

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 3rd SUNDAY of LENT | 12 March 2023



**Lord, you are truly the
Saviour of the world; give
me living water, that I may
never be thirsty.**

**Prayer*

**Fasting*

**Almsgiving*

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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**St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
PRAY FOR US.**

Feast Day on March 18th



"If you knew the Gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you Living Water." John 4-10

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent; Year A. We begin a series of Gospel Readings from St. John's Gospel of profound significance in the revelation of Jesus to his disciples. The Gospel Readings of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent Year A, are very important to us, as they are to the Catechumens, who will be celebrating the Scrutinies.

John the Evangelist, in every of these episodes, provides us with a witness in the in the process of growth in Faith as Jesus, revealed himself to them; This Sunday, Jesus reveals himself as the Source of the Living Water to the Samaritan Woman. Next Sunday as the Light of the World to the Man born Blind and then as the Resurrection and the Life in raising of Lazarus to Martha.

The first reading of today, opens this Sunday's theme, with the People of Israel in a big problem; In the desert and with no water! ***"Why did you bring us up out of the land of Egypt to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?"*** The journey in the desert had been trying for the Israelites, and thirst, in the passage today tempts the People of God, not only to doubt the intentions of Moses but also the very Existence of God who had miraculously freed them from Egypt and sustained them in the Desert. We read; ***"They put the Lord to the proof by saying, 'Is the Lord in our Midst or Not?" Ex. 17:7***

Even Moses, at Massah and Meribah, in front of that dry, dead rock, is presented in Book of Numbers as having doubted; striking the rock twice!

God, however despite human doubt, proved to his People that, He alone is their dependable provider! Even in this occurrence when the people were hostile and the situation hopeless God provided a necessity of life from the most unlikely place; ***"I will be standing there in front of you on the rock of Horeb, He assured Moses!" Moses struck the Rock and from it gushed "Life giving Water!"***

Thirst is also the starting point in today's Gospel passage, Jesus tired and thirsty sits by the well and the Samaritan Woman comes to draw water to quench her thirst. We read in the Preface of our Mass today- ***"So ardently did the Lord thirst for her Faith, that He kindled in her the fire of Divine Love."***

"Tired from the Journey," and "Thirsty," Jesus sits down by the well. The Samaritan Woman, so tried by life, weighed down by the misery of her choices and terrified by the consequences of her sins, resolved to get to the well, at noon, when it was hot and therefore unlikely that anyone would see her! So desperate was she! Six were the number of relationships she had, had and in none of these did she find what she was searching for. Here then came the 7th Man; Could she have finally found one who would bring "the fulfillment" of her deepest longing and desires?

The Gospel reading reveals to us today that her thirst for Physical Water turned to be a Journey of Faith in which Her Messiah and Savior came to her and face to face gradually revealed Himself to Her.

Finally, the Samaritan Woman said; ***"I know that Messiah is coming, he who is called Christ; when he comes he will show us all things!"***

Jesus responded; ***"I who speak to you I am He!"***

Notice that Jesus uses the "I Am" revealed to Moses by God as His Name to be given to the Israelites in Exodus 3:14!

The Samaritan Woman journey of Faith was complete; having journeyed from moments of no Faith, to moments of Partial Faith and finally to the moment of Fullness of Faith with Its Proclamation; ***"Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"***



– Catechism of the Catholic Church–

Article 2 “AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD”

I. JESUS [430] – Jesus means in Hebrew: “God saves.” At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, “will save his people from their sins” in Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men.

[431] – In the history of salvation God was not content to deliver Israel “out of the house of bondage” by bringing them out of Egypt. He also saves them from their sin. Because sin is always an offence against God, only he can forgive it. For this reason Israel, becoming more and more aware of the universality of sin, will no longer be able to seek salvation except by invoking the name of the Redeemer God.

[432] – The name “Jesus” signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son, made man for the universal and definitive redemption from sins. It is the divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke his name, for Jesus united himself to all me through his Incarnation, so that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

[433] – The name of the Saviour God was invoked only once in the year by the high priest in atonement for the sins of Israel, after he had sprinkled the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies with the sacrificial blood, the mercy seat was the place of God’s presence. When St. Paul speaks of Jesus whom “God put forward as an expiation by his blood”, he means that in Christ’s humanity “God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.”

