

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 18, 2022

“Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones.”

Luke 16:10

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 2023 is in the months of September and October 2022

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2023 is on October and November 2022

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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St. Padre Pio, Pray for us

Feast Day on September 23, 2022



“Hear this, you who trample the needy ... ‘The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob, never will I forget a thing they have done!’” (Amos 8:6-7)

“When will the new moon be over, so that we can sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?... We will measure out less and charge more, and tamper with the scales?”

“Minimum input for Maximum gain!” I suppose these words sound familiar! This is a philosophy that has governed commerce for years, to our day; Many economic systems adhere to it, in pursuit of profit.

It is true that when we go to the stores today, commodities are already pre-packaged and pre-weighed and no one questions the weight shown on the commodities; we just buy in trust and go home.

Prophet Amos, in the 1st Reading, cries out against those merchants who knowingly exploit the helpless poor, out of greed. He disapproved, even greater vigor, those merchants who carefully abode by the Laws governing the Sabbath yet took every opportunity to exploit the helpless!

“We will buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and even/ sell the refuse of wheat!” Amos 9:6

Here is the Verdict of the Creator and Father of all; **“Hear this, you who trample the needy ... ‘The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob, never will I forget a thing they have done!’”** (Amos 8:6-7)

Good relationship with God, necessarily required, a just and honest relationship with a neighbor!

The Gospel Reading today, surprises and shocks many when they hear Jesus, in a manner, praising of the wasteful Manager in the Parable.

This Parable, flows from the readings we have been hearing these last Sundays; The teaching of Christ as He journeyed from Galilee to Jerusalem! His gaze is the Cross, in fulfillment of the Will of His Father; his Self-Giving on the Cross for Our Salvation.

In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, last Sunday, he revealed God as the all loving and forgiving Father who joyfully welcomed home his wasteful son; a son who out of selfishness had spent every penny of his heritage on himself.

To understand and grasp the urgent message in today’s Gospel, we have to re-focus a little more on the older son, the one, representing the Pharisees and the Scribes who were grumbling against Jesus; **“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”**

When the Older Brother made his appearance in the Parable, coming home from working in the fields, hearing the joyful noises from the feasting and finding out why, we read, he became very angry and refused to go into the Party.

It was the Father who went out of the Feast to meet him and plead with him.

God always courted Israel. Jesus, God among his People, marked the extent which God willed to pursue his people. Yet his People, on the other hand, had been blinded, by the very reality that was meant to save them; The Law of Moses. Pope Benedict XVI, writes, they had become entangled in a relationship with God that was juridical; more than anything, God to them was a God of Law and in that relationship, they thought themselves right with God.

Jesus revealed to Israel and us, **the God who is Greater; “The God of Love.” - Jesus called humanity to a Love relationship with His Father.**

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This is the Point of the Parable of the Wicked Manager; Jesus courts his people to respond to the God who is Love.

However, unlike the unfaithful Manager their response was zero.

Like the unfaithful Manager, who shrewdly acted to ensure his own survival, the People of Israel, recognizing the Love God gave them, ought to have picked upon, the shrewdness and promptness of the unfaithful manager and responded to God.

They ought to have imitated his decisiveness in the face of a crises and responded generously and decisively without wavering to the God of Love.

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Disciples of Christ, that we all are, as the unfaithful Manager used earthly possessions to secure a place for himself, should in turn use “God’s given Grace,” to accept their place, already prepared for them, in the House of Our Father.

There is a warning to heed, the Created can hinder “One loved by the Father,” from enjoying His Father’s Unconditional Love and therefore there is a Choice to be made!

“No servant can serve two masters, for he/she will either hate one and Love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon!”

Q&A – Catechism of the Catholic Church-

Q-What is the root of human dignity?

A- [CCC 1699-1715] The dignity of the human person is rooted in his or her creation in the image and likeness of God. Endowed with a spiritual and immortal soul, intelligence and free will, the human person is ordered to God and called in soul and in body to eternal beatitude.

Q-How do we attain beatitude?

