

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23 June 2024

**“Why are you afraid?  
Have you still no  
FAITH?”**



**“Peace! Be still!”**

Mark 4:38-39

### *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 Saturday 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  
**Parish School-**

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**St. Cyril of Alexandria**

**Pray for us. Jun 27<sup>th</sup>**

**“As two pieces of wax fused together make one so he who receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ that Christ is in him and he is in Christ.” St. Cyril**



“Teacher, do you not care if we perished?”  
“Peace, be still” Mark 4:38-39

Today we get another opportunity to read from the book of Job, a book that deals with very profound theological questions.

The theological understanding that prevailed then, was that prosperity, success and well-being was a manifestation of an individual’s righteousness, one who was right with God, faithfully following His will.

In the Book of Job, he is righteous and innocent consequently as per the understanding of the time his riches were due to his faithfulness to God. However, calamity befell him, lost everything; sons and daughters, property and as if this was not enough, he contracted a devastating sickness.

To many the question was why? The story begins in Heaven and there’s a dialogue between the Lord and Satan. The Lord brings to Satan’s attention Job; His faithfulness and wealth.

The question that Satan asked God is one of the most important questions in the Bible. Satan answered and said **“Job is not God-fearing for nothing is he? Have you not put a wall of possessions around him? Lay a finger on his Possessions ... then he will curse you to your Face!”** Put Differently; do human beings serve God for themselves and for their own benefit or do they worship God for whom he truly is?

The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of today is taken from the point in the book where the friends of Job have tried all ways and means to make his complaint clear to God. These three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, are eloquent defenders of the tradition view of retribution; God blesses those who are faithful to him and punishes those who are not.

We are made aware that Job was a faithful person to God, why then does he look punished. Job in his suffering remained steadfast to God but thirsted to encounter for an explanation why.

In the reading God breaks the silence in answer to Job! He manifests to Job that he has power over all creation and He provides for it! In the answer though what was striking is that God did not address Job’s problem. God does not say a word about his guilt or innocence, his sufferings or its meaning! In all, though, God does not explain to Job the deeper mystery of his providence over humanity and his treatment of those who are dear to him, Job seems to understand God’s presence.

*“I have seen you.”* Job says as he encountered God. He exclaims; *“before I knew you by hearsay but now, having seen you with my eyes, I retract what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes.”*

The question about suffering and retributive justice did not go away with Job, it was addressed by Christ! Remember the question to Christ by his disciples in the miracle of the Man born blind. In John. 9: 1-3, the disciples took it for granted that it was because of sins that the man was blind; their problem was, *“were they his sins or those of his parents?”* Jesus corrects them and what he said could be applied to Job; He suffers not because of any sins but, that the works of God may be shown forth in him.”

The presence of Jesus in the crises in the Sea, did not put the disciples’ hearts at peace, trusting in Christ’s presence. Their question to the Lord, *“Teacher, do you not care if we perished?”* indicates that the disciples had little awareness of the reigning powerful presence of God in the person and activity of Jesus! Jesus was surprised at their lack of Faith after all the miracles they had witnessed that very day in Capernaum! *“Why are you Afraid? Have you no Faith?”*

Jesus by quieting the storm revealed yet again that he was God among his people.

*We pray that our Faith and trust in God may be increased. Amen.*



**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**27. What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God?** 150-152, 176-178

It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**28. What are the characteristics of faith?** 153-165, 179-180, 183-184

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation. It is a free gift of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a human act, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also certain because it is founded on the Word of God; it works "through charity" (Galatians 5:6); and it continually grows through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a foretaste of the joys of heaven.

**29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?** 159

Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith.

*"I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe."* (Saint Augustine)

***We Believe***

**30. Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial?** 166-169, 181

Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time, it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, "We believe". It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus, by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

*"No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother."* (Saint Cyprian)

**31. Why are the formulas of faith important?** 170-171

The formulas of faith are important because they permit one to express, assimilate, celebrate, and share together with others the truths of the faith through a common language.

*(to be continued)- Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
<https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Jun 22-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Vicente & Martina
- Jun 23- Sun 9:00AM + Efren Marcelino  
12:15 PM + Visitacion Dacanay  
5:30 PM + The Parishioners
- Jun 24 - Mon, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Jane de Guia  
+Leopoldo & +Cleotilde Labrador
- Jun 25 -Tue, 9 AM Thanksgiving Gerard Fernandez
- Jun 26 -Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Kathleen France  
Thanksgiving of Tina Cann
- Jun 27 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Jeff Gomez
- Jun 28 -Fri, 7 PM + Herberto & Simeona Manzanilla
- Jun 29 -Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving B-day of Amor A.

**7-day Candle Offering-June 22-28, 2024**

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Hayde
- Virgin Mary- Intention of Jeffrey Ayala
- Chapel ---- +Conchita & + Leoncio Ayala

**WORD OF THE WEEK**



**FAITH**

**-Is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Hebrew 11.1)**

**Hope is what we desire to happen. Faith is what we trust will happen.**

<https://www.catholic.com/qa/what-is-faith>

***Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - June 2024 - FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES***

**'We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.'**



**Our Patron Saint...**



**"The world will never be the dwelling place of peace, till peace has found a home in the heart of each and every man, till every man preserves in himself the order ordained by God to preserved. St. John XXIII**

**St. Cyril of Alexandria June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Cyril was a patriarch of the Eastern Church and a Greek theologian. In 412, he succeeded his uncle as archbishop of Alexandria and used his power and wealth to champion his cause- the defence of the doctrines of the Church. At the Council of Ephesus in 431 in the great Christological controversy against Nestorius, Cyril held that the relationship between the divine and human in Christ was so closely united that the Virgin was actually Theotokos (Mother of God). This controversy engaged Cyril until his death in 444. In 1882, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

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**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](mailto: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 !!!**



File photo: Livestreaming of Pope Francis

**Pope to university students: 'Stay true to your convictions and faith'**

[Pope to university students: 'Stay true to your convictions and faith' - Vatican News](#)



**AND THAT'S A WRAP! YOUTH MINISTERS REVIEW AND REFLECT ON PASTORAL MINISTRY SEASON**

Friday, June 21, 2024



**ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR FATHER'S DAY**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024



**MESSAGE OF ARCHBISHOP LEO ON DEVOTION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Tuesday, May 28, 2024



**2024 GRADS GATHER FOR YEAR END MASS**

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS YOUNG ADULT (18-35)

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

**\*\*click the link to read the full text of the news\*\***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Pray for all our children who graduated from school that they will prepare for their next stage in life;**
- **The 53<sup>rd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress will be held on Sep 6-16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Quito, Ecuador. If you are interested to join the pilgrimage on this occasion, contact Spiritours travel;**
- **If you are new to the parish and live around the area, we encourage you to register as a Parishioner of this parish. Fill up the parish registration form and submit to the office.**

