

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | Feast of Christ the King | November 20, 2022

“The Lord sits as
King forever. The
Lord will bless his
people with peace.”

Psalms 29:10-11

~ World Day of Youth ~

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

Parish School-

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St. Cecilia, Pray for us

Feast Day on November 22, 2022



“You say I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the Truth.”

John 18:37

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, and the last Sunday of the Year of the Church 2021 - 2022. Next Sunday will be advent! The Liturgical Year, is always, presented to us as a journey, which begins with the Preparation of the coming of Christ in Advent to his Birth, then to the Peak of our Salvation in his Passion, Death and Resurrection. We then celebrated *the Time of the Church*, the time of the Spirit, which begins with the receiving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Last two Sundays, the readings have been reminding us about the “End of Time.” The Words from Prophet Malachi gave us the reason to endure in hope; *“But for you who revere my name the Sun of righteous shall rise.”*

This Son of righteousness is Christ Jesus, who today we celebrate as “The King.”

In Our 1st Reading today, David is anointed King by the Elders of Israel at Hebron. In their address to him, we notice what David meant to them, *“you are the One who led Out Israel and brought it in,”* they exalted him. They quoted the Lord in definition of his kingship; *“It is you who shall be shepherd of my People Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.”* David was to be the King with power but also a shepherd.

When Angel Gabriel visited Mary at the Annunciation these were his Words; *“Behold you are to conceive and bare a Son,... He will great and will be called Son of Most High. The Lord will give him the Throne of his father David ... and of his Kingdom there will be no end.”*

In the Gospel Reading today, Jesus, the fulfillment of all prophecies looks helpless and defeated in the eyes of many! In the eyes of John the Evangelist, however, it had been revealed **that the Cross was “the Lifting up,” and a sign of Revelation.**

“When you have lifted up the Son of Man then you will know that I am He.”

Jesus, earlier, had stood before Pilate who had questioned him;

“So you are a King?” Jesus with a quiet dignity had explained his identity and Mission:

“You say I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the Truth.” Jesus then challenged Pilate; *“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”* Pilate, *representative of earthly powers*, was powerless; three times he walked in and out of the court chamber and declared; *“I find no crime in him,”* but he has no courage to release him!

Jesus, the King, chose what an earthly King cannot! He foregoes the use of his power! (To Peter he had said; do you think that I cannot appeal to my father, who would promptly send, more than twelve legions of Angels in my defense?)

He chose the image of *“The suffering Servant of God”* --- *“a lamb led to slaughter”* to manifest the Love he has for his subjects.

He accepted to be the *“grain of wheat that must die in order to produce.”* He suffered and died.

Jesus, however, achieved Victory beyond all comprehension. He rose from death.

Through his obedience to The Father, unto the Cross, he reversed the disobedience of Adam and Eve. In the Act of God; He as the Priest and Perfect Victim of the Sacrifice, He won us back to God; Elevating us to being God’s adopted Sons and Daughters. In Christ we share in his roles we are Priests, Prophets and more importantly as regards today, Kings.

When Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in honor of Christ the King, he wanted to remind us, Christians, of the fidelity and loyalty we owed Christ; who made us future citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In this Eucharistic celebration, let us pray that *through* the Grace of God we may *remain grateful and loyal subjects of Kingdom of God*, for the rest of our life.

“May the Grace of the Lord Jesus, King of the Universe, be with you all, **Amen**”



Q&A – Catechism of the Catholic Church-

Q-What is the Christian's Last Passover?

- A- [CCC 1681]** The Christian meaning of death is revealed in the light of the Paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ in whom resides our only hope, the Christian who dies in Christ Jesus is "away from the body and at home with the Lord." [183].
- B- [CCC 1682]** For the Christian the day of death inaugurates, at the end of his sacramental life, the fulfillment of this new birth begun at Baptism, the definitive "conformity" to "the image of the Son" conferred by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and participation in the feast of the Kingdom which was anticipated in the Eucharist – even if final purifications are still necessary for him in order to be clothed with the nuptial garment.
- C- [CCC 1683]** The Church who, as Mother, has borne the Christian sacramentally in her womb during his earthly pilgrimage, accompanies him at his journey's end, in order to surrender him "into the Father's hands." She offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of his grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory.[184] This offering is fully celebrated in the Eucharistic sacrifice; the blessings before and after Mass are Mass sacramentals.

Q-What are Christian Funerals?

- A- [CCC 1680]** All the sacraments, and principally those of Christian initiation, have as their goal the last Passover of the child of God which, through death, leads him into the life of the Kingdom. Then what he confessed in faith and hope will be fulfilled: "I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come." [182]

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

Mass Intentions for the week:

Nov 20 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass

+ Eduardo P.

Nov 21 – Sunday

9:00 AM The Parishioners

12:15 PM + Felisa deV.

5:30 PM + Jan Calistra McN.

Nov 21– Monday, 7PM

Thanksgiving of Laguatan Family

Nov 22 – Tuesday, 9AM

+ Elena & +Gregorio C.

Nov 23 – Wednesday, 7PM

+ Alfredo deV.

Nov 24 – Thursday, 9AM

Thanksgiving of Estrella & Rolando R.

Nov 25 – Friday, 7PM

Nov 19 – Saturday, 9AM

+ Flora T.

Memorial Lamp – Nov 19-25, 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.

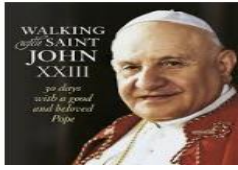
Let us pray for all the members of our Community who are sick, homebound and needs spiritual healing especially:

1. Cristina
2. Margarete
3. Denise



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention –November 2022

"Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education, and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection,"

Our Patron Saint...**The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII**

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

St. Cecilia –Nov 22

Legend claims that a Roman woman named Cecilia was martyred for the faith sometime in the second or third century, a few days after her husband Valerian and his brother Tiburtius were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to the gods. Her association with music – she is a patron saint of musicians – stems from the story that at her wedding feast she sang to God in her heart.

Honoured since the early years of the Church, Cecilia is mentioned in the list of saints in the first Eucharistic Prayer.

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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT.....

1. What feast is celebrated on the last Sunday of the church calendar?
2. The feast is a relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar, on what year it was instituted?
3. Who was the Pope who instituted this feast for the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church?
4. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is commonly referred to as, give at least two.
5. In the 1st reading (2Samuel 5.1-3), all the tribes of Israel came at Hebron, who was the king they anointed to be the king of Israel?
6. Paul's addressed to the Colossians and said "give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. Who was the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation that Paul was referring to?"
7. Who wrote the Gospel this Sunday?
8. What were the words written over him on the cross where Jesus was crucified? †

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

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent-

ADVENT - is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the NATIVITY of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

Answer on last week trivia: 1. Feast of Christ the King; 2. Stand up and **raise your heads**, because your **redemption** is drawing near.; 3. St. Luke; 4. World day of the **POOR**; 5. **To the Thessalonians**; 6. Paul said to them "Anyone unwilling to work should not **EAT**."; 7. To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord. [*Psalm 73:28*] Or Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive. and it shall be given to you. says the Lord. [*Mark 11:23-24*]: