

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 1st SUNDAY of LENT | 26 February 2023



Have mercy, O Lord for we have sinned.

- *Prayer*
- *Fasting*
- *Almsgiving*

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 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. Gregory of Narek,
PRAY FOR US.**

Feast Day on February 27th



“Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil.”

Matthew 4:1

Last Wednesday, we began Our Lenten Penitential Journey with a Mass where there was the imposition of ashes. The ashes reminded us how fragile earthly life is and directed us to Christ, who, with his passion and resurrection, rescued us from the slavery of sin and death.

St. Paul, in the second reading, that day, called us to, “the acceptable time;” A time of reconciling ourselves to God. Lent is the acceptable time; A time of receiving the Grace of God with greater openness.

In this Acceptable time, the Church calls us to a time of Prayer; because in prayer, we abandon ourselves totally into the hands of God and from Him, we await the True Peace. The Church also call us, to a time of Fasting: for in fasting, we show our prevalence for God, Our Creator rather than the Created; And we prepare our Hearts to receive God’s greatest gift and privileged sign of his Kingdom; His Son.

Lent is also a time of Charity; A time of works of Mercy and justice; when we participate in the Love of God, who provides for his every son and daughter created in his own Image. Isaiah 58: 1-9; *“Why do you say we fast and you do not see it, afflict ourselves and you do not take note. Lo, on your fast you carry out your own pursuits, ... your fast ends up in quarreling and fighting; Is this the fasting I wish? This is the Fasting that I wish, release those bound unjustly, set free the oppressed, share your bread with the hungry shelter the homeless.”*

Today, the Gospel narrates to us the Temptations of Jesus. Let us remember that the Temptations followed Christ’s Baptism by John. Jesus; He who was without sin, accepted the Baptism of John, a Baptism of Repentance, as an Act of Acceptance of His Mission; The Will of the Father. In His Baptism, The Holy Spirit, descended on Him and anointed Him for the Mission. The Father approved this Act of Acceptance in His Proclamation; *“This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”*

After Baptism, we read Jesus was led by “the Spirit into the Desert to be tempted by the Devil.” The desert was a place of hardship, the Israelites had experienced this, but also a place where they encountered God and became a Nation. Israel however miserably failed their God; Jesus on his side, was the Faithful Israelite who overcame every Temptation of the Devil. Jesus, vanquishes the Power of Evil through the Spirit and Obedience to the Father.

Every Disciple, should learn in Christ’s Victory over evil, that Faith and Trusting Reliance in God’s Graciousness, leads to Victory.

The Gospel reading today ends; *“When the Devil had finished every test, he departed from him, to return, at an opportune time.”*

This time would be on Gethsemane, where Jesus, again, would accept the Will of the Father. And in His Passion, Death and Resurrection, defeat the Devil, Eternally.



– Catechism of the Catholic Church–

X. Indulgences

[1471] - The doctrine and practice of indulgences in the Church are closely linked to the effects of the sacrament of Penance.

What is an indulgences?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

The punishments of sin

[1472] To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This Purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 25 – Saturday, 7:00PM Vigil Mass
+Louis C.

Feb 26 – Sunday

9:00 AM +Dennis E.

12:15 PM +Conchita D.

5:30 PM The Parishioners

Feb 27– Monday, 7 PM

Intention of Bernadette

Feb 28 – Tuesday, 9AM

Thanksgiving of Tess G.

Mar 01 – Wednesday, 7PM

+ Joseph A.

Mar 02 – Thursday, 9AM

Thanksgiving of Mercedes A.

Mar 03 – Friday, 7PM

The Parishioners

Mar 04– Saturday, 9AM

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Memorial Lamp – Feb 25-March 03, 2023

Sanctuary Candle –

Mother Mary -

Chapel Candle -

Note to All Parishioners:

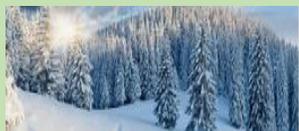
If you want to offer mass intentions, please email or call the office at least two weeks in advance so it could be included in the bulletin.

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

1. Cristina
2. Margaret
3. Denise

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - February 2023

For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need."



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

“The family, founded upon marriage freely contracted, one and indissoluble, must be regarded as the natural, primary cell of human society. The interests of the family, therefore, must be taken very specially into consideration in social and economic affairs, as well as in the spheres of faith and morals. For all of these have to do with strengthening the family and assisting it in the fulfilment of its mission. *To be continued*”

St. Gregory Narek, February 27th

Saint Gregory of Narek was a 10th-century Armenian monk, poet, and mystical writer and composer. His best-known literary work is a book of prayers, *The Book of Lamentations*. It is considered a masterpiece of Armenian literature. St. Gregory himself defined the work as an “encyclopaedia of prayer for all nations,” and hoped that it would provide guidance in prayer for people of all walks of life.

In 2021, Pope Francis inscribed Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church, on February 27 as an Optional Memorial in the Roman Calendar. St. Gregory of Narek is recognized as a saint in both the Catholic Church and in the Armenian Apostolic Church, being venerated in a particular way among Catholics of the Armenian Rite.

Living with Christ, Feb 2023 edition

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. Ash Wednesday marks the start of what Season in the liturgical calendar of the Church?
2. What are the 3 things that the faithful is encouraged to do by the church during Lent?
3. When is Lent ends?
4. How many days and nights Jesus fasted?
5. Where was Jesus led by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil?
6. What are the three temptations that the devil tested Jesus?
7. What did Jesus said to the devil after the temptation?
8. Who came when the devil left?
9. What is the Responsorial Psalm this 1st Sunday of Lent?
10. In the first reading, what did Paul said to the Romans that caused death? †

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross commemorate the passion and death on the Cross of Jesus. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary. This devotion is usually done by the faithful during the season of Lent.

Answer on last week trivia: 1. The 1st Reading is taken from Leviticus; 2. To love our neighbor as ourselves; 3. We are the God’s temple; 4. Jesus said “ Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in Heaven; 5. Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023, It is not a Holy day obligation but we are encouraged to attend; 6. On Ash Wednesday, we received Ashes on our foreheads, Fasting and abstinence; 7. Ash Wednesday marks the starts of Lenten Season; 8. Ashes symbolizes we come from dust and to dust we’ll return; 9. Words said upon putting ashes on the forehead (1) Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return.” (2) Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”