

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 4th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time | 29 January 2023

The Beatitudes

- 1. Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- 2. Blessed are the meek: for they shall posses the land.**
- 3. Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted.**
- 4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.**
- 5. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**
- 6. Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.**
- 7. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**
- 8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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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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

**St. Blaise,
PRAY FOR US.**

Feast Day on February 3rd



"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

Matthew 5:3

Last Sunday Gospel, opened with John the Baptist exiting the scene; his role having been accomplished; We read, "***he was arrested;***" The full story of his death is told in Mathew 14: 1-12 by way of the flashback!

We read, Jesus, hearing of the arrest of John, withdrew into Capernaum, the city that would be the home-base of his evangelization, and began his Public Ministry.

Jesus begun the Mission of his Father with the Words "***Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.***"

He then, set out to lay the Foundation of the New Israel, with the call of the first four Apostles; Peter, Andrew, John and James.

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus, gives the guiding Principles that were to govern the New Israel: in other words, he gave them the Constitution; The New Law.

Matthew, himself a Jew, knew the significance of the Mountain; this is where the Old Israel received the demands of God through Moses, their Leader, on Mount Sinai!

God and the People of Israel made a Covenant, in which Israel in unison promised to accept and be faithful; "***What the Lord our God has asked us we shall do!***"

In today's Gospel, Mathew present Jesus as the New Moses. Just as Moses did "***Jesus seeing the crowds, went up on the mountain, and when he sat down he opened his mouth and taught them saying ...***"

Jesus addressed not only his disciples but all Israel (the crowd) gathered to hear him! He placed before them his teaching and challenged them to accept and to act upon it. However, unlike Moses who had received God's Commandments and hence became just a Messager, Jesus has the authority of the Father; In His Person, he revealed the Will of God.

"Blessed are the Poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Blessed are you; Blessed by God! **Blessing is an Act of the Divine!**

Blessed are Poor in Spirit; Mathew qualifies the poor with the words "in Spirit," to include all those who recognized God's Kingdom as a gift and responded to its demand. Those who accepts the reign of God in their heart, despite all that they possess.

The realization that God has a special bias for the poor, must have turned the belief of the day, upside down; for wealth was a sign of being in terms with God. The wealthy were considered the blessed! Jesus put this understanding upside down.

Jesus, too, unlocked the mysteries of other situations considered before then, signs of unfaithfulness to God or signs of weakness;

Blessed are those who mourn; Blessed are the meek; Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, Blessed are the merciful; Blessed are the Pure of Heart; Blessed are the peacemakers; Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs!

As we listen to this reading today, which of Christ's Beatitudes, truly speaks to our hearts? *Do we hunger and thirst for righteousness, for something more soul-satisfying than material wealth or injustice? Do we not yearn for mercy, forgiveness, and compassion? Would we welcome the chance to make Peace with a neighbor who we truly know deeply hates us?*

The Beatitudes Promise fullness of Life in God. Jesus came so that we humans may have Life. His only Gift is Life. Fullness of Life, in God, results in True Happiness.



- Catechism of the Catholic Church-**Paragraph 2. "Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary"****I. CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...**

[CCC 484] The Annunciation to Mary inaugurates “the fullness of time”. The time of the fulfillment of God’s promises and preparations. Mary was invited to conceive him in whom the “whole fullness of deity” would dwell “bodily”. The divine response to her question, “How can this be, since I know not man?”, was given by the power of the Spirit: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you.

[CCC 485] The mission of the Holy Spirit is always conjoined and ordered to that of the Son. The Holy Spirit, “the Lord, the giver of Life”, is sent to sanctify the womb of the Virgin Mary and divinely fecundate it, causing her to conceive the eternal Son of the Father in a humanity drawn from her own.

[CCC 486] The Father’s only Son, conceived as man in the womb of the Virgin Mary, is “Christ”, that is to say, anointed by the Holy Spirit, from the beginning of his human existence, though the manifestation of this fact takes place only progressively: to the shepherds, to the magi, to John the Baptist, to the disciples. Thus the whole life of Jesus Christ will make manifest “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.”

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

MASS INTENTIONS**Jan 28 – Saturday, 7:00PM Vigil Mass**

+Petra P.

Jan 29 – Sunday

9:00 AM + Hilarion A. & + Doroteo I.

12:15 PM + Augustine C.

5:30 PM The Parishioners

Jan 30 – Monday, 7 PM

Healing of Pedro R.

Jan 31 – Tuesday, 9AM

+ Melencio & Gregorio B.

Feb 01 – Wednesday, 7PM

Thanksgiving of Thelma C.

Feb 02 – Thursday, 9AM

Thanksgiving B-day of Siony V.

+Deling F.

Feb 03 – Friday, 7PM

Thanksgiving of Marichou & Family

Thanksgiving of Chi-Chi M.

Feb 04 – Saturday, 9AM

Thanksgiving of Marcy G.

Memorial Lamp – Jan 28-Feb03, 2023

Sanctuary Candle – Thanksgiving of Vi H.

Mother Mary - Thanksgiving of Vi H.

Chapel Candle - Thanksgiving of 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.

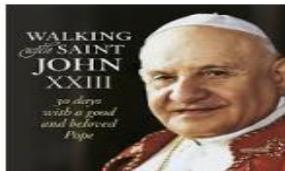
Let us pray for all the members of our Community who are sick, homebound and needs spiritual healing especially:

1. Cristina
2. Margarete
3. Denise

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention – January 2023

“We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.”



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

"I live by the mercy of Jesus, to whom I owe everything and from whom I expect everything." *To be continued*

St. Blaise, February 3rd

Blaise is best known for the tradition of blessing throats linked to him. An Armenian bishop, Blaise suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Licinius, in the early 4th century. While little is known about him, it is said that religious oppression forced him to live as a hermit in a cave.

According to legend, Blaise performed a miraculous cure on a boy who was choking to death. Blaise has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat, and the blessing of throats may take place on this day in memory of him. He is a patron of wool-combers and of all who suffer from afflictions of the throat. He is also a patron of wild beasts, as legend suggests he had a remarkable calming influence on animals.

Living with Christ, Feb 2023 edition

DO YOU KNOW

1. In which gospel do you find the 8 beatitudes?
2. What are the 8 beatitudes?
3. Who wrote the gospel this Sunday?
4. As mentioned in the Gospel, Jesus said Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in _____.
5. What is the responsorial psalm this 4th Sunday in Ordinary time?
6. In the second reading, what was quoted by Paul from the scriptures and said to the community is Corinth?
7. What feast is celebrated on the 2nd day of February?
8. Who was the saint that during his feast day there is the blessing of the throats?

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Answer on last week trivia: **1.** Book of Isaiah; **2.** Zebulun and Napthali"; **3.** Midian was the son of Abraham & Keturah; **4.** Salvation; **5.** Paul appealed to the community of Corinth to be in agreement and to be united in the same mind and same purpose; **6** The message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to the believers who are being saved it is the power of God; **7.** Jesus went to Galilee and made His home Capernaum; **8.** He began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven has come near; **9.** He invited Simon, Andrew, James and John; **10.** Fishermen and he said "Come follow me, & I will make you fishers of people."

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

SACRAMENTALS

These are outward signs that give grace to those who receive them in a worthy manner. It is a material, object or action ritually blessed by a priest to signal its association with the sacraments and so to incite reverence during acts of worship.