

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 30, 2022

**“God so loved the world
that he gave his only-
begotten Son, that
everyone who believes in
him may have eternal
life.”**

John 3:16

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 2023 is in the months of September and October 2022

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2023 is on October and November 2022

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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**St. Martin de Porres,
Pray for us**

Feast Day on November 3, 2022



“I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will payback four times as much.” Luke 19:8

The Story of Zacchaeus that we heard in today’s Gospel Reading, follows the Story of the Young Rich Wealthy Official who came to Jesus asking a fundamental question; “*Good Master what shall I do to inherit Eternal Life?*” Christ had replied, “*Keep the Commandment!*” To which the young man replied, “*I have kept these since my youth!*”

Jesus then challenged him; “*there is still one thing that you lack, go sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, then, come and follow me.*”

The Scripture says; “*the man went away sad, for he was a man with great wealth!*”

Following this Jesus had revealed the dangers of attachment to riches; “*It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God!*”

This proclamation had surprised His Disciples, who in shock questioned Jesus; “*Lord, then who can be saved?*” Jesus responded; “*What is impossible for man is possible for God.*”

Christ's Encounter with Zacchaeus reveals this way, in which “What is impossible for man is Possible for God.”

Zacchaeus like the young rich official, was a very wealthy and powerful person. He was from Jericho, a very wealth city that was famous and envied by many for its economic success and very wealthy citizens. But unlike the rich man who had all the commandments in order, and therefore righteous in the eyes of the Law, Zacchaeus was a public sinner; despised, by his fellow country People because he was a Tax collector.

And there was something even worse; such -the likes of Zacchaeus to the Jews were “Beyond the Mercy of God” for a simple reason; As a Jew, he was bound by Law of the Lord that required restitution to every person that was defrauded, as we read in the Book of Leviticus; “*If someone commits a sin of dishonesty against the Lord by denying a neighbor deposit, ... retaining his neighbor's goods unjustly ... He shall make full restitution of the thing itself and in addition give the owner one fifth of its value.*” Leviticus 5:22

The Likes of Zacchaeus could not remember all people they had cheated consequently could not pay restitution hence could never achieve forgiveness. Zacchaeus, however had a great break; His Desire to see Jesus moved him to the Sphere of the Divine, His Only Hope. His Want for even a glimpse of the Lord, unknowingly opened his heart to an encounter that would make him forget who he was and what he possessed; leading him to do the unthinkable; an elder of Israel climbing a Tree.

Here is the Miracle; The Lord, his Creator too thirsted for him, reminding us of that thirst of God for us in the Garden of Eden, when He came calling; “*Adam where are you?*”

This Thirst of God made Jesus cross the set boundaries that separated the clean from unclean, causing a major Scandal among the Elders of his People.

And He the Lord, called “the despised” by name and invited himself to his House; “*Zacchaeus come down quickly, for today, I must stay at your house.*”

We are told that St Bernard would meditate on this encounter for hours; meditate at what he called “*The Gaze of Lord fixed on the Helpless Sinner, desperate for Redemption.*”

Bishop Robert Barron would say, “*This Gaze is Mercy*” and “*Mercy is what God’s Love looks like when it is turned towards a Sinner.*”

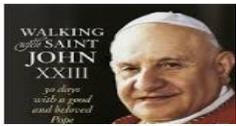
Scripture says, “Zacchaeus, came down quickly and received Jesus with Joy.” And moved deeply by Christ's visit he decided to change his life; Promising to make reparation beyond the requirement of the Law; “*Lord, behold half of my Possession I shall give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone I will pay him back four times.*”

“Today Salvation has come to this house because this man too is the son of Abraham.”

And He, Zacchaeus experienced Peace and Joy from God’s Merciful Love for the First Time.

Blessed are you because you believe. ***Today, in this very Eucharist, God whispers these Very Words to Our Soul --- “Today Salvation has come to this House.”**

Our Patron Saint..



The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII

“Born poor, but of honored and humble people, I am particularly proud to die poor.” *To be continued*

St. Martin de Porres – Nov 3

St. Martin de Porres, in full Juan Martin de Porres Velasquez, born 1579, Lima, Peru and died November 3, 1639. Peruvian friar noted for his kindness, his nursing of the sick, his obedience, and his charity. He is the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony and mixed-race people.

Born of a liaison between a Spanish grandee and a free Black woman and later abandoned by his father, Martin de Porres was raised in poverty and bore the stigmas of both his illegitimate birth and his mixed race. He was placed to study with a barber-surgeon, where he learned bloodletting and the administration of medicines. Compassionate and eager to serve, he became a Dominican oblate, or lay monastic, in 1601. He was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and constant prayer. He was canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. Patron saint of barbers, innkeepers, public education, public health, racial harmony and social justice. *Britannica.com*



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

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT.....

1. This Sunday is the 31st Sunday, what feast is celebrated in the last Sunday in the Liturgical Calendar of the Church?
2. Who was the man Jesus saw when he entered Jericho?
3. And, what was his occupation?
4. Why was this man ran and climbed in the sycamore tree?
5. What did Jesus say when He saw him on the tree?
6. What was the response of Zacchaeus?
7. People around them grumbled, & they said what?

8. What did Zacchaeus say to Jesus to make reparation for his sins?
9. Jesus on the other hand said to Zacchaeus, **"Today_____ has come to this house, because Zacchaeus too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the _____."**
10. Who among the apostles of Jesus was a tax collector?

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Answers on last week: **1.** Pope John Paul II; **2.** Wadowice, Poland; **3.** 1958; **4.** Constitution *Gaudium et spes*; **5.** He was elected Pope at the Conclave on October 16, 1978; **6.** Pope John Paul II; **7.** His first visit was in 1984; **8.** The people of Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories; **9.** He died on April 2, 2005; **10.** World Youth Day.