

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 SEVEN

*(Abbreviated as a prelude to the weekend Mass.)*

**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 devotion to You he showed in working to strengthen the Church's teachings on critical moral issues of his day. Pope St. John XXIII, you became Pope in a time when society was rapidly changing. As the Church's leader, you did all you could to promote the true teachings of Mother Church in even the difficult areas of life. Please continue to bring my petitions before the throne of God! You faithfully upheld countercultural teachings of Jesus, although this was not popular with all. You persevered in preaching the truth. Pray for me, that I may always submit to God's Divine Will and the teachings of the Church. Pray that I may grow in love for her teachings, even in areas that are at times difficult for me.

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

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord,  
Amen

**Reading from Mater et Magistra:** *Pope John XXIII begins his letter "Pacem In Terris" by addressing all people of good will and expressing his profound desire for peace on earth, which he sees as a universal aspiration rooted in human dignity. He emphasizes that true peace must be based on truth, justice, love, and freedom. The Pope goes on to highlight the dignity of every person, the importance of respect for human rights, and the responsibilities that come with them.*

**Reader:**

From Pacem In Terris: an encyclical of Pope John XXIII

Peace on Earth—which man throughout the ages has so longed for and sought after—can never be established, never guaranteed, except by the diligent observance of the divinely established order.

That a marvelous order predominates in the world of living beings and in the forces of nature, is the plain lesson which the progress of modern research and the discoveries of technology teach us.

And it is part of the greatness of man that he can appreciate that order,  
and devise the means for harnessing those forces for his own benefit.

But what emerges first and foremost  
from the progress of scientific knowledge and the inventions of technology  
is the infinite greatness of God Himself,  
who created both man and the universe.  
Yes; out of nothing He made all things,  
and filled them with the fullness of His own wisdom and goodness.

Hence, these are the words the holy psalmist used in praise of God:  
"O Lord, our Lord: how admirable is thy name in the whole earth!"  
And elsewhere he says:  
"How great are thy works, O Lord!  
Thou hast made all things in wisdom."

**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.

*Before the Mass, we continue with the usual practice of offering the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*