

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER | 23 April 2023



**THE  
LORD IS  
TRULY  
RISEN!**

***“Were not our hearts  
burning within us while he  
was talking to us on the  
road, while he was opening  
the Scriptures to us?”*** Luke 24:32

### *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-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**

**175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7**

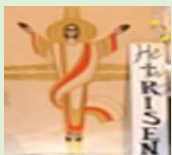
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**ST. MARK, PRAY FOR US**

**Feast Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>**



***Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Luke 24:25***

***“Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to Believe.”***

Last Sunday, it was Apostle Thomas, who had resisted to believe in the Resurrected Jesus. Thomas demanded of Jesus, conditions if he were to believe. Amazingly the Risen Lord met Thomas and fulfilled his conditions; ***“Thomas, put your fingers here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”***

From this generosity of Jesus, came the greatest proclamation of Faith in Jesus, in St. John's Gospel; ***“My Lord and My God.”***

Today, it is the Disciples to Emmaus who are in faith crises. These, have even abandoned the Way. Despite the disciples' hearing of Mary Magdalene's Message, that she had seen a vision of Angels and met the Risen Lord; Cleopas and the other disciple decide to walk back home, extremely disappointed! Jesus had not met their expectation!

***“We had hoped that he would be, the One, to redeem Israel,”*** they informed Jesus.

Their Faith in Jesus and his Mission was failing fast! You hear Christ's frustration, at their ignorance, as he challenged them; ***“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”***

The Risen Lord opened the eyes of the Disciples to Emmaus to see, understand and believe in God's Plan of human salvation. This he did with the use of Scriptures; He made the Disciples to Emmaus realize that every promise made by God to Israel had been fulfilled through him. And at the Disciples' hospitality, Jesus revealed himself through the Breaking of the Bread.

The reaction of the Disciples was immediate; ***“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?”*** The disciples to Emmaus, had expressed their unwillingness to believe the word of the women, that morning, but after they encountered the Risen Lord, their sadness was transformed into joyful hope and their fear disappeared. They were, the ones who had persuaded Jesus to spend the night at their home, for the night was falling; After their encounter, they took to the night for another 11 Km, back to Jerusalem. They hand a joyful and urgent message to communicate to the other disciples; He is Risen and has appeared to us.

In every Mass Celebration, Jesus is revealed to us in the Readings that are proclaimed to us. He is also revealed, in the breaking of bread; the Eucharist. We receive Jesus in every Mass! The question then becomes; Do not our hearts burn as we behold Him in such a Generous Mystery?

We pray for an increase of Faith.



– Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church-

111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about? 557-560; 569-570

**I. At the established time Jesus chose to go up to Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the *Sanctus* of the Eucharistic liturgy:**

**“Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! *Hosanna* (save us!)” (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem.**

*“Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.”*

112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus? 571-573

**The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.**

113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemned to death? 574-576

**Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason, they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.**

117. Who is responsible for the death of Jesus? 595-598

**The passion and death of Jesus cannot be imputed indiscriminately either to all the Jews that were living at that time or to their descendants. Every single sinner, that is, every human being is really the cause and the instrument of the sufferings of the Redeemer; and the greater blame in this respect falls on those above all who are Christians and who the more often fall into sin or delight in their vices.**

118. Why was the death of Jesus part of God's plan? 599-605; 619  
**To reconcile to himself all who were destined to die because of sin God took the loving initiative of sending his Son that**

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 22 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Isagani A.

Apr 23 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Willie A. Sr.

12:15 PM + Sebastian M.

5:30 PM The Parishioners

Apr 24– Mon, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Sagar

+ Rodolfo R. Jr.

Apr 25 – Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving Fernandes Family

Apr 26 – Wed, 7PM Wedding Ann Rene & MaryAnn

Apr 27 – Thu, 9AM Good Health for Jordan F.

Apr 28 – Fri, 7PM Intention of Sagar D.

Apr 29 – Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving B-day of Lorenzo L.

