

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 4th SUNDAY of EASTER | 30 April 2023



**CHRIST IS
RISEN!
Alleluia,
Alleluia,
Alleluia**



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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Good Shepherd Sunday- The World Day of Prayer for Vocations

***“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.”***

John 14:1

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. ATHANASIUS,
PRAY FOR US**

Feast Day on May 2nd



“The reason the Father loves me is that I lay down my life in order to take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it in order to take up again.” John 10:17-18

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Catholic Communities and individual Christians are encouraged to pray, that many, may respond to the call of Christ to be intimate witnesses of the Gospel.

Prayer to God, the Father, for an increase of workers in his vineyard, is a request of Jesus himself; ***“Pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He may send laborers to his Harvest!”***

The Call to Prayer, is in line with the very nature of the Church, which has the Mission to evangelize from its founding. After Jesus had appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, we read in the Gospel last Sunday, he breathed unto them and commanded; ***“Receive the Holy Spirit, as the Father has sent me so I send you.”*** We read of this commissioning in every Gospel, but it very explicit in St. Mathew’s Gospel 28:20, ***“All authority has been given to me, go and make disciples of all Nations!”*** Although this commissioning is directed to every disciple of Christ, whom we all are, it is a responsibility, in a special way to those called to offer their lives exclusively to evangelize and serve the people of God.

This Sunday also, we celebrate Jesus, the Good Shepherd; the **Authentic Shepherd** over and against all those, who claimed to be shepherds before him.

Jesus unlike other shepherds, is one who knowing the value of the Sheep, laid his life (by his own will) for them! He tells us that this is why God, the Father loves Him; Because He willingly gives up his Life that we may live;

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Jesus, declared that there was nothing life-giving of those who came before him claiming to be shepherds; particularly some religious leader in his time; “These are thieves, robbers and strangers.”

Jesus, because He is Divine, is the True Shepherd and from Him emanates life that fulfills the Sheep. We are the Sheep of his flock, and given Life, that flow from Him, we are able to give life to others.

I imagine the many people, who give themselves up so that others may have life; Mothers, Fathers, husbands and wives, children, the religious, Christian workers and many people of good will who, knowingly give themselves up, that others may thrive!

Blessed are those, that I dare call disciples of Christ, who labor and in self-giving, lead others to an experience of joy that makes them exult with the Lord, with the Psalmist;

“The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; He restores my Soul ...”



– Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church-

111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about? 557-560; 569-570

I. At the established time Jesus chose to go up to Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the *Sanctus* of the Eucharistic liturgy:

“Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! *Hosanna* (save us!)” (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem.

“Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.”

112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus? 571-573

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemned to death? 574-576

Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason, they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.

117. Who is responsible for the death of Jesus? 595-598

The passion and death of Jesus cannot be imputed indiscriminately either to all the Jews that were living at that time or to their descendants. Every single sinner, that is, every human being is really the cause and the instrument of the sufferings of the Redeemer; and the greater blame in this respect falls on those above all who are Christians and who the more often fall into sin or delight in their vices.

118. Why was the death of Jesus part of God's plan? 599-605; 619
To reconcile to himself all who were destined to die because of sin God took the loving initiative of sending his Son that

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 29 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass - Parishioners

Apr 30 – Sunday 9:00 AM + Belinda C.

12:15 PM + Meriam W.

5:30 PM + Carmen & +Ricardo M.

May 01– Mon, 7 PM + Joseph & Anna L.

Thanksgiving of Mayette L.

May 02 – Tue, 9 AM +Gregorio & Elena C. +Willie A.

Thanksgiving of Lindsey V.

May 03 – Wed, 7PM + Arthur & +Sheila T.

May 04 – Thu, 9AM Good Health for Amanda F.

May 05 – Fri, 7PM + Aurora E.

May 06–Sat,9AM +Domitilo + Eugenia +Fernando A.

he might give himself up for sinners. Proclaimed in the Old Testament, especially as the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant, the death of Jesus came about “in accordance with the Scriptures”.

119. In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father? 609-609; 620

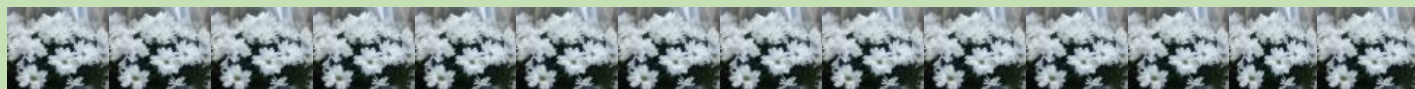
The entire life of Christ was a free offering to the Father to carry out his plan of salvation. He gave “his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45) and in this way he reconciled all of humanity with God. His suffering and death showed how his humanity was the free and perfect instrument of that divine love which desires the salvation of all people.

120. How is Jesus' offering expressed at the Last Supper? 610-611; 621

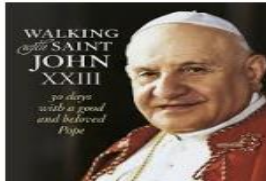
At the Last Supper with his apostles on the eve of his passion Jesus anticipated, that is, both symbolized his free self-offering and made it really present: “This is my Body which is given for you” (Luke 22:19), “This is my Blood which is poured out...” (Matthew 26:28) Thus he both instituted the Eucharist as the “memorial” (1 Corinthians 11:25) of his sacrifice and instituted his apostles as priests of the new covenant.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -April 2023 - [For a culture of peace and non-violence](#)

“We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.”



Our Patron Saint..



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Pope John XXIII

“Hail, Mother of the Americas, Heavenly Missionary of the New World! From the Sanctuary of Tepeyac you have been for more than four centuries the mother and Teacher of the Faith to the peoples of the Americas. Be also our protection and save us, O Immaculate Mary. Aid our rulers; stir up a new zeal in our prelates; increase the virtues of our clergy; and preserve forever our Faith. In every home may the holiness of the family flourish, and in the shelter of the home may Catholic education, favored by your own being glance, achieve a wholesome growth.” *To be continued*

St. Athanasius, May 2nd

The Born at Alexandria in Egypt about 297, Athanasius is one of the Greek Fathers and a Doctor of the Church. He was present at the Council of Nicaea (325), convened to oppose the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Bishop of Alexandria and spiritual head of the desert hermits and of Ethiopia, Athanasius was a brilliant and formidable defender of orthodoxy, incurring the wrath of a succession of non-Christian emperors who repeatedly forced him into exile. Athanasius wrote several outstanding treatises on Catholic doctrine, especially on the Incarnation, and introduced monasticism to the West. He died in 373. Through his example, his learning and his writings, he remains one of our greatest teachers.

Living with Christ, May 2023 edition

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
- 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

DO YOU KNOW ...?

1. What was the reply of Peter to the people when asked “Brothers, what should we do?”
2. The responsorial psalm this 4th Sunday of Easter was taken from what Psalm?
3. What feast is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter?
4. What feast is celebrated on the 50th day after Easter?
5. In the Gospel, who said this “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit”?
6. Who was the gate for the sheep mentioned in the Gospel?
7. The thief comes only for what?
8. Who wrote the gospel read this 4th Sunday of Easter?
9. The Gospel Acclamation is I am _____; I know my sheep, and my own know me. (fill the missing words)
10. What are the other “I am’s” that Jesus said? †



Grant Eternal Rest to the soul of

+Jose Laurel, +Belinda Castillo, +Aurelia Paje, +Antonia Piano

Answer on last week: 1. Peter; 2. Lord, you will show me the path of life.; 3. By the precious blood of Christ; 4. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.; 5. Emmaus; 6. Jesus; 7. The events that happened to Jesus; 8. When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed & broke it and gave it to them.; 9. Where not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?; 10. They said the Lord has risen indeed and he has appeared to Simon.