

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 6th SUNDAY of EASTER | 14 May 2023



**I will not
leave you
orphaned; I
am coming
to you.**

**“All who love me will keep my
word, and my Father will love
them, and we will come to them.”**

John 14:1

MAY

-the month of
Mother Mary-



**Let us offer a
prayer for
increase in
Vocation.**

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

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ST. MATTHIAS (May 14th) & **ST. JOHN I,** (May 18th)
PRAY FOR US

“Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry which Judas left to go where he belongs.” Acts 1:24



“Everyone who love is begotten by God and knows God.”
“Whoever is without love does not know God.” 1 John 4:7-8

Happy Mothers’ Day to all Mothers. It is right that we celebrate Mothers; the 1st Vessel of Life and Love in our lives. In the midst of all, that goes on around us, God enabled Mothers to be Consolers, in the assurance of Love. Mothers are ***“Love Filling Stations!”*** They are reservoirs of Love, where, sons and daughters go with certitude of being loved and accepted without judgment. Mothers help us satisfy almost every hunger. Once, St. Mother Teresa said, ***“Being unwanted, uncared for, unloved, forgotten by everyone, I think, is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty, than having nothing to eat.”*** Good Mothers satisfy many of these hungers or thirsts, in absolute self-giving! Let us, then thank God for the Gift, Mothers are to humanity.

The Love of a mother, is dispensable because of the reality of our being; we are beings, created out of Love and for Love. Our Origins is God, and as St John affirms, God is Love. This is why John concludes; ***“Everyone who love is begotten by God and knows God.”*** ***“Whoever is without love does not know God.”***

Love is the Mission for a Christians, as Jesus urges; ***“As the father loves me, so I also love you, remain in my Love.”*** Jesus continues; ***“Whoever loves me will keep my Word, and the Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words.”***

These Words are challenging but there a consolation in them, that should not go unnoticed; ***“... and we will come to him and make our home with him.”*** The Disciple who holds fast to love, experiences an unending flow of Divine Love; The outcome of the experience is Peace; Peace that is real and unique; ***“A Peace that the world cannot give.”*** Those among us who have been or are in relationships grounded in Love, will agree that love is uplifting. When faithfully practiced, love glitters to those who witness it!

Loving is however a very hard reality, especially where self-giving is absent!

This is why every disciple, requires a helper; an advocate, the consoler: The Holy Spirit; whom the Father sends in Christ’s Name! He is the One who guides us the Church. He is the One, Jesus tells us “Who leads us to complete Truth; God Himself!”

Let us ask the Lord for Strength to persevere to the end.



– Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church-

121. What happened in the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane? (Par 612)

Despite the horror which death represented for the sacred humanity of Jesus “who is the Author of Life” (Acts 3:15), the human will of the Son of God remained faithful to the will of the Father for our salvation. Jesus accepted the duty to carry our sins in his Body “becoming obedient unto death” (Philippians 2:8).

122. What are the results of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross? 613-617; 622-623

Jesus freely offered his life as an expiatory sacrifice, that is, he made reparation for our sins with the full obedience of his love unto death. This love “to the end” (John 13:1) of the Son of God reconciled all of humanity with the Father. The paschal sacrifice of Christ, therefore, redeems humanity in a way that is unique, perfect, and definitive; and it opens up for them communion with God.

123. Why does Jesus call upon his disciples to take up their cross? 618

By calling his disciples to take up their cross and follow him Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who are to be its first beneficiaries.

124. In what condition was the body of Christ while it lay in the tomb? 624-630

Christ underwent a real death and a true burial. However, the power of God preserved his body from corruption.

“Jesus Christ descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead.”

125. What is the “hell” into which Jesus descended? 623; 637

This “hell” was different from the hell of the damned. It was the state of all those, righteous and evil, who died before Christ. With his soul united to his divine Person Jesus went down to the just in hell who were awaiting their Redeemer so they could enter at last into the vision of God. When he had conquered by his death both death and the devil “who has the power of death” (Hebrews 2:14), he freed the just who looked forward to the Redeemer and opened for them the gates of heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 13 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass - +Donna M. +Petra P.

