

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | **The Baptism of Jesus** | **11 January 2026**

**“This is my Son,  
the Beloved,  
with whom I am  
well pleased.”**

**Matthew 3:17**



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### *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 2026 is in the months of August and September 2025

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2026 is in the months of August and September 2025

**Wedding** – Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday Masses

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday Masses

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**Saint Hilary** **January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**“The chief service I owe you,  
O God, is that every thought  
and word of mine should  
speak of you.”**



***“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”*** Matthew 3.17

On Christmas Night the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, in Bethlehem, was announced to us, through the Shepherd by the Angel of God. The Angel proclaimed; *“Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you Good News of great Joy, to you is born in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.”*

Last Sunday, when we celebrated Epiphany, the Child Jesus was revealed to the People of the Nations through the Magi by a Star! We read in the Gospel Reading; *“Then the Star stopped over the place where the Child was, they were overwhelmed with Joy. On entering the house, they saw the Child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.”*

Today in the Gospel Reading, Jesus is revealed to us by the Father; A Voice came from Heaven; ***“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”***

In today’s Gospel, Jesus, the Son of the Most High, arrives in Judea, drawn to the Baptism of John; a baptism of repentance!

The question that may arise in many is; Why did He, the Son of God; He who was without sin require a baptism of repentance?

The understanding is true, that Jesus, the Son of God, did not require this kind of Baptism, nevertheless, He chose to be baptized. First and foremost, in affirmation of John the Baptist’s Mission. John’s Baptism was in the salvific plan of God. We hear in the Gospel of John, John the Baptist resist to baptize Jesus! Jesus insisted; ***“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”***

Second and more important; Christ’s Baptism marked a defining moment in his Mission, in the Plan of God, the Father. It is true that Jesus had no sins to repent, but submitting himself to the Baptism of John, was an act of acceptance of his Mission as the suffering Servant of God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church. # 536) Pope Benedict the 16<sup>th</sup> in his book, “Jerusalem of Nazareth, writes in baptism Jesus, ***“Loaded the burden of all ‘Human guilt upon his shoulders in anticipation of the Cross,”*** (J of N p 18).

The Baptism of Jesus was his Yes to the Will of his Father.

This was why the Approval Sign had an equal magnitude; for the first time ever in history of human kind, there was a public manifestation of the Blessed Trinity; Three Persons in the One God; All active! Jesus himself was present in his human body, the Holy Spirit descending on him in a visible sign; the Dove, and the desire and love of God, the Father, expressed in His Voice; ***“This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased.”***

Christ’s Baptism is the model of our baptism. As in Christ’s Baptism, there are three aspects made manifest in our 1<sup>st</sup> Sacrament of Initiation; The Love of God draws us and in Christ Jesus makes us daughters and sons of God. We read in John 6:44 *“No one can come to me unless the Father, who sent me draws him to me.”* Also in St Paul’s Letter to the Galatians 4:6 *“And because you are sons and daughter, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, ... so you are no longer slaves but sons.”* Second, there is the anointing with the Spirit of God. And third, present, is the instrumental force of communion, we are baptized through the invocation of Blessed Trinity. Jesus, in his final instruction to his Disciples before he ascended to Heaven commanded; ***“Go therefore and make Disciples of all Nations, Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit.... And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.”*** (Mt. 28:19-20)



**Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**252. What names are given to the first sacrament of initiation?**

1213-1216, 1276-1277

This sacrament is primarily called Baptism because of the central rite with which it is celebrated. To baptize means to “immerse” in water. The one who is baptized is immersed into the death of Christ and rises with him as a “new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17). This sacrament is also called the “bath of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5); and it is called “enlightenment” because the baptized becomes “a son of light” (Ephesians 5:8).

**253. How is Baptism prefigured in the Old Covenant? 1217-1222**

In the Old Covenant Baptism was pre-figured in various ways: water, seen as source of life and of death; in the Ark of Noah, which saved by means of water; in the passing through the Red Sea, which liberated Israel from Egyptian slavery; in the crossing of the Jordan River, that brought Israel into the promised land which is the image of eternal life.

**254. Who brought to fulfillment those prefigurations? 1223-1224**

All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. At the beginning of his public life Jesus had himself baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan. On the cross, blood and water, signs of Baptism and the Eucharist, flowed from his pierced side. After his Resurrection he gave to his apostles this mission: “Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

**255. Starting when and to whom has the Church administered Baptism? 122-1228**

From the day of Pentecost, the Church has administered Baptism to anyone who believes in Jesus Christ.

**256. In what does the essential rite of Baptism consist?**

1229-1245, 1278

The essential rite of this sacrament consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water over his or her head while invoking the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**To read more click this link:** [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Jan 10-Sat,5:15PM Vigil Mass +Teodora Jardio
- Jan 11- Sun 9:00AM The Parishioners  
12:15 PM + Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal  
5:30 PM + Antonio Hernandez
- Jan 12-Mon,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Robert Lacho  
Healing of Mary Ylagan
- Jan 13-Tue, 9:00 AM + Ruperto Frilles
- Jan 14- Wed, 9:00am + Raul Aquino
- Jan 15 -Thu, 9:00 AM + Teresa Cayetano
- Jan 16 -Fri,7:00 PM Thanksgiving B-day of Danna J.
- Jan 17-Sat,9:00AM Thanksgiving B-day of Mary Ann

**7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Jan 10-16, 2026**

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Gemma Cabungcal
- Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan



**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**“BAPTISM”**

--The Catholic sacrament of Baptism is a sacrament of initiation. Through Baptism, individuals are freed from sin, reborn as sons of God, and incorporated into the church. It is administered by washing with natural water and invoking the Most Holy Trinity.

