

St. John XXIII Catholic Church
celebrates a

Novena of Pope Saint John XXIII

requesting his intercession and expressing gratitude for 25 years of his patronage

DAY FIVE

Presider: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...

All: Amen

All: Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Pope St. John XXIII as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of You he showed in his charitable service towards those in need. Pope St. John XXIII, you were a young priest during the start of the Holocaust in Europe. Out of love for God and His people, you did not hesitate to begin working to save the Jewish people from persecution and death. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you served so selflessly! You lived through a terrible time in the world and a tumultuous time in the Church. Despite these trials, you persevered in faithful service throughout the rest of your life. Pray for me, that I may always be eager to serve God through service to my fellow man. Pray that I may never miss the opportunity to serve God through service to those in need.

(If at home, mention your personal or family intentions here: "Please pray also for...").

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord,
Amen

Reading from Colossians 1:1-8 (the first Reading from our forthcoming celebration): *As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our parish, we are reminded of the words in Colossians 1:1-8, where Paul gives thanks for the faith, love, and hope found in the Christian community. Just as Paul rejoiced in the growth and steadfastness of the Colossians, we give thanks for the enduring faith, love, and fruitfulness that have shaped our parish over these twenty-five years, trusting that the Gospel continues to bear fruit among us.*

Reader:

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother,
to the holy ones and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We always give thanks to God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
when we pray for you,
for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus

and the love that you have for all the holy ones
because of the hope reserved for you in heaven.

Of this you have already heard
through the word of truth,
the Gospel, that has come to you.
Just as in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing,
so also among you,
from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth,
as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow slave,
who is a trustworthy minister of Christ on your behalf
and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord...

All: Thanks be to God.

Petitions

Loving Father, like the farmer, prune your vineyard, protect it and increase its yield—until it extends
before you throughout the whole world, we pray to the Lord...

...Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, provide comfort, strength, and hope for those who've suffered violence, we pray that
children and the most vulnerable be sheltered in your love—we pray especially for those who
experienced the terrible tragedy in Minnesota, and for the bishop, pastor, and all people of the church
of the Annunciation.

...Lord, hear our prayer.

Eternal shepherd, raise up ministers of your Word and Sacraments—that they may lead your flock to
green pastures and refreshing waters, we pray to the Lord...

...Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, you have prepared a dwelling place for all who love you—open your house to all those
who have died, we pray to the Lord...

...Lord, hear our prayer.

Our Father...

Closing Prayer

Presider: God our Father, from living stones, your chosen people, you built an eternal temple to your
glory. Increase the spiritual gifts you have given to St. John XXIII church over 25 years, so that her
faithful may continue to grow into the new and heavenly Jerusalem. We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Presider: Pope St. John XXIII...

All: ...pray for us!

Presider: May Almighty God bless us ✠, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.