May 14 – Sunday 9:00 AM CWL Intention
12:15 PM + Bernice L. & + Pedro A.

5:30 PM + The Parishioners

May 15– Mon, 7 PM Thanksgiving Lorenzo & Connie

May 16 – Tue, 9 AM +Bruno C.

May 17 – Wed, 7PM + Alicia B.

May 18 – Thu, 9AM Thanksgiving of Veronica G.

May 19 – Fri, 7PM +Jose L.

May 20 – Sat,9AM +Aurora E.

Sanctuary & Chapel- Thanksgiving of Pete & Fely L.

126. What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith? 631, 638

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

127. What are the signs that bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus? 639-644; 656-657

Along with the essential sign of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus is witnessed to by the women who first encountered Christ and proclaimed him to the apostles. Jesus then “appeared to Cephas (Peter) and then to the Twelve. Following that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brethren at one time” (1 Corinthians 15:5-6) and to others as well. The apostles could not have invented the story of the resurrection since it seemed impossible to them. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself upbraided them for their unbelief.

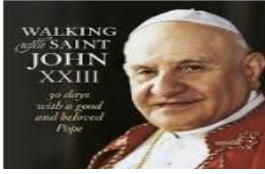
128. Why is the Resurrection at the same time a transcendent occurrence? 647; 656-657

While being an historical event, verifiable and attested by signs and testimonies, the Resurrection, insofar as it is the entrance of Christ's humanity into the glory of God, transcends and surpasses history as a mystery of faith. For this reason, the risen Christ did not manifest himself to the world but to his disciples, making them his witnesses to the people.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention -May 2023 - For Church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world..”



Our Patron Saint..**Prayer for Strength - Pope John XXIII**

“Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come. This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my Courage and to overcome any fear. By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.”

St. Matthias, May 14th

The Acts of the Apostles (1.15-26) tells us that Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Peter, quoting a psalm, told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who could join them bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and the assembly cast lots, the lot falling to Matthias.

St. John I, May 18th

When John I became pope in 523, Italy was ruled by an Arian, Theodoric the Goth, who had reversed his policy to tolerance toward Christians because of trouble between Rome and the emperor of Constantinople, Justin I. When his subjects appealed to him, Theodoric organized a delegation to negotiate with the emperor and ordered a reluctant Pope John to head the mission. Enthusiastically received, John did win some concessions, but Theodoric was not satisfied. In 526, when the delegation returned to Ravenna, the pope and his entourage were imprisoned. John died soon after, probably of starvation.

Living with Christ May 2023 issue- Novalis

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. Who went to Samaria and proclaimed Christ to them?
2. When the Samaritan were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, who were sent to them and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit?
3. When is the feast of Pentecost?
4. In the second reading, who encouraged the faithful to sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts?
5. Fill in the missing words from the Gospel Acclamation- “All who _____ me will keep my _____ and my _____ will love them, and we will _____ to them.”
6. What will the disciples do if they love Jesus?
7. What was promised by Jesus to them?
8. To whom Jesus will reveal himself?
9. The gospel in the 6th Sunday of Easter was taken from what book?
10. What title was given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after she appeared to the 3 shepherd children in Fatima. Portugal?

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
- 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

Announcements:

- May 27th at 11am – Confession for Confirmation candidates
- May 28th at 10am – Confirmation Day

CONGRATULATIONS!

**TO OUR 26 CONFIRMANDI WHO WILL
RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION ON MAY 28th at 10am.**

Answer on last week: 1. May; 2. The Hellenists; 3. Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.; 4. Jesus; 5. Peter; 6. Way, Truth, Life; 7. Thomas; 8. Jesus who is the WAY; 9. Philip; 10. Jesus is going to the Father.