[434] –Jesus’ Resurrection glorifies the name of the Saviour God, for from that time on it is the name of Jesus that fully manifests the supreme power of the “name which is above every name. The evil spirits fear his name; in his name his disciples perform miracles, for the Father grants all they ask

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 11 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass
+ Donna M.

Mar 12 – Sunday
9:00 AM Parishioners
12:15 PM +Conchita & Leoncio A.
5:30 PM CWL Intention

Mar 13– Monday, 7 PM
+ Rodolfo Sr. N.

Mar 14 – Tuesday, 9AM
Thanksgiving of Tess G.

Mar 15 – Wednesday, 7PM
Thanksgiving & Healing of Julie B.

Mar 16 – Thursday, 9AM
+ Evaristo & + Victor L.
+ Herberto & + Simeona M.

Mar 17 – Friday, 7PM
+ Francis & + Olive L.
+ Joemar S.

Mar 18– Saturday, 9AM
Thanksgiving of Pedro R.

Memorial Lamp – Mar 11-March 17, 2023
Sanctuary Candle –
Mother Mary -
Chapel Candle -

in this name.

[435] – The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayers. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words “through our Lord Jesus Christ”, the Hail Mary reaches its high point in the words “blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus: the Eastern prayer of the heart, the Jesus Prayer, says: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word “Jesus” on their lips.

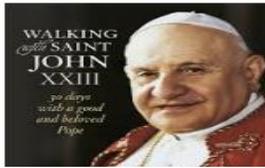
[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – **For victims of abuse** *March 2023*

“We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.”



Our Patron Saint..



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

“In the hour of farewell, or, better, of leave-taking, I repeat once more that what matters most in this life is: our blessed Jesus Christ, his holy Church, his Gospel, and in the Gospel above all else the Our Father according to the mind and heart of Jesus, and the truth and goodness of his Gospel, goodness which must be meek and kind, hardworking and patient, unconquerable and victorious.”
To be continued

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, March 18th

Cyril was born in Jerusalem about 315. He became a biblical scholar and a cleric in the church of Jerusalem, a church troubled by many doctrinal controversies, including Arianism. Ordained about 342, he became Bishop of Jerusalem in 350. His famous Lenten instructions, *Catecheses*, outline his beliefs and the theological traditions of the Jerusalem community. He died in Jerusalem 387.

Living with Christ, Mar 2023 edition

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Station of the Cross - All Fridays of Lent at

6:30 followed by the 7pm 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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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| <p>1st- Jesus is condemned to Death</p> <p>2nd- Jesus carries His Cross</p> <p>3rd - Jesus falls the 1st time</p> <p>4th - Jesus meets His sorrowful mother</p> <p>5th - Simon helps Jesus carry the Cross</p> <p>6th - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus</p> <p>7th- Jesus falls the 2nd time</p> | <p>8th -The women weep over Jesus</p> <p>9th - Jesus Falls the 3rd time</p> <p>10th- Jesus is stripped of His garments</p> <p>11th- Jesus is nailed to the cross</p> <p>12th -Jesus dies on the Cross</p> <p>13th- Jesus is taken from the Cross</p> <p>14th-Jesus is laid in the Sepulcher</p> |
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**V. WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU,
R. BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU REDEMED THE WORLD.**

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. In the first reading this Sunday, to whom the Israelites complained in their journey from Egypt to Israel?
2. What was the instruction of the Lord to Moses on how to provide the water to his thirsty people?
3. What was the place called where the children of Israel quarreled and tested the Lord?
4. In the second from the letter to the Romans, what was poured into our hearts?

5. Where was Jesus rested because he was tired out by his journey as mentioned in the gospel?
6. Who came to draw water in the well?
7. What did Jesus requested to the woman?
8. What kind of water did Jesus offered to the woman?
9. What was revealed by Jesus to the woman about himself? †

Answer on last week trivia: **1.** Abraham; **2.** Abram; **3.** Christ Jesus; **4.** Peter, James & John; **5.** Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white; **8.** Moses and Elijah; **9.** This Gospel is called the Transfiguration.