

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | EASTER SUNDAY | 31 March 2024



**“The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.
To Him be glory and power for
all the ages of eternity, alleluia,
alleluia!”** Luke 24.34

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



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 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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Happy Easter

Let us rejoice and be Glad! This is the day the Lord has made!



Easter Message:

Rejoice, heavenly Powers! Sing, choirs of Angels Exult, all Creation/ around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is Risen! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in Glory! The Risen Shines upon you! Let this place/ resound with Joy, echoing/ the mighty song /of all God's People!

This is the proclamation made, announcing the Holy and Great Easter Night. It is a call to be Joyful as we behold and accept God's Greatest Miracle; That Moment when He rained down Graces of New Life upon the tomb and His Son rose from the dead.

Easter Festivities always begin with the "Miracle of Light;" Light illumining the darkness of Sin. On that Holy Night, Christians enter the Holy Place with Light progressively growing brighter and brighter from a single Easter Candle.

Brothers and Sisters, with all certitude, the Resurrection of Jesus for us is Victory; Christ's Victory is Our Victory.

On that Easter Moment, the Risen Lord asked his disciples: *"Why are you so agitated, why are your hearts doubtful? See my hands and feet that it is I Myself! Touch me and see for yourself; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have!"*

You could almost see that Joy which Victory brings shining on the Faces of the Disciples.

You could almost hear them exulting with the Easter Acclamation: **"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!"**

Yes, Easter is the day! It is where Creation after the Fall of Adam was destined and it is where Creation after finds its Joy!

"Resurrected Christ," is the "Assuring Sign" of this Fundamental Faith; As St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Cor. "If Christ had not been raised then Our Faith would be in Vain." 1Cor15

Listen again to the Words of the Resurrected Jesus to Mary Magdalene, **"Go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God. "**

We share in the Glory of the Resurrected Christ because Our Father is! And because Our Father IS II we also Are.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER THREE The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic
"I BELIEVE IN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS"

200. How are sins remitted? 976-980, 984-985
 The first and chief sacrament for the forgiveness of sins is Baptism. For those sins committed after Baptism, Christ instituted the sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance through which a baptized person is reconciled with God and with the Church.

201. Why does the Church have the power to forgive sins? 981-983, 986-987
 The Church has the mission and the power to forgive sins because Christ himself has conferred it upon her: "Receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

"I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY"

202. What is the meaning of the term "body" (or "flesh") and what importance does it have? 990, 1015
 The resurrection of the flesh is the literal formulation in the Apostles Creed for the resurrection of the body. The term "flesh" refers to humanity in its state of weakness and mortality. "The flesh is the hinge of salvation" (Tertullian). We believe in God the Creator of the flesh; we believe in the Word made flesh in order to redeem flesh; and we believe in the resurrection of flesh which is the fulfillment of both the creation and the redemption of the flesh.

203. What is meant by the "resurrection of the body"? 990
 This means that the definitive state of man will not be one in which his spiritual soul is separated from his body. Even our mortal bodies will one day come to life again.

204. What is the relationship between the Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection? 998, 1002-1003
 Just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and now lives forever, so he himself will raise everyone on the last day with an incorruptible body: "Those who have done good will rise to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:29).

205. What happens to our body and our soul after death? 992-1004, 1016-1018
 After death, which is the separation of the body and the soul, the body becomes corrupt while the soul, which is immortal, goes to meet the judgment of God and awaits its reunion with the body when it will rise transformed at the time of the return of the Lord. How the resurrection of the body will come about exceeds the possibilities of our imagination and understanding.

206. What does it mean to die in Christ Jesus? 1005-1014, 1019
 Dying in Christ Jesus means to die in the state of God's grace without any mortal sin. A believer in Christ, following his example, is thus able to transform his own death into an act of obedience and love for the Father. "This saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him" (2 Timothy 2:11).

(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 30-Sat, 5:15PM EASTER Vigil Mass-
 + The Parishioners
 Mar 31- Easter Sunday 9:00AM + Edlyn M. Periera
 +Oswin de Almeida
 12:15 PM + Benjie Romero
 5:30 PM + +Antonio Mendoza
 Apr 01 - Mon, 7PM Thanksgiving of Jovi S.
 Apr 02 -Tue, 9 AM +Angelo Gerardo
 Apr 03 -Wed,7 PM Thanksgiving of Jeffrey
 Apr 04 -Thu, 9 AM +Fernande I. del Valle
 Apr 05 -Fri, 7 PM For Good Health of Nelia Alzate
 Apr 06 -Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving B-day of Sally S.

7-day Candle Offering-Mar 30-Apr 05, 2024

Sanctuary--- + Elena Cabungcal
 Virgin Mary- + Gregorio Cabungcal
 Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Gemma C.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

New RESURRECTION

Resurrection is the rising again from the dead, the resumption of life. The Fourth Lateran Council teaches that all men whether elect or reprobate, "will rise again with their own bodies which they now bear about with them" (cap. "Firmiter") Resurrection | Catholic Answers Encyclopedia

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It fulfills all the divine promises made for us. Furthermore, the risen Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, is the principle of our justification and our Resurrection. It procures for us now the grace of filial adoption which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son. At the end of time, he will raise up our bodies. (CCC 651-655, 658)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -March 2024 - FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

"We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm."



ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA



Our Patron Saint..



“Our Easter is therefore for everyone a dying to sin, to passions, to hatred, to enmities, to all that is a source of imbalance, bitterness and torment in the spiritual and material order. This death is in fact only the first step towards a higher goal: since our Easter is also a mystery of life.” – St. John 23rd. 1959



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

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

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

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Francis at Easter Urbi et Orbi: Christ is risen! All begins anew!

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-02/pope-francis-remembers-world-conflicts-at-urbi-et-orbi.html>



AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO
Saturday, March 30, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP LEO



THE EASTER VIGIL - CHRIST IS RISEN
Sunday, March 31, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN MASSES, PRAYER SERVICES

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

click the link to read the full text of the news

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Congratulations to Grace, Commander, & Kori who were baptized, confirmed and received the First Holy Communion on the Easter Vigil Mass- Welcome to the Family Catholic Christians and to our Parish;
- FHC Candidates – confession on April 6 at 11am;
- FHC Mass on April 7 at 10:30 am;
- Confirmation Candidates and parents your 9th Session will be on April 13th at 11:00am;

