

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 18 June 2023

**“THE HARVEST IS  
PLENTIFUL, BUT THE  
LABOURERS ARE FEW;  
THEREFORE ASK THE  
LORD OF THE HARVEST  
TO SEND OUT  
LABOURERS INTO HIS  
HARVEST.”**

### God, our Father

Bless these men, that they may find strength as fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

-Author Unknown

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

### 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 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 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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## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

(June 24th)

**Pray for us.**

**“I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Matthew.3:14**



***“Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons.”*** (Mt. 10:8)

**Happy Fathers’ Day** to all dads today. We dedicate you all to the Lord. May He bless you exceedingly according to his will. Indeed, when God, the Father, sent His Son Jesus into the World to save us, He entrusted him to an Earthly Father; St Joseph; Who was exemplary, obedient, and generous.

Fatherhood is a Vocation, Pope Francis would write; For men to exist, and are complete and mature, they are to feel the joy of Fatherhood. When a man does not have this desire, something is missing in that it is like incomplete life. The Pope gave St. Joseph as the model to all Fathers; His great Mission was to be a Guardian.

We pray for all Fathers.

In the first reading, this Sunday, God leads the People of Israel, as a Father, to the foot of Mt. Sinai. He was to constitute them, there, as a People and a Nation, with Him as their King. The Author of the Genesis, reveals to us that they were in the wilderness of sin. If they were to remain faithful, they were to keep their memories alive, in the deeds that the Lord had so far done for them; ***“Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on the eagles’ wings and brought you to myself!”***

If the Israelites remained faithful to the Covenant, they were about to make with the Lord, God promised that they would be his **“treasured possession.”**

Israel, however, failed the Lord, miserably but He did not give up on them; He had a Mission to complete!

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus, the fulfillment of the Promise of the Father, sympathizes with his people; they were ***“harassed and helpless.”***

He sets out to inaugurate the new Israel by choosing his Apostles according to the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. He sends them to proclaim the Kingdom and console his People; ***“Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons.”***

Brothers and sisters, the love and concern of God, for us is unquestionable. He longs for us and pursues us because we are his sons and daughters. St Paul in the 2nd reading, reminds us, that God did this even when we were unfaithful; while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Let us respond to the beaconing of Our Heavenly Father, with even great generosity.



**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 17 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –  
+ Alfonso & Edwardo P. & CWL Intention
- Jun 18 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Leonardo T.  
12:15 PM +Cipriana A.  
5:30 PM The Parishioners
- Jun 19– Mon, 7 PM +Joemar S.
- Jun 20 – Tue, 9 AM +Genito M. 40<sup>th</sup> day of passing  
+ Benjie R. 9<sup>th</sup> day of passing
- Jun 21 –Wed,7 PM +Noel Sr. T.
- Jun 22 – Thu, 9AM +Edwardo D.
- Jun 23 – Fri, 7 PM +Visitacion D.  
Thanksgiving B-day of Cora deV.
- Jun 24 – Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving of Jane dG.  
+ Emilia S.

Memorial Lamp –  
\*Sanctuary – \*Chapel - \*Virgin Mary-



**ST. JOSEPH, Pray for all Fathers  
- Patron saint of Fathers-**

**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...



**“It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.”**

QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

### St. John the Baptist, June 24<sup>th</sup>

John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, “It is I who need baptism from you.”

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

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### DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. Who was the father and mother of John the Baptist?
2. How John the Baptist and Jesus related to each other?
3. The first reading this Sunday was taken from what book?
4. After the second reading was read by the lector and said “The word of the Lord”, what should the response of the people?
5. What is the Responsorial Psalm this Sunday?
6. Fill in the missing words from the Gospel Acclamation- “The Kingdom of God has come near: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the good news.”
7. In the Gospel, Jesus names the 12 disciples, who are they and what was the mission that Jesus instructed them to do?

**Answer on last week:** 1. Feast of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ; 2. John the Evangelist; 3. Holy Eucharist, Corpus Christi; Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, The Holy Communion; 4. Last Supper before His Passion on the Cross; 5. Praise the Lord Jerusalem; 6. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

### 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](mailto: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 backed this first Sunday of June. Please bring your kids every Sunday in the 12:15pm Sunday Mass;
- The Seniors Group breakfast returns. It is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month;

**JOIN AND HAVE FUN!!!**