

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 09, 2022

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” *St. John XXIII*

Happy Thanksgiving

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Happy Feast Day of our patron saint St. John XXIII

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 2023 is in the months of September and October 2022

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2023 is on October and November 2022

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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St. John XXIII, Pray for us

Feast Day on October 11, 2022



Jesus laments; "Ten were cleansed were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:17

The Readings of today, guide us in reflecting a noble virtue; **the virtue of Gratitude;**

Naaman in the first reading is thanking Prophet Elisha for a cleansing of leprosy, Paul in second reading is in thanking to Christ, for his Spiritual transformation and in the Gospel reading, Jesus brings to the attention of his disciples, the Samaritan who went back to give thanks after healing.

The Readings reveal to us the most noble reason why we should be thankful; In doing so, God reveals himself to us. In the first reading, Naaman the Syrian, who was a pagan, was a very successful general who had defeated all, including Israel was a Leper, desperate to get well. In contrast to his strengths, God decided to initiate his call to be healed in a humble way, through a little Jewish girl who had been taken in one of the raids against Israel, to a be servant to his wife.

"If only my master would approach the Prophet of Israel, he would cure him his skin-disease;" the girl told her mistress. Naaman believed her, but supposing that such great power could only come through the king, he presented himself to the King of Israel. The King of Israel, was angry at the request and thought that this was just a pretence to begin a war. God however sent his Prophet to the rescue of the King.

Prophet Elisha commanded Naaman through his servant to go and wash himself seven times in the Jordan; this would make him clean. Naaman was not happy at this, for he expected higher commands.

"The rivers of Damascus are better than any waters of Israel." *"Could I not bathe in them and be made clean? He turned round and went off in rage!"*

It was again, a symbol of simplicity, a servant, who again, intervened and moved Naaman toward healing! He went and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, and ***"his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child."***

Healed, Naaman rushed back, with his whole company to give thanks and gift Prophet Elisha; The Prophet refused his generous gifts.

"Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel." Naaman, the Syrian acclaimed.

God through his healing, revealed Himself to Naaman and transformed him from a situation of hopelessness, ignorance, and fear, to a reality in humility and gratitude of profession Faith in Him.

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In the Gospel Reading, in the healing of the ten lepers, the situation of the lepers like that of Naaman was hopeless. They had Leprosy and were required to stay away from the people including their loved ones. They were very fortunate though, for unlike in the case of Naaman, who came in the Presence of the Prophet of God, the Lepers were in the Presence of God, in the Person of Christ Jesus.

"Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"

They were a people of Faith; they trusted, in Christ's ability to heal them. And at his command, they obeyed and left to go to perform what was required by the Law after being healed.

What is interestingly different, is that, all but one, of those healed unlike Naaman were Israelites and they forgot gratitude. Jesus laments; ***"Ten were cleansed were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"***

The nine healed were unable, unlike the Samaritan, to recognize Jesus, not only as a Miracle healer but also Emanuel, God with us, and therefore the source of our Salvation.

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God has brought us together, again this Sunday, to recognize Him in his Word and in the Breaking of Bread. We are here today to give thanks and praise as a people of Faith. We recognize God's presence in our lives. We recognize that we have been healed, cleansed, and forgiven through Christ Jesus. We bare the status of Sons and Daughters of God. We are called to be grateful for whom we are and what we have, as an acknowledgement that all comes from, He, who truly loves us, God our Father.

- HAPPY THANKSGIVING -

Q&A – Catechism of the Catholic Church-

Q-What are the symbols of Faith?

A- [CCC 185-188;192,197] The symbols of faith are composite formulas, also called “profession of faith” or “Creeds”, with which the Church from her very beginning has set forth synthetically and handed on her own faith in a language that is normative and common to all the faithful.

Q-What are the most ancient symbols (professions) of faith?

A- [CCC 189-191] The most ancient symbols of faith are the *baptismal* creeds. Because Baptism is conferred “in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19), the truths of faith professed at Baptism are articulated in reference to the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

Q- What are the most important symbol of the faith?

