

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 11, 2022

“Then the Father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

Luke 15:31-32

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**Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II:**

*“The Archdiocese of Toronto joins so many throughout our country and the world who are mourning the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. For 70 years, she served with dignity and grace. May her kind and faith-filled witness be fondly remembered as we pray for the repose of her soul and for all those who grieve this profound loss.”*

### ***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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Parish School-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**

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**St. John Chrysostom,  
Pray for us**

*Feast Day on September 13, 2022*

 “Son, you are always with me and all I have is yours.” (Luke 15:31)

The Parables in the Gospel Reading this Sunday, flow from the readings we have been hearing these last Sundays; The teaching of Jesus as he journeyed from Galilee to Jerusalem! After Chapter 9 verse 13, in St Luke’s Gospel, Christ’s gaze was the Cross; his Choice being the Will of His Father, His Self-Giving on the Cross for Our Salvation.

On the Way, he has been reminding his Disciples that, there is a Choice to be made; We heard him say last Sunday, “Whoever does not carry his/her Cross and follow me cannot be my disciple?” And we shall be hearing next Sunday, “No slave can serve two masters; for he will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” (Luke 16:13)

The Choice is God, whose Love for us, is equated in today’s first Parable, to that of a Foolish Shepherd who for the Love of his sheep leaves the 99 in order to save One. It is then compared to that of a Jewish Woman who turns her house upside down to recover a lost coin. The third Parable; that of the Prodigal Son, reveals God’s Love as that of an all forgiving and all loving Father who joyfully welcomes home his wasteful son; A Son who out of selfishness had spent every penny of his heritage and in the process scooped out of himself his very essence; his self-worth!

It is in this condition, of total destitution, that the young son remembers the Love and Generosity of his Father. He eventually does the right thing for the first time for self-preservation. He chooses to go back to his Father, who for all the time he was away, longed for his return. On his return, the younger son received the uncompromising love of his Father: The Prodigal Son!

Let us however, focus on the Purpose of the Parable; The reality of the older son. It is him, why Jesus gives the Parable! The older son, represented the Pharisees and the Scribes who were grumbling against Jesus; “*This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.*”

When the older brother makes his appearance in the parable, coming home from working in the fields, hearing the joyful noises from the celebration and finding out why, we read, he became very angry and refused to go in to celebrate his brother’s return.

It is the Father who comes out of the Feast to meet him and plead with him. The older brother found it simply unfair, that his good-for-nothing brother, who had squandered half of his father’s fortune, should be given a splendid feast, straight away without may be, a time of probation or penance.

This contradicted his sense of justice! His life in the field was made to look like nothing, provoking a lot of bitterness: “*Lo, these many years I have served you, I never disobeyed one of your Commands;*” he says to his Father, “*yet you never gave me a goat, that I might merry with my friends.*” (Lk 15:29)

Notice! The older brother knew nothing of the inner transformation and the wandering experienced by his brother; his journey into distant world, of his fall and his new self-discovery. What he saw was only injustice.

His accusation of the brother calling his failures by name, betrayed his inner longings that he too had dreamed “of a freedom without limit.”

Consequently his obedience of the Father, made him inwardly bitter, and this made him blind of the Love of His Father; Love that allotted true freedom he enjoyed as a Son; “*Son, you are always with me and all I have is yours.*” (Luke 15:31)

Notice: The Parable breaks off here! It does not tell us of the reaction of the Elder Brother to the Revelation of His Father.

At this is the point, the Parable passes from being a story to reality. Jesus was speaking to the Pharisee and Scribes; those most prepared to receive him but were rejecting him.

God always courted Israel and Old and New Testament give testimony to this! Jesus, God among his People, peaked this Pursuit of God of his People, but many rejected him. Those who rejected him had been blinded by the very reality that was meant to save them; The Law of Moses. Pope Benedict, in his Book Jesus of Nazareth writes, “*More than anything else, to them God was Law; they saw themselves in a juridical relationship with God and in that relationship, they thought themselves right with God.*” (Jesus of Nazareth Vol I, p. 208)

Jesus reveals to Israel and us, that God is greater; He reveals “The God of Love.” He then calls a disciple to a Relationship of Love.

## Q&A – Catechism of the Catholic Church-

### Q-What is the root of human dignity?

**A- [CCC 1699-1715]** The dignity of the human person is rooted in his or her creation in the image and likeness of God. Endowed with a spiritual and immortal soul, intelligence and free will, the human person is ordered to God and called in soul and in body to eternal beatitude.