Every Person not yet baptized is able to receive Baptism. CCC1246-1252

Everyone who is to be baptized is required to make a profession of faith. This is done personally in the case of an adult or by the parents and by the Church in the case of infants. Also, the godfather or the godmother and the whole ecclesial community share the responsibility for baptismal preparation (catechumenate) as well as for the development and safeguarding of the faith and grace given at baptism. CCC1253-1255

**Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention – January 2026 – FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD**

*“Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.”*



**Our Patron Saint...**



**"The Ecumenical Council will surely be, even more than a new and magnificent Pentecost, a real and new Epiphany, one of the many revelations which have been renewed and are continually being renewed in the course of history, but one of the greatest of all." Pope John XXIII**

**St. Hilary Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**

Hilary is best known for his defence of Christianity against the 4<sup>th</sup>-century Arian heresy a position that questioned the nature of the Trinity. Hilary was born in Poitiers, Gaul (France), circa 320 and was already an adult, married and a father when he converted to Christianity. Chosen bishop of Poitiers about 350, Hilary offered a valiant defence of Christianity. In 356, on the advice of Arian bishops, the emperor exiled Hilary to the East. His continued such problems for the Arians there that they convinced the emperor to send him back to his own diocese. His stay in the Eastern Church enriched his theological writings, and he continued his confrontation with Arianism until his death circa 368. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1852. He is a patron saint of lawyers.

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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**



**Pope Leo: Another Consistory in June; We will hold one every year**

Click the link to read more Vatican News: [Pope Leo: Another Consistory in June; We will hold one every year - Vatican News](#)



**CARDINAL LEO AFFIRMS CONCERNS OF CANADIAN BISHOPS RE: BILL C-9**

Friday, December 05, 2025



**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO**

Wednesday, December 24, 2025



**PILGRIMS GATHER FOR MASS TO CLOSE THE YEAR OF JUBILEE**

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

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**Announcements!!!**

**Registered Parishioners, if you have changes in your address, please email the office to update your information;**

**Parents of all First Holy Communion Candidates, please email the office to schedule your child for Test 2;**

**New to the Parish? Please register, fill up a Parish Registration Form and submit to the Office or to Fr. David.**



## ≈ Did you know??? ≈

**Catholic baptism is a sacrament that marks the initiation of a person into the Catholic Church, symbolizing purification and rebirth.**

### Significance of Baptism

Baptism is considered the first of the seven sacraments in the Catholic Church and is essential for becoming a member of the Church. It signifies the washing away of sin and the beginning of a new life in Christ. The sacrament is rooted in the teaching of Jesus, who was baptized by John the Baptist and commanded his disciples to baptize all nations.

### Who Can Be Baptized?

Anyone who has not already been baptized can receive the sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "Every person not yet baptized and only such a person is able to be baptized," (paragraph 1246). Baptism leaves an *indelible* (permanent) mark on the soul and there is no way nor any reason that one could be re-baptized.

### The Baptism Process

1. **Preparation:** Parents of infants must attend a baptism preparation course, and they must intend to raise their child in the Catholic faith. For adult baptisms, individuals typically undergo a period of catechesis.
2. **Requirements:** At least one godparent is required, who must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic, actively practicing their faith, and at least 16 years old.
3. **Ceremony:** The baptism is usually performed by a priest or deacon in a church setting. The Trinitarian formula is used: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".

### THEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Baptism is seen as a means of grace, where the individual is cleansed from original sin and becomes a member of the Church, sharing its mission. It is often referred to as the "gateway" to the other sacraments, as it initiates the individual into the Christian community.

In summary, Catholic baptism is a profound sacrament that not only marks the entry into the Church but also signifies a transformative spiritual journey, inviting individuals to live a life of faith and community.

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org); [www.aboutcatholics.com](http://www.aboutcatholics.com)

### What is the Form and Matter of Baptism?

**The Form** of a sacrament is the words that are said when performing or receiving the sacrament. In the case of Baptism this would be, "*I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*"

**The Matter** of a sacrament is the physical signs that are used. In the case of baptism, water is the matter of the sacrament.

### Who Can Perform a Catholic Baptism?

Anyone can perform a baptism; however, this is typically done only in extreme cases in which someone's life is in danger. The Catholic Church has ordinary ministers for sacraments and those are **bishops, priests, and sometimes deacons**. An ordinary minister is one who has the authority to perform the sacrament under normal circumstances. The ordinary minister of a sacrament can sometimes delegate this authority to others. For example, a bishop is an ordinary minister for Confirmation, but he can give permission to a priest to do a Confirmation. A priest does not have the authority to do a confirmation without the permission of his bishop. However, priests do have the authority to do baptisms without the permission of the bishop and sometimes delegate the responsibility to a deacon if one is available.

In the Catholic Church today, people are usually baptized as infants by a priest or deacon. There are extreme cases, however, when even an unbaptized person can baptize someone. All that is required is the will to do what the Church does when she baptizes, and to apply the Trinitarian Baptismal formula.

**To read more; [A Guide to Catholic Baptism - About Catholics](#)**