**he might give himself up for sinners. Proclaimed in the Old Testament, especially as the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant, the death of Jesus came about “in accordance with the Scriptures”.**

119. In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father? 609-609; 620

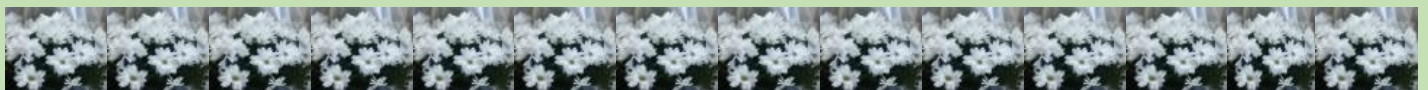
**The entire life of Christ was a free offering to the Father to carry out his plan of salvation. He gave “his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45) and in this way he reconciled all of humanity with God. His suffering and death showed how his humanity was the free and perfect instrument of that divine love which desires the salvation of all people.**

120. How is Jesus' offering expressed at the Last Supper? 610-611; 621

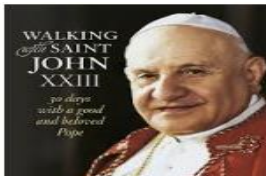
**At the Last Supper with his apostles on the eve of his passion Jesus anticipated, that is, both symbolized his free self-offering and made it really present: “This is my Body which is given for you” (Luke 22:19), “This is my Blood which is poured out...” (Matthew 26:28) Thus he both instituted the Eucharist as the “memorial” (1 Corinthians 11:25) of his sacrifice and instituted his apostles as priests of the new covenant.**

*Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -April 2023 -* [For a culture of peace and non-violence](#)

*“We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.”*



**Our Patron Saint..**



**The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII**

“In the hour of farewell, or, better, of leave-taking, I repeat once more that what matters most in this life is: our blessed Jesus Christ, his holy Church, his Gospel, and in the Gospel above all else the Our Father according to the mind and heart of Jesus, and the truth and goodness of his Gospel, goodness which must be meek and kind, hardworking and patient, unconquerable and victorious.”

*To be continued .....*

**St. Mark, April 25**

The author of the earliest and shortest gospel, Mark was a member of the first Christian community in Jerusalem. Christians used his mother’s house there as a place of prayer during Peter’s imprisonment under Herod Agrippa I (see Acts 12.12).

When Paul and Barnabas returned from Jerusalem, they took Mark back with them to Antioch in Syria. Later, they brought him along as their assistant on a missionary journey. After this, Mark returned to Jerusalem.

In Christian art Mark is often depicted with a winged lion. Legends speak of Mark as bishop of Alexandria, where he cured a shoemaker and was killed in the streets of the city. He is a patron of notaries, of Egypt and Venice.

*Living with Christ, April 2023 edition*

**DO YOU KNOW ...?**

1. Who was the apostle in the first reading who boldly addressed the crowd about Jesus’ crucifixion, death and rising from the dead?
2. What was the responsorial psalm this Sunday?
3. Peter in the second reading that we are ransomed from our futile ways not with perishable things like silver and gold but by what?
4. What was the Gospel Acclamation this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter?
5. In the Gospel, in what village the two disciples were going to?
6. Who came near and walk with them?
7. As they walk, what are they discussing?
8. What made their eyes opened and they recognized Jesus?
9. What did they say to each other?
10. When they returned to Jerusalem, what did they say to the eleven apostles and their companions?



**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
- 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**



**Grant Eternal Rest to the soul of +Jose, +\_Belinda +Aurelia**

**Announcements:**

- **April 29 at 11am -8<sup>th</sup> confirmation session;**
- **April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> ShareLife Sunday Collection;**

**Answer on last week:** 1. Second Sunday of Easter; 2. The Divine Mercy Sunday; 3. Acts of the Apostles; 4. The Resurrection of Jesus has given us a new birth into a living hope; 5. Paul said if the Resurrection of Jesus did not happen our faith is useless; 6. Thomas; 7. Jesus said “Peace be with you.”; 8. Pentecost; 9. White; 10. The congregation respond “And with your spirit.”