

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 3rd Sunday of Advent | December 11, 2022

*“May you always
be joyful in your
union with the
Lord. I say it
again Rejoice.”*

Philippians 4:4

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 Guadalupe,
Pray for us**

Feast Day on December 12, 2022



“Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your Heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgment against you, he has cast out your enemies!” *Zephaniah 3:14*

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“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.” St. Paul exalts the Philippians in the entrance antiphon of today’s Mass.

These verses lead every Catholic to the theme and mood of this 3rd Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin verb **Gaudere**; to rejoice. We are called to be Joyful. The question is; Why be joyful?

Prophet Isaiah in the first reading of today encourages even Creation to rejoice. A few verses after, he gives the motivation of this joy; **“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.”**

Yes, this is the cause of our unhindered joy; **God is in our midst**, in the Person of Christ Jesus. Remember the Message of Angel Gabriel to Mary, in the Annunciation; **“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a Son and you will name him Jesus, He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.”**

Jesus in the Gospel reading today, affirms that he is the Fulfillment of God’s Promise. This was in answer to his John the Baptist’s question; **“Are you the One who is to come, or should we wait for another?”**

Jesus responded, **“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.”**

Jesus revealed to John, the Baptist, that he is the fulfillment Isaiah 35:1-6; **“Behold your God will come ... He will come and save you ... the eyes of the blind will be opened ...”**

The One who has come among us to save us is God. May we find Joy a new in this realization. In the opening prayer of today’s Mass we asked, **“That we may attain the joys of so great a salvation and celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.”** May Christ bless you with his Peace that we may be always joyful.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.”



- Catechism of the Catholic Church-

II. The Mysteries of Jesus' Infancy and Hidden Life

[CCC 522] The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant." He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

[CCC 523] St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate Precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High," John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the Last. He inaugurates the Gospel already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom," whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah," John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

[CCC 524] When the Church celebrates the Liturgy of Advent each year, She makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Catechism of the Catholic Church -

Mass Intentions for the week:

Dec 10 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass
Thanksgiving of North Family

Dec 11 – Sunday
9:00 AM + Pedro T.

12:15 PM + Rick K.

5:30 PM The Parishioners

Dec 12– Monday, 7PM
Intention of Deepak S. & John C.

Dec 13 – Tuesday, 9AM
Speedy Recovery of Neri C.

Dec 14 – Wednesday, 7PM

Dec 15 – Thursday, 9AM

Dec 16 – Friday, 7PM

Dec 17 – Saturday, 9AM
Thanksgiving – Wed Anniversary
Roy & Jacky; Jocel & Sharon

Memorial Lamp – Dec 10-16, 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:

1. Cristina
2. Margarete
3. Denise

GAUDETE SUNDAY -

We know that in all things God works for good with those who love HIM, Those whom He has called according to HIS Purpose.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -December 2022

"We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation."

Our Patron Saint...



The Humor, Quotes and Love of 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*

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Dec 12

Today's memorial commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. Our Lady appeared four times, twice to aboriginal convert Juan Diaego, with whom she left orders to build a church and an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak, an object of great veneration, is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centres of North America. Devotion to Our Lady under this title has grown over the centuries and in 1946 Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas.

Living with Christ, Dec2022 ed.

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

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1. The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called _____.
2. What does the word “Gaudete” means?
3. What is the color of the garment “chasuble” of the priest he wore this Sunday?
4. Do you remember the responsorial Psalm, what is it?
5. In the second reading, what virtue is being emphasized like the farmer who waits for the precious crop from the earth?
6. Who wrote the second reading?
7. In the Gospel, what was the reply of Jesus when the disciples of John the Baptist ask Him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”?
8. How many candles now are lighted in the Advent wreath?
9. The gospel acclamation is “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to bring _____ ? †

Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent-

ADVENT - is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the NATIVITY of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.



Answer on last week trivia: 1. Jesse the father of David; 2. St. John the Baptist the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth; 3. Isaiah; 4. Jordan river; 5. Spirit; 6. Jesus Christ the begotten Son of God; 7. To us the non-Jews or the Gentiles; 8. Salvation of GOD; 9. The Gospel in the second Sunday of Advent is from the Gospel of Matthew: