

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of LENT | 26 March 2023



### LAZARUS, COME OUT!

*\*Prayer \*Fasting \*Almsgiving*

### LENTE PARISH CONFESSION

March 29, 2023 at 7:30pm

Mass



Schedule

### 2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 1- 5:15pm Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday
- April 2- 9am; 12:15pm; 5:30pm Palm Sunday
- April 3- 7:00pm Holy Monday
- April 4- 9:00am Holy Tuesday
- April 5- 7:00pm Holy Wednesday
- April 6- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:00pm Adoration of the Eucharist

#### GOOD FRIDAY – The Lord's Passion

- April 7- 2:00pm Station of the Cross  
3:00pm Service & Veneration of Cross

#### EASTER SUNDAY MASS

- April 8- 8:00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS
- April 9- 9am; 12:15pm; 5:30pm



*Welcome...*

### Archbishop Francis Leung

Born: June 30, 1971 in Montreal

Priestly Ordination: December 14, 1996

Episcopal Ordination: September 12, 2022

Motto: "Do whatever he tells you"

### *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**

### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Feast Day on March 25<sup>th</sup>



*"I am the resurrection and the life;" "Whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!" John 11:25*

***"Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, oh my People ... and you shall know ... that I am the Lord."***

The Words of Prophet Ezekiel, proclaimed to us in the 1st Reading of this Sunday. They are from his well-known Prophecy, in the Vision of the "Scattered Dry Bones in the Plain" The People of Israel had made a Covenant with God, but they were unfaithful, and abandoned the Lord God several time, in the process, sucking Life out of themselves; leaving themselves empty cold and dry as dead bones.

Nothing, they created for themselves could help them! Nobody, including their Kings could save them! Nothing! Only the Lord, from whom, since the beginning had breathed life into them could save them.

Ezekiel in this Prophecy, foretold, a Moment in Time, when God in His Spirit would intervene; gather his people together, reconnect them and breath Life anew into these Lifeless bones.

In the Gospel Reading, today, as Lazarus comes out of the tomb, alive, he who was dead, Jesus proved that He is the fulfillment of the Prophecy of Ezekiel; He was the Life-Giving-Presence among his People. Confirming what he revealed to Martha; ***"I am the resurrection and the life;" "Whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!"***

The Rising of Lazarus, as in every Miracle in St. John's Gospel is a Sign that revealed Emmanuel. The Rising of Lazarus is the 6th of these signs, leading to the 7th and Final Sign that of "Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross;" In which, as Jesus explained would finally be reveal his Divinity: ***"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I Am He"*** John 8:28

These past 3 Sundays, Jesus in three encounters, progressively revealed himself to Disciple leading to a Proclamation of Faith in every of those Disciples. Today the Disciple on this Journey of Faith is Martha, the sister to Lazarus and Mary.

When Martha heard that Jesus was on the way she run out to meet Him! And Her 1st words were, ***"Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died."***

Martha here confesses her faith in Jesus, but just as a Miracle Worker; She acknowledged that, Christ's earlier presence would have made a difference in her brother's life.

Jesus responded to correct her misunderstanding and informed Martha that Lazarus would rise!

Martha, whoever failed to acknowledge the "Life giving Reality," in the Person of Jesus. Rather she schooled Jesus on the Jewish Traditional Teaching about Resurrection; ***"Resurrection on the last day."*** It is at this Moment that Jesus took the initiative away from her; and Centered Resurrection on His Person; ***"I am the Resurrection and the Life." "Whoever believes in me ... will never die."***

Jesus calls Martha to this Faith, in Him; "The Resurrection and Life;" to which she responds with a better understanding; ***"Yes Lord." "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who is to come into the world!"***

Martha (like the Samaritan Woman and the Man born blind) had ascended from Moments of "Partial Faith" to truly believing in Jesus as the Christ; the Son of God.

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As we go home, today, to come next Sunday to begin the final ascend with Jesus to the Altar of the Cross, let us abandon ourselves into the Hands of God and pray that He may illumine our minds, console our hearts and increase our Faith.



## – Catechism of the Catholic Church–

Article 2 “AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD”

**I. JESUS [430]** – Jesus means in Hebrew: “God saves.” At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, “will save his people from their sins” in Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men.

**[431]** – In the history of salvation God was not content to deliver Israel “out of the house of bondage” by bringing them out of Egypt. He also saves them from their sin. Because sin is always an offence against God, only he can forgive it. For this reason Israel, becoming more and more aware of the universality of sin, will no longer be able to seek salvation except by invoking the name of the Redeemer God.