A- [CCC 1716] We attain beatitude by virtue of the grace of Christ which makes us participants in the divine life. Christ in the Gospel points out to his followers the way that leads to eternal happiness: the beatitudes. The grace of Christ also is operative in every person who, following a correct conscience, seeks and loves the true and the good and avoids evil.

Q- Why are the beatitudes important for us?

A- [CCC1716-1717; 1725-1726] The beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching and they take up and fulfill the promises that God made starting with Abraham. They depict the very countenance of Jesus and they characterize authentic Christian life. They reveal the ultimate goal of human activity, which is eternal happiness.

Q- What is the relationship between the beatitudes and our desire for happiness?

A- [CCC1718-1719] The beatitudes respond to the innate desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart in order to draw us to himself. God alone can satisfy this desire.

[Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText \(vatican.va\)](#)

Mass Intentions for the week:

Sep 17 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass

+ Efren Raymundo

Sep 18 – Sunday

9:00 AM + Elena & +Gregorio C.

12:15 PM + Norberto C.

5:30 PM The Parishioners

Sep 19 – Monday, 10AM

+ Jean McNeilly

Sep 20 – Tuesday, 9AM

+ Marie G.

Good health of Jacob V.

Sep 21 – Wednesday, 7PM

Sep 22 – Thursday, 9AM

For All souls in Purgatory

Sep 23 – Friday, 7PM

+ Andrew R.

Sep 24 – Saturday, 9AM

+ Dennis E.

Memorial Lamp – Sep 17- 23, 2022

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

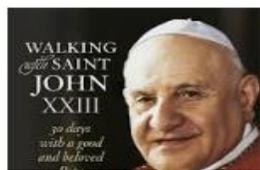


Pope Francis' Prayer Intention –September 2022

“We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, maybe legally abolished in every country.”

Our Patron Saint.

The Humor and Love of John XXIII



When a cardinal complained that a rise in Vatican salaries meant a particular usher earned as much as the cardinal, the pope remarked:

“That usher has 10 children; I hope the cardinal doesn’t.”

To be continued

St. Pius of Pietreicina – Sep 23rd

Francesco FOrgione (1887-1968) was born I the Italian village of Pietrelecina. He entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 16, taking the name Pio (pious), and was ordained in 1910. A stigmatic, he lived more than 50 years at the firary of San Gionvanni Rotondo, devoted to a life of ministry through sacramental reconciliation and celebration of the Eucharist, and helping countless people who sought his counsel.

Pope Paul VI said of his: “Look what fame he had, what a worldwide following gathered around him! But why? Perhaps because he was a philosopher? Because he was wise? Because he had resourcs at this diposal? Because he said Mass humbly, heard confessions from dawn to dusk and was – it is not easy to say it – one who bore the wounds of our Lord. He was a man of prayer and suggering.” Padre Pio was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

St. Padre Pius, pray for us.

Living with Christ, September 2022 ed.

Bundle Up- For the St. Vincent de Paul

The Truck will come on October 8-9, 2022 and will park at the church parking area on these dates.

Things accepted- Clothes, shoes, hats, babies clothes and blanket
Not accepted – furniture, appliances, books, mattress, video tapes
(see the board announcement)

DO YOU KNOW

1. When is the feast day to celebrate the Nativity of Mary?
2. Another big solemnity in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Immaculate Conception, what date it is?
3. Who were the parents of Mary?
4. Who was the cousin of Mary whom she visited in the town in the hill country of Judea?
5. What is the feast day that follows after the celebration of the Exaltation of the Cross?
6. What are the seven sorrows of Mary?
7. Who said this in the bible “Whatever He says to you do it?”

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.



8. The Rosary is one of the devotions of the church, what are the five joyful mysteries?
9. Who was the angel who appeared to Mary? †

Answer on last week trivia: 1. Chasuble; 2. Red; 3. Corporal; 4. By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbles himself to share in our humanity; 5. **And with your Spirit**; 6. Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14; 7. **Psalm 51- I will get up and go to my Father.**; 8. The younger son who returned to the Father after squandered the property, the elder son who got angry for giving a welcome party given by the father and the forgiving and loving Father. 9. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**