

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time | 22 January 2023

*“The full restoration of communion among all the believers in Jesus Christ is an irrevocable commitment for every Christian, for the ‘unity of all’ (Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom) is not only God’s will but an urgent priority in today’s world,”*

Pope Francis said on Nov. 30.

### *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 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. Timothy and St. Titus,  
PRAY FOR US.**

Feast Day on January 26<sup>th</sup>



***“The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27***

*The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? We sang in the Responsorial Psalm of today. One thing I ask of the Lord, one thing I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord... I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord, in the Land of the Living ... Wait for the Lord ... Be Strong!*

Psalm 27! What a beautiful prayer! What an ultimate declaration of Faith in the greatness of God and a trust in his boundless protection!

Psalm 27, as for many other Psalms, are traditionally attributed to King David. David, though known to have been a very strong and effective warrior, never relied on himself. He had learnt in his youth, as a shepherd, that his strength and success came from God. David had attributes that would make any leader great; A sincere fear of the Lord and absolute Faith in Him for Salvation.”

Prophet Isaiah, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading today addresses his People who unlike King David, relied on the power of man. They sought help from the Syrians and Egyptian, against the advice of the Prophet pleading with them to trust in God’s protection. The result was destruction and ruin. The Assyrian defeated them and with this arose even a greater problem; the Assyrian, settling among them, brought with them their Idol gods. Paganism took root and the remnants of the chosen people, thinly scattered in the region, found it difficult to retain their faith in the One True God.

Isaiah points to this, as great darkness; this return to idolatry and vanishing of the knowledge of the One True God; He used the word “gloom,” to describe the void; that emptiness in a heart of one who turns away from God.

Isaiah, foresaw a time, when this darkness would be turned into brightness; brilliant as the noon-day; we read; *“For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, will be broken!*

This Prophecy of Isaiah is proclaimed by Mathew the Evangelist, as having been fulfilled in Christ Jesus in today’s Gospel Reading! As we read: *He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum, by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the Prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.”*

Jesus, in the Gospel, begins his public ministry having been silent in Nazareth for 30 years!

John the Baptist exits the scene; his role having been accomplished; “he is arrested.” Jesus begins the Work of his Father with the words **“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”**

Repent; make a U-turn, back toward the Living God, aware of the Privilege allotted you in His Son’s coming so that you may share again in the life of God.

“The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” “God is acting now!” This is the hour when God is showing himself in history as its Lord.

God’s Eternal Plan for us in Christ Jesus is, that, we be with Him and experience Eternal Happiness in his Presence.

Blessed are you because you believe.



## – 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 21 – Saturday, 7:00PM Vigil Mass  
+ Teresa C.

Jan 22 – Sunday

9:00 AM + Dennis E.

12:15 PM The Parishioners

5:30 PM + Bienvenido M.

Jan 23– Monday, 7 PM

+ Agustine C.

Thanksgiving-Rosedelle D.

Jan 24 – Tuesday, 9AM

+ Zosimo B.

Jan 25 – Wednesday, 7PM

+Richard Mc.

+Sylvia A.

Jan 26 – Thursday, 9AM

Thanksgiving B-day of Zeny C.

Jan 27 – Friday, 7PM

+Fe Isabelita C.

Jan 28 – Saturday, 9AM

+ Teresa C.

+ Stanley N.

Memorial Lamp – Jan 21-27, 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.

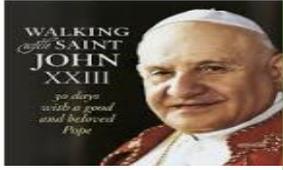
*Let us pray for all the members of our Community who are sick, homebound and needs spiritual healing especially:*

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**

**The Ecumenical Council will surely be, even more than a new and magnificent Pentecost, a real and new Epiphany, one of the many revelations which have been renewed and are continually being renewed in the course of history, but one of the greatest of all. *To be continued* .....**

**St. Timothy & St Titus, January 26**

These two men were disciples of Saint Paul, and Paul's letters to them are found in the New Testament. Timothy was a close friend of Paul, working with Paul in the ministry, including serving time in prison along-side his mentor. Eventually, Timothy was consecrated as the bishop of Ephesus. He was stoned to death in 67 AD for denouncing pagan worship.

Paul named Titus bishop of Crete. He is said to have delighted in the innate goodness of others, and drew people to him for his kindness. Titus is said to have died of old age. Timothy is the patron saint of stomach and intestinal disorders, while Titus is the patron saint of Crete.

*Living with Christ, Jan 2023 edition*

*"Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God."* 2Timothy

**DO YOU KNOW .....**

1. In what book the first reading this Sunday is taken?
2. What are the 2 tribes mentioned in the first reading?
3. The midianites were the descendants of Midian, who was the parents of Midian?
4. The Lord is my light and my \_\_\_\_\_. [Psalms 27]
5. What was the appeal of St. Paul to the Corinthians in the second reading?
6. What is the message of the Cross for us the believers?
7. Where did Jesus go when he heard John the Baptist was arrested?
8. What did Jesus proclaim when he went to Capernaum?
9. At this time, He started to invite the first four men who will become His apostles. Who were they?
10. What were these four men do for a living and what was the challenge of Jesus to Simon and Andrew? †

**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](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**

**THE HOLY WATER FONT**

**The holy water font is a vessel containing holy water which is generally placed near the entrance of the church. It is used in the Catholic Church to make a sign of the Cross upon entering the church. It's a reminder of our baptism.**

**Answer on last week trivia:** 1. "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord & my God has become my strength."; 2. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will"; 3. Corinthians; 4. To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints.; 5. Jesus Christ; 6 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.; 7. The Holy Spirit; 8. The Holy Spirit is symbolized as Dove. Fire. Water. Cloud and Anointing with Oil.