

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | CORPUS CHRISTI | 12 June 2023



My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. [Spiritual Communion]

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have Mercy on us.

May our hearts be like unto thine.



Feast day JUNE 16th, 2023

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
Parish School-

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THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

(June 17th)

Pray for us.

"My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me"



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats of this bread will live forever. Alleluia. As the Living Father sent me and I draw Life from the Father, so whoever eats me will also draw life from me.." (Jn. 6:51-52,57)

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Corpus Christi; A Celebration that is a striking reminder and actualization of God’s Infinite Love made manifest on the Altar of the Cross. Not only did the Son of God die for our Salvation, but also, in his Divine Power, left to his Church the Power of repeating that same Sacrifice of his death and resurrection in each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated.

It was the Will of Christ, to celebrate the Last Supper with his disciples, as He tells them; ***“I have ardently longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because I tell you, I shall not eat it again, until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.”***

Then, we read in the Gospel of Matthew, that ***“While they were at Supper, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the everlasting Covenant. It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven.” (Mt 26:26-28)***

The Church, from its very beginning, as testified by St Paul, in his Letter to Thessalonians, acknowledges that Our Savior instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; with these Words to be celebrated until the end of times; ***“whenever you eat this bread, then, and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord’s death until he comes.”***

Understanding these Words of Christ, the Church Professes that, in the Celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the Power of the Holy Spirit!

In the Words of John Paul II on his Letter on the Eucharist says; ***“In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey!”***

St. Thomas, meditating on the richness of this Mystery, in the reading that bishops, priests, deacons recite in the Morning of Corpus Christi, proclaims; ***“How precious and wonderful is this banquet, which brings us salvation and is full of all delight? What could be more precious? It is not the meat of calves that is offered, as happened under the Old Law; at this meal Christ, the true God, is set before us for us to eat! What could be more wonderful than this sacrament?***

Jesus nourishes us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist because we absolutely need Him to have the Fullness of Life. His teaching is clear and unmistakable: ***“If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and Drink his Blood you have no life in You.”***

The Consequence of eating of his flesh is an extraordinary union with the Divine; ***“As the Living Father sent me and I draw Life from the Father, so whoever eats me will also draw life from me. (Jn 6:57)***

We are called to have Faith in the Eucharist, and this Faith has been tested ever since its institution! In John, we hear the Jews and some of his disciples complain; ***“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”*** The Gospel tells us, after this, many of his disciples went away and no longer went about with him. So, Jesus challenged the twelve: ***“What about you, do you want to go away too?”***

Simon Peter answered Him, ***“Lord to whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal life!” ... and we believe ...that you are the Holy One of God.”***

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On our pilgrim journey on this earth, the Eucharist is the source of Divine Life. In every moment, it is celebrated, Christ consoles us and as in the story of Prophet Elijah in the Old Testament; who had sought refuge in the wilderness for fear of his enemies; tired and frustrated, he opted to die. An Angel of God awoke him from sleep and consoled him with Food from Heaven! At Communion, we should hear the same words, whispered to Prophet Elijah by the Angel: ***“Arise and eat, else the journey be too great for you.”***



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

271. What is the Eucharist? 1322-1323;1409

The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus, he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist? 1323;1337-1340

Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday “the night on which he was betrayed” (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.

273. How did he institute the Eucharist? 1337-1340;1365,1406

After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, “Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you”. Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, “Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me”.

274. What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church? 1324-1327; 1407

It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.

275. What are the names for this sacrament? 1328-1332

The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and Holy Communion.

To be continued.....
[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jun 10 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –
+ Armando A.
- Jun 11 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Gregorio & +Elena C.
12:15 PM The Parishioners
5:30 PM + Ugo I.
- Jun 12– Mon, 7 PM +Leonore P.
- Jun 13 – Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
+Elizabeth T.
- Jun 14 –Wed,7 PM +Arthur M.
- Jun 15 – Thu, 9AM +Parishioners
- Jun 16 – Fri, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Laurelle S.
- Jun 17 – Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving of Jeremiah B.

Memorial Lamp – Sanctuary – Intention of Mary T. Chapel * Virgin Mary

CORPUS CHRISTI

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA & Canada, on the Sunday following that feast. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

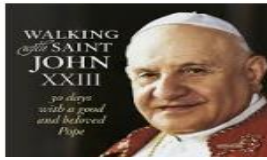
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Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention - June 2023 - For the Abolition of Torture

“We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.”



Our Patron Saint..



QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

“Following our predecessors’ example we have taken further steps to promote the devotion to the Precious Blood of the unblemished Lamb, Jesus Christ. We have approved the Litany of the Precious Blood drawn up by the Sacred Congregation of Rites and through special indulgences have encouraged its public and private recitation throughout the Catholic world.”

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=1157picpew.com/join-together-the-message-of-jolly->

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 16th

The heart of Jesus is adored as a symbol of his threefold love; human, spiritual and divine. In the Old Testament, this love is described as a father’s love for his children or a husband’s for his wife. In the New Testament, the promise of living water, the Holy Spirit, is fulfilled in the pierced heart of the Messiah. Our modern understanding of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been shaped by the visions experienced by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. In Modern times, the image of the Sacred Heart in the home has become a sign that the love of Jesus rules over the family. In 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 17th

The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is closely linked with that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Although popular devotion began in the 17th century, it was in 1805 that permission was given for a feast of the Pure Heart of Mary. In 1944 the feast was instituted in the Western Church. Since then, popes have on numerous occasions consecrated the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mary’s sanctity and her love as the Mother of God are signified by her immaculate heart.

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DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. What feast is celebrated on Thursday after Trinity Sunday but for some churches it is celebrated Sunday?
2. This Sunday the gospel was written by whom?
3. The Sacrament of the Most Holy Body and Blood is known in different names, give at least 3 names?
4. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?
5. What is the Responsorial Psalm at the feast of Corpus Christi?
6. Fill in the missing words from the Gospel Acclamation- “I am the _____, come down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats of this bread will _____.”

Answer on last week: 1. Feast of the Most Holy Trinity; 2. God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life; 3. The doctrine of the Trinity teaches that there is one nature in God, and that there are two processions, three persons, four relations that constitute the Blessed Trinity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; 4. Isaiah 63:7-10; Mt 28:19; Mt 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:21-22; Romans 5:1-5, Isaiah 48:16; John 6:27; Romans 1:7; 5. **Glory & Praise forever**; 6. **Father Son, Holy Spirit**; 7. **“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful & gracious, slow to anger, & abounding in steadfast love & faithfulness with you”**; 8. Paul said to put things in order, agree with one another, live in peace; & the God of love & peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- 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

GOOD NEWS:

- **The Sunday Liturgy for the kids is back this June. Please bring your kids in the 12:15pm Sunday Mass;**
 - **The Seniors Group breakfast return last Thursday after the 9am Mass. It is held every 2nd Thursday of the month;**
- JOIN AND HAVE FUN!!!**