

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 25 June 2023



“Everyone therefore who acknowledge me before humans, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before humans, I also will deny before my father in heaven.”



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 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 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

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ST. PETER & ST. PAUL (June 29th)

Pray for us.

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.” Acts 2:32

“If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;” 2Tim 2:11



“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?” He questions us, “Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many Sparrows.” (Mt. 10:29-30).

The Readings, today, open with the laments of Prophet Jeremiah; *“I hear many, whispering: ‘Terror is all around me!’ Denounce him, they say! Let us denounce him!” “All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.” “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take revenge on him.” (Jer. 20:10)*

Jeremiah lived during very trying times! Historically the great Assyrian Empire was declining rapidly and the Babylonian were emerging fast. The change of guards was bound to happen, meaning that small nations like Judah had to tread very prudently.

Israel, was supposed to be a Theocracy hence trusting in God alone for their protection was a must. But King Zedekiah decided to trust in Man. He chose Human alliance for Protection; He aligned himself with Egypt against the Babylonians, and he Lost.

This Defeat of People of God brought with it a major religious problem. Israel believed that Yahweh, their God was strong enough to defend them, regardless! Their defeat meant that the gods of their conquerors could be trusted too; They worshipped Baal, the god of fertility and good weather!

Israel even built high Altars for this Idol and some even offered their children as burned sacrifices.

It was the Mission of Jeremiah to point out and denounce the Sin of Israel and it was his Mission to warn them of worse impending consequences. Jeremiah, prophesied famine for Judah, and the imminent destruction of their Capital; Its people uprooted and taken captives in foreign lands!

Then the unthinkable! The Temple, the very Symbol of God's Presence among them would be destroyed.

These proclamations of Jeremiah did not sit well with His People; They prompted anger among them and Jeremiah was contradicted by the “Good Prophets;” *“False prophets” who predicted Prosperity and Peace.* The Temple Officials had Jeremiah beaten and even tried to kill him by throwing him into a well full of mud but was rescued by foreign traders.

The laments we hear in the 1st Reading express the difficulties the Prophet encounters over speaking the Word of Truth. It also expresses Jeremiah's Regrets. Jeremiah turned and blamed God accusing God for not keeping his Promise to Him; *“You dubbed me, O Lord, and I let myself be dubbed; you were too strong for me and you triumphed.”*

Jeremiah threatened to abandon his Ministry! He, in his anguish revealed the dilemma of a Prophet; the impossibility of a running away from the Truth revealed by God. He laments;

“I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then, it becomes like fire, burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones, I grow weary holding it in. I cannot not endure it.” (Jeremiah. 20:9)

Jeremiah, the Prophet of God, succeeded in his Prophetic Ministry, which extended over a period of more than 40 years. During this time, he grew in the knowledge of God and this led to his unshakable Trust in Him; You hear him express this, towards the end of the first reading today;

“The Lord is with me like a mighty warrior therefore my persecutors will stumble and will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. (Jer. 20 11-12)

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Trust in God is a call for every Disciple of Christ. Jesus exults us in the Gospel Reading today, not to be afraid. He then explains the reason; You are invaluable in the Eyes of God, Your Creator and Father; ***“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?” He questions us, “Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many Sparrows.” (Mt. 10:29-30)***

Let us Trust in the Lord. Let us abandon ourselves into his hands and we will be victorious in Christ.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. What is the plan of God for man? 1-25

God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness.

"You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised [...] You have made us for yourself and our heart is restless until it rests in you."(Saint Augustine)

2. Why does man have a desire for God? 27-30;44-45

God himself, in creating man in his own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. By nature and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on man his fundamental dignity.

3. How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason? 31-36;46-47

Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the universe, as the highest good and as infinite truth and beauty.

4. Is the light of reason alone sufficient to know the mystery of God? 37-38

In coming to a knowledge of God by the light of reason alone man experiences many difficulties. Indeed, on his own he is unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why he stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error.