**[432]** – The name “Jesus” signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son, made man for the universal and definitive redemption from sins. It is the divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke his name, for Jesus united himself to all men through his Incarnation, so that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

**[433]** – The name of the Saviour God was invoked only once in the year by the high priest in atonement for the sins of Israel, after he had sprinkled the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies with the sacrificial blood, the mercy seat was the place of God’s presence. When St. Paul speaks of Jesus whom “God put forward as an expiation by his blood”, he means that in Christ’s humanity “God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.”

**[434]** –Jesus’ Resurrection glorifies the name of the Saviour God, for from that time on it is the name of Jesus that fully manifests the supreme power of the “name which is above every name. The evil spirits fear his name; in his name his disciples perform miracles, for the Father grants all they ask

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 25 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass  
+ Thelma Dunphy

Mar 26 – Sunday

9:00 AM +Norma S.

12:15 PM + Anthony N.

5:30 PM The Parishioners

Mar 27– Monday, 7 PM

Thanksgiving of Hayde

Intention of Sagar D.

Mar 28 – Tuesday, 9AM

Thanksgiving Joseph G.

Thanksgiving for the healing of Roma L.

Mar 29 – Wednesday, 7PM

Thanksgiving of Jovi S.

Mar 30 – Thursday, 9AM

Thanksgiving for Recovery of Roma

Mar 31 – Friday, 7PM

+ Oswing A. & + Adelaine P.

Apr 01– Saturday, 9AM

Thanksgiving of Marcy G.

Memorial Lamp – Mar 25-March 31, 2023

Sanctuary Candle –Thanksgiving–Vi. H.

Mother Mary - Thanksgiving–Vi. H.

Chapel Candle - Thanksgiving–Vi. H.

in this name.

**[435]** – The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayers. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words “through our Lord Jesus Christ”, the Hail Mary reaches its high point in the words “blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus; the Eastern prayer of the heart, the Jesus Prayer, says: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word “Jesus” on their lips.

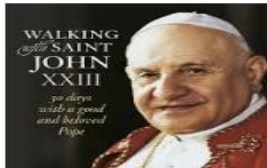
Catechism of the Catholic Church -

### *Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – For victims of abuse March 2023*

“We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.”



**Our Patron Saint..**



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

**“Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.”** *To be continued.....*

**The Annunciation of the Lord, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

This is the ancient title for the feast celebrating the Incarnation of the Word. This feast is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin: of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and of the virgin who becomes the Mother of God.

In the universal Church, this liturgy celebrates the beginning of redemption. It also honours Mary as the ‘new Eve,’ the obedient and faithful woman who generously agrees to be the Mother of God. Mary cooperates freely in the plan of salvation.

*Living with Christ, Mar 2023 edition*

**PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion**

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

**Station of the Cross - All Fridays of Lent at**

**6:30 followed by the 7pm 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**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

<b>1<sup>st</sup>- Jesus is condemned to Death</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> –The women weep over Jesus</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>- Jesus carries His Cross</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> - Jesus Falls the 3rd time</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> -Jesus falls the 1St time</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup>- Jesus is stripped of His garments</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> -Jesus meets His sorrowful mother</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup>- Jesus is nailed to the cross</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> -Simon helps Jesus carry the Cross</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> -Jesus dies on the Cross</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> –Veronica wipes the face of Jesus</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup>- Jesus is taken from the Cross</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>- Jesus falls the 2nd time</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup>-Jesus is laid in the Sepulcher</b>

**V. WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU,  
R. BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU REDEMED THE WORLD.**

**Our Father, Hail Mary, & Glory Be.**

**DO YOU KNOW ...?**

1. Who was author of the first reading?
2. What was the promise of the Lord to the people of Israel mentioned in the first reading?
3. Paul said to the Romans that those who are in the flesh cannot please God, who dwells in us?
4. In the Gospel, who was raised from the dead?

5. Who were the sisters of Lazarus?
6. What was revealed by Jesus to the Martha?
7. What was response of Martha?
8. What did Mary said to Jesus when he returned to Bethany?
9. How did Jesus react to Mary’s weeping?
10. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, what did Jesus do? †

**Answer on last week trivia:** 1. David; 2. Jesse; 3. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.; 4. Ephesians; 5. The fruit of the light; 6. The man borne blind; 7. Jesus is the Son of Man; 8. The Pharisees; 9. Laetare means joy; 10. Jesus is the Light of the World.