

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th SUNDAY of LENT | 26 March 2023



LAZARUS, COME OUT!

**Prayer *Fasting *Almsgiving*

LENTEN PARISH CONFESSION

March 29, 2023 at 7:30pm



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

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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THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Feast Day on March 25th



“Neither he nor his Parent sinned; he is blind so that the Works of God might be made visible through Him.” John 9:3

Today, we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) and the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass exalts us to rejoice!

“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who loved her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning.”

The question one may have, could be; why rejoice?

We are to rejoice because the celebration the most “Important Act of the Lord,” for our Salvation is drawing near; His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We are to rejoice, in the awareness, of what this Act of God achieved for humanity; through the Act we were reconciled to God, reestablishing anew the friendship we had in the Garden of Eden.

This journey toward Easter continues to be instructional; This last Sunday, liturgy urged us to retrace our journey since our Baptism. To encounter Jesus yet again, with the Samaritan Woman to whom, he revealed himself as the Source of the Living Water.

Today, we are at the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus reveals himself, through the healing of the Man born blind, that He is the Light of the World.

The 1st reading, today, leads the reflection; We are reminded of the anointing of David as the second King of Israel. It is fascinating to realize how blind we humans, sometimes, can be! Jesse, David’s father, is blinded by culture and appearances; To him, his son David is the youngest and the least likely to be anointed King by Samuel. He was, “the other that was tending sheep.” Human beings understand strengthens and power, God, on the other hand, is different; as Samuel tells us, ***“Not as Man sees does God see, ... the Lord looks into the heart!”***

In the Gospel today, the Disciples of Christ manifest the same kind of blindness; ***“Tell us Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his Parents, that he is blind?”*** How many times we thought, calamities in the world or in peoples’ life were a consequence of Sin?

Jesus responded to his disciples with clarification; ***“Neither he nor his Parent sinned; he is blind so that the Works of God might be made visible through Him.”***

The restoration of the physical sight happens quite fast. Jesus proclaims himself as the light of the world; He made clay, smeared it on the man and requested him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam “He went and washed and came back seeing.”

The story that follows, reveals the journey of faith of the Man born Blind; he had been, not only physically, but also spiritually blind.

The Man born blind grows gradually in Faith as Jesus is revealed to him. His Faith peaks when he professes his Faith in Jesus; ***“I do believe Lord.”*** In contrast to him, the Scribes and Pharisees, the religious of the day, sunk deeper and deeper into blindness. You hear Jesus challenge them; ***“If you were blind, you would have no guilt;” Jesus told them, “But now, you say, we see, your guilt remains!”***

Last Sunday St Paul in his Letter to the Romans reminded of our privilege; ***“The Love of God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to you.”***

Today, in his Letter to the Ephesians, he exalts us; ***“We were once in darkness but now we are in the Light of the Lord!”***

May Jesus, the Light of the World, illumine our Way toward God, Our Father.



- 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 D.

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 L.

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.

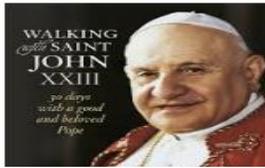
Catechism of the Catholic Church -

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 25th

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 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

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

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 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.