5. How can we speak about God? 39-43; 48-49

By taking as our starting point the perfections of man and of the other creatures which are a reflection, albeit a limited one, of the infinite perfection of God, we are able to speak about God with all

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jun 24 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –
The Parishioners
- Jun 25 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Willie A. Sr.
12:15 PM +Leopoldo & Cleotilde L.
5:30 +Dennis E. & Teresa C.
- Jun 26– Mon, 7 PM +Salome A.
- Jun 27 – Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Jeffrey G.
+ Virgilio dV.
- Jun 28 –Wed,7 PM +Herberto & Simeona M.
- Jun 29 – Thu, 9AM +Luningning P.
Thanksgiving-Bday of Amor A. & Matthew P.
- Jun 30 – Fri, 7 PM + For All Souls in Purgatory
- Jul 01 – Sat, 9AM Thanksgiving of Julius P.
+Lino & Dominga M. & deceased family
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- 7-day Candle -*Sanctuary- *Chapel - *Virgin Mary-
Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

people. We must, however, continually purify our language insofar as it is image-bound and imperfect, realizing that we can never fully express the infinite mystery of God.

CHAPTER TWO

God Comes to Meet Man

The Revelation of God

6. What does God reveal to man? 50-53; 68-69

God in his goodness and wisdom reveals himself. With deeds and words, he reveals himself and his plan of loving goodness which he decreed from all eternity in Christ. According to this plan, all people by the grace of the Holy Spirit are to share in the divine life as adopted "sons" in the only begotten Son of God.

7. What are the first stages of God's Revelation? 54-58;70-71

From the very beginning, God manifested himself to our first parents, Adam and Eve, and invited them to intimate communion with himself. After their fall, he did not cease his revelation to them but promised salvation for all their descendants. After the flood, he made a covenant with Noah, a covenant between himself and all living beings.

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -June 2023 - For the Abolition of Torture

"We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families."



Our Patron Saint...



“The family is the first essential cell of human society.”

QUOTE OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Peter and St. Paul, June 29th

Tradition says these two apostles, honoured since the earliest days, were martyred in Rome. Peter, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple. After Simon confessed that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter and told him that it was on this rock (*petra*) that he would build his Church. Acts records that, after the Ascension, Peter was indeed the “chief of the Apostles.” From the middle of the 3rd century onward, documents show that the bishops of Rome were recognized as the successors of Peter.

Paul was born in Tarsus, a Roman citizen raised and educated as a Pharisee. His experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion from a zealous persecutor of Christians to an apostle. In the Acts of the Apostles his friend Luke describes Paul's missionary journeys between the years 45 & 57, his return to Jerusalem, his subsequent arrest and his appeal to Caesar. Here history ends but tradition tells us that Paul was martyred for the faith about the year 66. Paul called himself the “Apostle of the Gentiles.”

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=152

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. What was the prayer taught by Jesus to his disciples? Mt 6.7-15
2. Who was the pope who said “Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.”?
3. Who is the saint whose feast day is on June 24th?
4. When the priest wears a green chasuble and the altar cloth is green, what does it signify?
5. Who was the father of Jacob?
6. Fill in the missing words from the Responsorial Psalm this Sunday- “Lord, in your steadfast _____, answer me.”
7. In the Gospel, what did Jesus say to his Apostles why we should not fear?
8. This Sunday's gospel acclamation, who will testify on His behalf the Lord said?



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

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God's words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women's League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- 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

GOOD NEWS:

- The Sunday Liturgy for the kids is backed. Please bring your kids every Sunday in the 12:15pm Sunday Mass;
- The Seniors Group breakfast returns. It is held every 2nd Thursday of the month;

JOIN AND HAVE FUN!!!

Answer on last week: 1. Elizabeth & Zechariah; 2. They are cousin; 3. The book of Exodus; 4. Thanks be to God; 5. We are His People the sheep of His pasture; 6. The Kingdom of God has come near: **repent and believe the good news**; 7. Simon also known as Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas & Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananaean & Judas Iscariot. Their mission to proclaim the Good News.