

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 2nd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time | 15 January 2023

The Word became
flesh and lived among
us. To all who received
Him, he gave the
power to become
children of God.

John 1.14,12

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. Anthony,
PRAY FOR US.
Feast Day on January 17th**



“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him, He will bring forth Justice to the Nations;” Isaiah 42:1-2

Last Sunday, with the Celebration of Epiphany, Christmas Season was finally over, bringing a bit of the feeling of nostalgia; the beautiful experience is over! Well, there is a reality that is certain, that with the New Year is still young, and can look forward to celebrating beautiful experiences that are bound to come!

All in all, last Monday, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord, a defining moment in the Life of Jesus, who appeared in public after a long time in the silence of his home in Nazareth! With his Baptism, Jesus revealed that he was the Fulfillment of Isaiah 42:1-2. ***“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him, He will bring forth Justice to the Nations;”***

After Baptism, we read, Jesus was revealed to us, not by the Angels as in the case of the Shepherd at Christmas Night, and not by the Star as in the case of the Magi, at Epiphany, but by Voice of God, the Father; ***“This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”*** Jesus, in his Baptism, accepted his Mission. This was well put but Pope Benedict Sixteenth, in his Book, Jesus of Nazareth, when he wrote; ***“He loaded the burden of all human guilt upon his shoulders ... in anticipation of the Cross.”***

In today’s Gospel, this second Sunday of the Church year, Jesus is revealed, in the testimony of the One who was to be his earthly proclaimer according to prophecy; John the Baptist. John had spent his Youth and early adulthood, living as a hermit in the desert of Judah. His style of life and preaching had many think, that he was the Messiah, which he strongly denied; exalting the one who was to come after Him; ***“I am not even worthy to be lowest slave; I am not worthy to untie his shoes.”***

The Jews were getting more and more impatient with John, so they raised the questions; ***“who are you?” “Then are you, Elijah?” “Are you the Prophet?” “What have you to say about yourself because we must take an answer to those who sent us?”***

John responded; ***“I am, as Isaiah prophesied; a voice of one that cries in the desert: prepare a way for the Lord!”***

The Jews were not satisfied with this, so they asked Him; ***“Why are you baptizing if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah and not the Prophet?”***

He responded; ***“I baptize with water; but standing among you- unknown to you- is the one who is coming after me!”***

In the Gospel today, John completes his Mission; He revealed to his People who Jesus was, according to the Prophecy; ***Jesus was the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World. He is the One upon whom the Spirit descended; He was the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.***

Jesus was the “Lamb of God! ...” The Lamb associated with Isaiah’s suffering servant. He was the lamb that would lead the flock of God’s people; the Passover Lamb, that saved God’s People. This Lamb was the Core of the sacrificial rites of communion that brought about reconciliation after sin, and re-established the union of God and His Peoples. “

What this meant was that, the traditional way of gaining pardon and communion had been elevated through the lamb of God; who is the one through whom God entered the human history, concretely, offering it reconciliation with Him.

We are blessed indeed, because we believe in Jesus, the Son of God, whose intimacy with the Father enables us to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire.

Sisters, and Brothers, in the Mass today as always, the priest raises the consecrated host and wine and repeats the words of John the Baptist: ***“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;”*** This is a proclamation of Faith in the One who lives among us.

Let us pray that we the Holy Spirit may leads us deeper and deeper to the experience of being “beloved sons and daughters of God. May He increase Our Faith!



– Catechism of the Catholic Church–

Paragraph 2. “Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”

I. CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...

[CCC 484] The Annunciation to Mary inaugurates “the fullness of time”. The time of the fulfilment of God’s promises and preparations. Mary was invited to conceive him in whom the “whole fullness of deity” would dwell “bodily”. The divine response to her question, “How can this be, since I know not man?”, was given by the power of the Spirit: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you.

[CCC 485] The mission of the Holy Spirit is always conjoined and ordered to that of the Son. The Holy Spirit, “the Lord, the giver of Life”, is sent to sanctify the womb of the Virgin Mary and divinely fecundate it, causing her to conceive the eternal Son of the Father in a humanity drawn from her own.

[CCC 486] The Father’s only Son, conceived as man in the womb of the Virgin Mary, is “Christ”, that is to say, anointed by the Holy Spirit, from the beginning of his human existence, though the manifestation of this fact takes place only progressively: to the shepherds, to the magi, to John the Baptist, to the disciples. Thus the whole life of Jesus Christ will make manifest “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.”

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 14 – Saturday, 7:00PM Vigil Mass

+ Richard M.

Jan 15 – Sunday

9:00 AM The Parishioners

12:15 PM +Aida D.

5:30 PM Intention of Sunga Family

Jan 16– Monday, 7 PM

Thanksgiving of Danna Q.

Jan 17 – Tuesday, 9AM

Intention of Lucy & Dave

Jan 18 – Wednesday, 7PM

Parishioners

Jan 19 – Thursday, 9AM

Parishioners

Jan 20 – Friday, 7PM

+ Gregorio & + Elena C.

Thanksgiving B-day of Jacob V.

Jan 21 – Saturday, 9AM

Thanksgiving of Robert & Marjorie

Memorial Lamp – Jan 14-21, 2023

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

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – January 2023

“We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.”



Our Patron Saint...

The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

"I want to throw open the windows of the Church so that we can see out and the people can see in." *To be continued*

St. Anthony, January 17

St. Anthony had a profound influence on the history of monasticism. Much of what we know about Anthony comes from a biography of him written by Saint Anthonasius. Anthony was born into a wealthy Christian family in Upper Egypt about 251. Both his parents died while he was a teenager; Anthony gave away his inheritance and became a hermit. After years of solitude, he emerged to gather the ascetics who had followed him into a community. This was the beginning of Christian monasticism, with Anthony's understanding of monastic life soon taking root elsewhere.

In 311, Anthony went to Alexandria to encourage the Christians there who were being persecuted. In 355, he returned to Alexandria to help his close friend Bishop Athanasius in the struggle against Arianism. Anthony died on January 17, 356, well known for his holiness, wisdom and asceticism.

Living with Christ, Jan 2023 edition

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

1. What did the Lord said to Isaiah in Isaiah 49.3?
2. This Sunday there is a beautiful Psalm, what it is?
3. In the second reading, St. Paul addressed to what community of believers?
4. What was the message of Paul to the church of God in Corinth?
5. In John 1.14,12, who was the Word became flesh that John the evangelist is referring to?
6. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, what was he declared?
7. In the gospel reading, what was symbolize by the dove?
8. What are the other symbols or images of the Holy Spirit as mentioned in the different books of the bible?

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS †

For Roman Catholics the sign of the cross is made using your right hand, you should touch your forehead at the mention of the **FATHER the lower middle of your chest at the mention of the **SON**; and the left shoulder on the word **"Holy"** and the right shoulder on the word **"Spirit"**.**

Answer on last week trivia: 1. Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus to the world. It is also called Theophany, which means the manifestation of God; 2. Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6th; 3. King Herod; 4. The Star; 5. Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh; 6 The three kings came from Tarshish, Sheba and Seba the New; 7. They saw the child with Mary his mother; 8. "Lord every nations on earth will adore you.