A- [CCC193-195] They are the *Apostles’ Creed* which is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome and the *Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed* which stems from the first two ecumenical Councils, that of Nicea (325 A.D.) and that of Constantinople (381 A.D.) and which even to this day are common to all the great Churches of the East and the West.

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.”

Q- Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, “I believe in God”?

A- [CCC198-195] The Profession of Faith begins with these words because the affirmation “I believe in God” is the most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText (vatican.va)

Mass Intentions for the week:

Oct 08 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass

+ Efren Raymundo

Oct 09 – Sunday

9:00 AM + Cecily T.

12:15 PM + Estelita & +Jesus L.

5:30 PM The Parishioners

Oct 10– Monday, 10AM

Thanksgiving of Nelia A.

Thanksgiving of Pamintuan Family

Oct 11 – Tuesday, 9AM

Thanksgiving of Fernandes Family

Oct 12 – Wednesday, 7PM

+ Joseph A.

Oct 13 – Thursday, 9AM

+Eduardo E.

Oct 14 – Friday, 7PM

Thanksgiving of Laurel Family

Oct 15 – Saturday, 9AM

+Elena & + Gregorio C.

Memorial Lamp – Oct 1 - 7, 2022

Sanctuary Candle –

Mother Mary -

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:



Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention -October 2022 [A Church Open To Everyone](#)

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Our Patron Saint...



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

“I am able to follow my own death step by step. Now I move softly towards the end.” *To be continued*

St. John XXIII –Oct 11

Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in 1881. In 1904 he was ordained a priest and served as a secretary to the Bishop of Bergamo, then as seminary teacher, sergeant in the medical corps, military chaplain, spiritual director, and Apostolic Visitor before being appointed Bishop in 1925. In 1953 he was created a Cardinal and sent to Venice as Patriarch.

At the death of Pius XII he was elected Pope on October 28, 1958, taking the name John XXIII. His pontificate, which lasted less than five years, presented him to the entire world as an authentic image of the Good Shepherd. Meek and gentle, enterprising and courageous, simple and active, he carried out the Christian duties of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: visiting the imprisoned and the sick, welcoming those of every nation and faith, bestowing on all his exquisite fatherly care. His social magisterium in the Encyclicals *Pacem in terris* and *Mater et Magistra* was deeply appreciated.

He convoked the Roman Synod, established the Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law and summoned the Second Vatican Council. He was present as Bishop in his Diocese of Rome through his visitation of the parishes, especially those in the new suburbs. The faithful saw in him a reflection of the goodness of God and called him “the good Pope.” He was sustained by a profound spirit of prayer. He launched an extensive renewal of the Church, while radiating the peace of one who always trusted in the Lord. Pope John XXIII died on the evening of June 3, 1963, in a spirit of profound trust in Jesus and of longing for his embrace. He was canonized April 27, 2014 along with St. John Paul II. *Living with Christ, Oct 2022 ed.*

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ST. JOHN XXIII

1. What is the baptism name of St. John XXIII?
2. When was St. John XXIII elected as pope?
3. Who are the parents of St. John XXIII?
4. In what years he reigned as pope?
5. During his papacy what was this council he pushed on with his plan to preside it?
6. When was he died?
7. Before he was ordained priest, what was his assignment?

Answer on last week trivia: **1.** October 7th; **2.** St. Dominic; **3.** Luminous Mysteries; **4.** Apparition at Fatima; **5.** Birth of our Lord Jesus; **6.** 2nd Luminous mystery; **7.** Joyful Mysteries-Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of Jesus, Presentation and Finding of the child Jesus in the temple; **8.** Sorrowful mysteries; **9.** Glorious Mysteries-Resurrection, Ascension, Descend of the Holy Spirit, Assumption of Mary into heaven. Coronation of the Blessed Virgin as queen of Heaven & Earth: **10.** 59 Beads.

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.



8. Where was his birth place?
9. Who is the patron saint of our parish?
10. When was he canonized as saint?

