the Jews that were living at that time or to their descendants. Every single sinner, that is, every human being is really the cause and the instrument of the sufferings of the Redeemer; and the greater blame in this respect falls on those above all who are Christians and who the more often fall into sin or delight in their vices.

118. Why was the death of Jesus part of God's plan? 599-605; 619
To reconcile to himself all who were destined to die because of sin God took the loving initiative of sending his Son that

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 08 – Saturday, 8:00PM Vigil Mass + Rosadas D.

Apr 09 – Sunday 9:00 AM Parishioners
12:15 PM + Charles B. & +Fr. Michael Brizio
5:30 PM + Danny Dabu

Apr 10– Monday, 7 PM Thanksgiving of ChiChi & CWL Intention

Apr 11 – Tuesday, 7 PM +Kyrie B. & +Francisco C.

Apr 12 – Wednesday, 7PM + Fr. Michael Brizio

Apr 13 – Thursday, 7PM The Parishioners

Apr 14 – Friday, 2PM The Parishioners

Apr 15– Saturday, 9AM
Thanksgiving of Sylvester & Monica

he might give himself up for sinners. Proclaimed in the Old Testament, especially as the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant, the death of Jesus came about “in accordance with the Scriptures”.

119. In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father? 609-609; 620

The entire life of Christ was a free offering to the Father to carry out his plan of salvation. He gave “his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45) and in this way he reconciled all of humanity with God. His suffering and death showed how his humanity was the free and perfect instrument of that divine love which desires the salvation of all people.

120. How is Jesus' offering expressed at the Last Supper? 610-611; 621

At the Last Supper with his apostles on the eve of his passion Jesus anticipated, that is, both symbolized his free self-offering and made it really present: “This is my Body which is given for you” (Luke 22:19), “This is my Blood which is poured out...” (Matthew 26:28) Thus he both instituted the Eucharist as the “memorial” (1 Corinthians 11:25) of his sacrifice and instituted his apostles as priests of the new covenant.

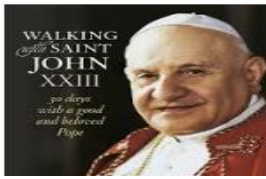
Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - April 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence

“We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



Our Patron Saint..



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

“Certainly, Venerable Brethren, when one views the faith which distinguishes the Church, the sacraments which nourish and perfect her, the universal laws and precepts which govern her, the unfailing glory that is hers by reason of the heroic virtue and constancy of so many of her elect, there can be no doubt that the Bride of Christ, so dear to her divine Redeemer, has always kept herself holy and unsullied.”

To be continued

HAPPY BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!!!

EASTER

Alleluia! is our song. For forty days in Lent, the people of God listen to his word more attentively and spend more time in prayer and penance as we seek forgiveness and conversion. At the end of Holy Week, we enter the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the dying and rising of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then, for fifty days we sing Alleluia!

Easter vigil: During Holy Saturday night, the Church celebrates the victory of Christ over sin and death. He is the light of the world, who frees us from the kingdom of darkness and brings us into his kingdom of love.

Easter Sunday is the greatest day of the Christian year. We praise God for all his wonderful works of creation and salvation, but especially for raising Jesus from the dead, and declaring him Lord. Jesus is the saviour, the centre of salvation history.

We rejoice today with all Christians, for our heavenly Father has made us sharers in the grace of his Son. By baptism we die with him, are buried with him in death and are raised with him to glory. We share in his victory and his abundant new life.

Easter week: During this week, we continue our rejoicing over the resurrection of our Lord and his victory over sin and death. The daily gospel readings this week describe occasions on which the risen Jesus appeared to his followers.

Easter season: Fifty days of Easter joy will bring us to the feast of Pentecost. God’s gift of life is complete in the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Paschal candle: During the Easter vigil, the Easter candle is prepared and lighted from the new fire. It symbolises and reminds us that Christ is the light of the world and that he is always present among his holy people. This candle is prominently displayed and is lighted for all liturgies during the Easter season.

Easter water: Water is blessed during the vigil for use in baptisms during the Easter season. This water is sprinkled over the people present at the vigil and on Easter Day as they renew their baptismal promises. We use blessed water in our homes as a reminder of our baptism, by which Jesus makes us the holy people of God.

Alleluia! is the song of the Easter season. It is a shout of joy and means “praise to God!” With Christ and all his Church, we rejoice that God has raised him up from death and has given us a share in his unending life.

Living in the Easter season: This season lasts for seven weeks or 50 days, extending between Easter and Pentecost. St. Athanasius (+373) called this period “the great Sunday”.

Easter Season - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (ccc.ca)

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

Meaning. The Easter season is a time when Christians reflect on what it means to be God’s Church, his people established in this place, witnesses to his resurrection. The new life and joy of those baptized at the Easter vigil is shared by all and we remember that it is through baptism that Jesus has made us God’s holy people.

Relation to Lent. Easter is not a continuation of Lent, but rather the time to harvest the seeds which were planted during the 40 days. Now we live as the brothers and sisters of Jesus, sharing his love with others, looking for ways to serve others and save the world.

Recognizing Christ’s presence: During the Easter season, we reflect on the many ways that Jesus is present among us.

Spring. The Easter season also means the return of spring, with its new life, flowers and the warmth of longer days.

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