

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | CHRISTMAS DAY | December 25, 2022



*Glory to God in Highest Heaven and Peace  
on Earth for People of Good Will!*



### 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-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**

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**Holy Innocents,**

**Pray for us.**

*Feast Day on December 28, 2022*



**“Do not be afraid; for today in the City of David, a Savior is born for you who is Christ the Lord.”**

LUKE 2:10-11

Here is the Good News, The News that changed everything, elevating everyone us, to unfathomable heights in God’s given Glory! This News could be only be proclaimed by the Messenger of God;

***“Do not be afraid; for today in the City of David, a Savior is born for you who is Christ the Lord.”***

The Angels sang at its Wonderful Fulfillment; ***“Glory to God in Highest Heaven and Peace on Earth for People of Good Will.”***

Brother and Sisters, once more, God has granted us Grace to celebrate the Mystery of his Birth. This is why, we congregate in Churches and in our homes in celebration and in thanksgiving to God. We celebrate this Day when the Greatest Miracle in Creation was revealed; In the Face of the Child Jesus was revealed the Face of the Father.

What a course of great joy, we should sing with the Psalmist; ***“Forever I will sing the Goodness of the Lord.”***

Who could imagine that this little baby, in the simplest of human conditions, wrapped in swindling cloths and lying in the manger was the Son of the Most High?

Yet in this Ordinary, Humble and Peaceful Infant conceals within him, Emmanuel; God with us!

This is what many Philosophies and Religions of Our World cannot understand and accept; God **taking the Nature of a Human Being!** This is the Mystery many find difficult to believe and accept!

Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was spoken by the Lord through the Prophets over thousands of years after the Fall of our first Parents; Adam and Eve!

To Abraham God promised “I will make you a Father of a Great Nation,”

To David in last Sunday’s Gospel, “I will build you A House for you.” Through Isaiah, the Prophet, we heard, “For a Child has been born for us, a son given to us; He’s named Wonderful counselor, Mighty God,... and Prince of Peace.”

Jesus is the Fulfillment of all these Prophecies; In Him, God became Man and lived among us, so that in him and through him, we could be elevated anew to the Spheres of sharing in the Life of God.

Christmas is such a Solemn Day, Wonderful and Amazing, with every Creature on earth, we should explode in great joy with the Multitude of Angels in Praising God; ***“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace to those on whom his favor rests!”***

*I have always shared with you my experience one Christmas Day; when a little girl walked into the Church, bringing all her baby dolls. Entering the Church, she run straight to the Altar, where there was the Crib. When I caught up with her, I bent down to hold one of the baby dolls; she protested. I asked her why she brought her baby doll to Church, to which she quickly replied – **“to see baby Jesus!”** --- what an angelic response!*

On this Solemn Day, we too, should be like this little girl, loving, with innocent eagerness to proclaim the Love of God revealed through Baby Jesus!

As we celebrate Christmas with our Loved Ones, may we, by the Grace of God, be true Instruments of His Love, Peace, and Joy to those we meet.

***Merry Christmas to you all.***



**- Catechism of the Catholic Church-****II. The Mysteries of Jesus' Infancy and Hidden Life**

**[CCC 522]** The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant." He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

**[CCC 523]** St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate Precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High," John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the Last. He inaugurates the Gospel already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom," whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah," John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

**[CCC 524]** When the Church celebrates the Liturgy of Advent each year, She makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Dec 24 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass**  
The Parishioners

**Dec 25 – Sunday**

**9:00 AM** The Parishioners

**12:15 PM** The Parishioners

**5:30 PM** The Parishioners.

**Dec 26– Monday, 10 AM**  
+ Prosie Labo

**Dec 27 – Tuesday, 9AM**  
+ Elena & + Gregorio C.

**Dec 28 – Wednesday, 7PM**  
Thanksgiving of Jacob V.

**Dec 29 – Thursday, 9AM**  
Thanksgiving of Mercedes A.

**Dec 30 – Friday, 7PM**  
**Thanksgiving of Donado Family**

**Dec 31 – Saturday, 9AM**  
Thanksgiving of Christine & Ranik

**Memorial Lamp – Dec 25-31, 2022**

**Sanctuary Candle – Thanksgiving- Vi H.**

**Mother Mary - Thanksgiving- Vi H.**

**Chapel Candle - Thanksgiving- Vi H.**

**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:*

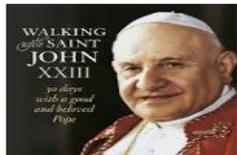
1. Cristina
2. Margarete
3. Denise

***Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - December 2022***

**"We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation."**



**Our Patron Saint...**



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

**"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."**

*To be continued .....*

**Holy Innocents – Dec 28**

The “Holy Innocents” are the male children recorded slain by King Herod in Matthew’s Gospel. This unique episode in Jesus’ life, along with the account of the flight into Egypt, presents the ancient tradition of the early Church: Jesus as the ‘new Israel,’ persecuted and forced to flee, and the ‘new Moses,’ marvellously rescued from the slaughter of the Hebrew children. This feast also points to Jesus as the Messiah and foreshadows the secular opposition Jesus will later meet, culminating in his Passion.

*Living with Christ, Dec2022 ed.*

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



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT .....

1. In the first reading, Isaiah said that for a child has been born for us, a son given to us, give the 3 names he mentioned? [Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7]
2. What is the Responsorial Psalm this Sunday?[Ps 96]
3. What is the Good news and great joy to all the world proclaimed in Luke 2.10-11?
4. During the time of Jesus, who was the king who decreed that all the world should be registered?
5. Joseph and Mary went to Judea to register as required by the king, what was the city called the city of David?
6. While Joseph and Mary in Judea, the time came

- for her to deliver the child, why was Jesus born in a manger?
7. During this time, the Angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, what did the angle say to them?
8. A multitude of angels suddenly appeared, what did they say?
9. What did the shepherds do when the Angels left?

**Answer on last week trivia:** 1. King Ahaz; 2. “Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel; 3. Emmanuel; 4. To the Romans; 5. The virgin shall be with child and bear a son: and they shall name him Emmanuel: God is with us; 6. Joseph; 7. “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”; 8. He did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife; 9. Emmanuel means God is with us.