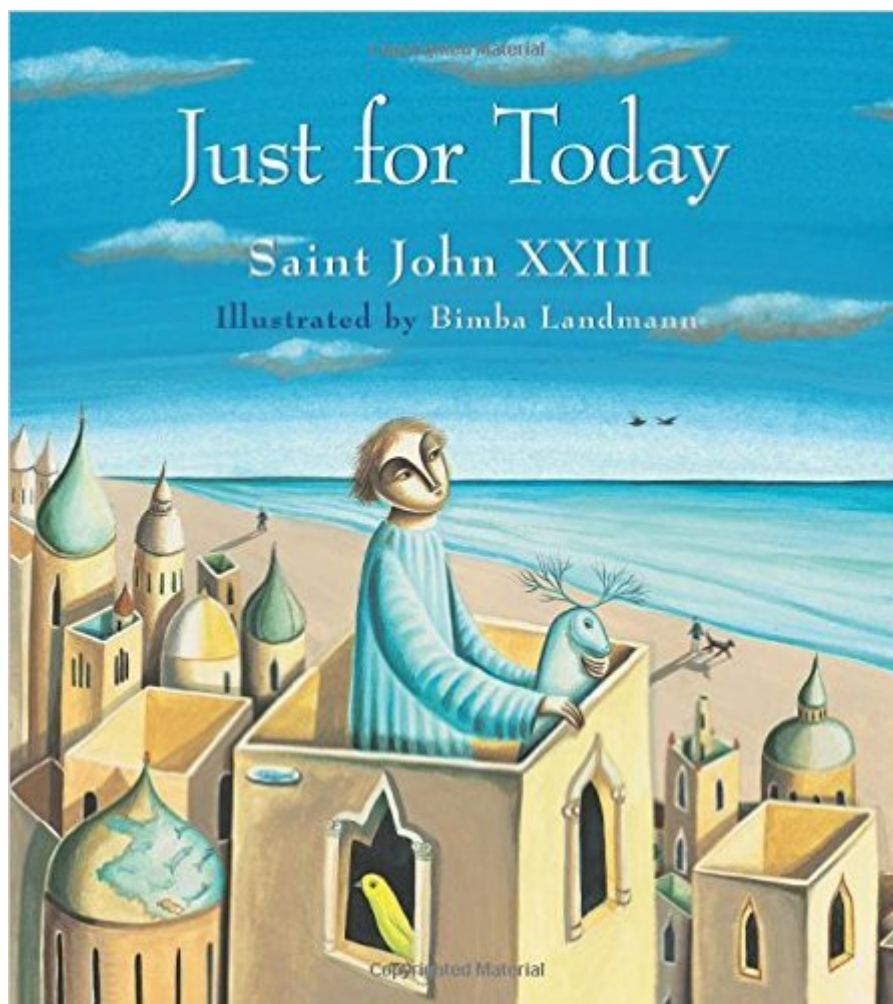


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# Just For Today



## Synopsis

Known fondly as "The Good Pope," John XXIII was recently canonized as a saint, and his daily Decalogue continues to be a source of inspiration for people the world over. In this picture book, graceful illustrations connect the text to everyday life, showing how the statements apply to school, family, and friendships. The pairing of Saint John XXIII's cherished words and Bimba Landmann's symbolic artwork instills readers of all ages with a sense of peace while they savor each page. This lovely book provides the perfect reminder of how to make the most of every day.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

The text of this book is excellent - very inspiring for all ages. However, I hate the illustrations! I bought this book as a First Communion present for my nephew. I am not going to give it to him because the pictures are so unusual that they are distracting from the text. On several pages, the main character's angular head is sideways and looks like it was drawn first, cut out with scissors and pasted back on sideways. It caught my eye right away and ruined the book for me. I believe that most children (the target audience) will also dislike the illustrations. I am a college-educated lady with a Membership at the Art Institute of Chicago. I appreciate good art and have been exposed to many genres. I get that the illustrations were done in a non-conventional style on purpose. It is my opinion that the style does not work with the text.

Just for Today is a hardcover illustrated children's book, which was a daily set of rules of Pope John XXIII. It begins by telling us that Angelo Roncalli (later Pope John XXIII) declared at his First Communion that he always wanted to be good to people. In this book, he talks about what he will and will not do today. It focuses on self-improvement, not the improvement of others. There is also talk of taking it one day at a time and resting in God knowing that He loves you. It is a simple book with a simple message, but the message is powerful. In fact, it is a book I feel children and adults should read at least once a day. About the only thing I don't like about the book is the illustration style. I can't put my finger on it, but I'm just not a fan. Overall, I give this book 4 out of 5 stars and think the message of this book puts it in the category of must have for a Catholic home.

Based on the daily prayer of Pope St. John XXIII, "Just for Today" is a lavishly illustrated prayer book for young people. The text of the prayer -- a sort of "decatalogue for daily living" -- includes simple reminders for how to go about living as a Christian in the world, including "I will not look to improve or discipline anyone other than myself," "I will adapt to circumstances, without expecting circumstances to adapt to my wishes," and "I will do a good deed and tell no one about it." While grounded in Christian worldview and ethic, even nonbelievers will find something of value to "the good pope's" daily offering of his life. "Just for Today" is a wonderful addition to any children's library and would make a great First Communion gift. Disclaimer: I received a free pre-publication copy of this book from LibraryThing's Early Reviewer program.

Stunning. Vibrant, illuminous illustrations. One of the most attractive picture books I have ever seen.

children loved it.

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