### Q-How do we attain beatitude?

**A- [CCC 1716]** We attain beatitude by virtue of the grace of Christ which makes us participants in the divine life. Christ in the Gospel points out to his followers the way that leads to eternal happiness: the beatitudes. The grace of Christ also is operative in every person who, following a correct conscience, seeks and loves the true and the good and avoids evil.

### Q- Why are the beatitudes important for us?

**A- [CCC1716-1717; 1725-1726]** The beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching and they take up and fulfill the promises that God made starting with Abraham. They depict the very countenance of Jesus and they characterize authentic Christian life. They reveal the ultimate goal of human activity, which is eternal happiness.

### Q- What is the relationship between the beatitudes and our desire for happiness?

**A- [CCC1718-1719]** The beatitudes respond to the innate desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart in order to draw us to himself. God alone can satisfy this desire.

[Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText \(vatican.va\)](#)

### Mass Intentions for the week:

**Sep 10 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass**  
+ Soledad P.

**Sep 11 – Sunday**  
**9:00 AM** +Perfecto E.

**12:15 PM The Parishioners**  
**5:30 PM** In Memory of Prosie L.

**Sep 12 – Monday, 10AM**  
+Leonides G.

**Sep 13 – Tuesday, 9AM**  
+ Jose E.

**Sep 14 – Wednesday, 7PM**  
+ Victor, +Pabiana + Alex  
+ Ernesto B.

**Sep 15 – Thursday, 9AM**  
+ Lourдина F.

**Sep 16 – Friday, 7PM**  
+ Josephine E.

**Sep 17 – Saturday, 9AM**  
+ Isabelita dela C.

### Memorial Lamp – Sep 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:*

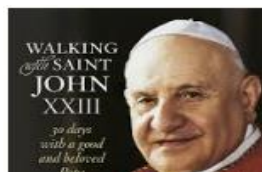


### *Pope Francis' Prayer Intention –September 2022*

**“We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, maybe legally abolished in every country.”**

**Our Patron Saint.**

**The Humor and Love of John XXIII**



**“It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about the serious problems afflicting the world and I tell myself, I must talk to the pope about it. Then the next day when I wake up I remember that I am the pope.” *To be continued .....***

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Sep 14<sup>th</sup>**

This liturgical feast has been celebrated since early times. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, two churches in Jerusalem were dedicated to the cross on this day and the occasion was commemorated annually. Adopted by the Church in Rome during the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the feast commemorates both the dedication of the original Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 and Christ’s victory over death.

*Living with Christ, September 2022 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](mailto:stjohn23do@archtoronto.org) and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.*

**CALLING YOUNG ADULTS**

Office of the Catholic Youth

Re: RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference 2022

From: Fr. Joshua Roldan, Director of Office of Catholic Youth

We are very excited to be bringing young adults together again for RENEW Toronto. RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults aged 19-39 with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. We invite young adults to unite with one another to collectively renew their hearts, renew their call and renew their community.

Saturday, November 5, 2022- 10am to 9:30pm

Canada Christian College (300 Water St. Whitby, ON)

Registration is now open! Deadline to register October 19, 2022

Website: [www.renewtoronto.org](http://www.renewtoronto.org)

Contact: [youngadult@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youngadult@ocytoronto.org)

**DO YOU KNOW .....**

1. What do you call the Latin casual planeta or the principal and most conspicuous Mass vestment of the priest?
2. What color is the priest’s vestment when the mass is for the feast day of a martyr?
3. In the preparation of the gifts during the mass, the priest put a white square cloth on the altar table, what it is called?
4. What is the prayer the priest said quietly while putting the water and wine in the chalice?
5. What is the response prayer of the faithful when the priest said the “The Lord be with you”?

**This 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday:**

6. - in what book the first reading is taken?
7. – what is the responsorial Psalm?
8. – in the Gospel this Sunday who are three main characters of the Parable of the Prodigal Son?
9. After the Gospel is proclaimed by the priest and he said “The Gospel of the Lord”, what is the response of the faithful?



**Answer on last week trivia:** 1. St. Joseph the Worker; 2. whatever you do, work at it with **all your heart** as though you were working for the Lord and not for people; 3. A fisherman; 4. St. Luke the Evangelist; 5. **St. Matthew**; 6. Well, whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do it all for **the Lord**; 7. God saw all that he had made, and it was **very good** and there was evening, and there was morning... 8. All **hard work** brings profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.