

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 19 January 2025

“WOMAN, WHAT CONCERN IS THAT TO YOU AND TO ME? MY HOUR HAS NOT YET COME.” John 2.4



FreeBibleimages :: The first miracle of Jesus :: Jesus turns water to wine at a wedding in Cana (John 2:1-12)

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 September and October 2025

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2026 is on October and November 2025

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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St. Agnes Jan 21st

Pray for us.

“Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him whom the angels serve.”



Jesus said to the servants **“Fill the jars with water.”**

John 2.7

Christmas time is over! Decorations are gone and Christmas Lights are out! The Crib is gone. One may have the feelings of a nostalgia that life was back to normal! This, sometimes may feel a liturgical low point. I guess spirituality has low and high moments but God always uplifts us!

The Jews in the 1st reading of today return to Jerusalem from Exile in Babylon at the end of the 5th Century BC, to find their beloved city in ruins and their Temple, the physical symbol of God’s Presence among his People, burned to the ground. This sight cast lots of sadness and hopelessness among the people, but from the Isaiah, came God’s assurance; *“For the sake Jerusalem, I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation as a burning torch.”*

Yes, Judah had brought this calamity unto itself by deserting the Lord their God; but He was not like them; in his faithfulness, He would abide by the Covenant and his promise: Jerusalem would be rebuilt again; rebuilt to its original glory. Jerusalem would again be “a light to the nations,” not of its own making but as a sign of God’s Love for them! Surprisingly, Isaiah used an image of a Marriage, to affirm God’s Love for His People; Jerusalem *“shall be called ‘My delight is in Her,’ ... For as a young man marries a Virgin, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.”* The Chosen People would again be God’s Bride; and in this Marriage, this time, His People would be “His delight.”

And see what is happening in the Gospel Reading today! Jesus reveals himself to be the fulfillment of all Prophecies with the Miracle of changing of water into wine at the Wedding Ceremony in Cana of Galilee. Jesus is caught off guard by the sensitivity of Mary, his mother. Mary wished to save the newly-weds from embarrassment so she turned to the only One she had; ***“They Have No Wine;”*** She said to her Son. Her faith, in her Son being so great, she just told the attendants; ***“Do whatever He tells you.”***

The servants listened to Jesus and filled six huge jars with water, and at Jesus’ command all turned-into-wine, which at its drinking astounded the chief steward; its quality led to his comment; ***“Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests had become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”***

John the Apostle called this, the 1st Sign. John calls Miracles Signs, meaning they were pointers and revealers of the Nature of One performing them.

Notice that the Miracle was performed on the 3rd Day; In the Old Testament this was “the Time for Theophany” (a manifestation or appearance of God to his people) In the central account of the meeting between God and the people of Israel on Mount Sinai, (Ex. 19:16-18) happened on the morning of the 3rd day when there was thunders and lightning and the Lord descended upon it in fire. The 3rd Day also was Christ’s Day of Resurrection.

John the Evangelist, hints in the Miracle at Cana, that God’s 1st revelation through events of the Old Testament, were being fulfilled in Christ and were being carried forward through him to a definitive fulfillment!

“Woman why is this a concern of yours?” Jesus responds to Mary. Jesus, wanted to clarify that His Hour came from God and no human being could determine it.

Jesus despite this, performed the Sign, anticipating his “Hour” at the request of His Mother; giving the Miracle at Cana the privilege of being a Theophany; revealing God among his people! †



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

108. Why did Jesus manifest the Kingdom by means of signs and miracles? 547-550, 567

Jesus accompanied his words with signs and miracles to bear witness to the fact that the Kingdom is present in him, the Messiah. Although he healed some people, he did not come to abolish all evils here below but rather to free us especially from the slavery of sin. The driving out of demons proclaimed that his cross would be victorious over "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31).

The signs of the Kingdom of God

547 Jesus accompanies his words with many "mighty works and wonders and signs", which manifest that the kingdom is present in him and attest that he was the promised Messiah. (268)

548 The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him.²⁶⁹ To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask.²⁷⁰ So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God.²⁷¹ But his miracles can also be occasions for "offence";²⁷² they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic. Despite his evident miracles some people reject Jesus; he is even accused of acting by the power of demons.²⁷³

549 By freeing some individuals from the earthly evils of hunger, injustice, illness and death,²⁷⁴ Jesus performed messianic signs. Nevertheless, he did not come to abolish all evils here below,²⁷⁵ but to free men from the gravest slavery, sin, which thwarts them in their vocation as God's sons and causes all forms of human bondage.²⁷⁶

567 The kingdom of heaven was inaugurated on earth by Christ. "This kingdom shone out before men in the word, in the works and in the presence of Christ" (LG 5). the Church is the seed and beginning of this kingdom. Its keys are entrusted to Peter.

To read more click the link: [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](http://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/the-gift-of-miracles)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jan 18-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Noel Apolinar
- Jan 19- Sun 9:00AM The Parishioners
12:15 PM + Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal
5:30 PM + Marilyn Baldemor
- Jan 20 -Mon,7:00PM + Ruperto Frilles
- Jan 21 -Tue, 9:00 AM Intention of Nida Donado
Intention of Bob & Marjorie Lacho Wedd Annv
- Jan 22 -Wed 7:00 PM + Jeonel Labrador
- Jan 23- Thu, 9:00 AM + Francesca & Pietro Gulli
- Jan 24-Fri, 7:00PM + Thomas & Silvestra Decena
- Jan 25- Sat, 9:00 AM +Mariano & Teresa Cayetano

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention –Jan 18-25, 2025

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla
- Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla

WORD OF THE WEEK

“MIRACLE”

--A miracle is defined as a sign or wonder, such as a healing or the control of nature, which can only be attributed to divine power. The miracles of Jesus were messianic signs of the presence of God."

Key here is the notion that a true miracle "can only be attributed to divine power"; it cannot be explained by the action of created beings. Thus, when the Church investigates whether or not a phenomenon is miraculous, all natural possibilities must first be eliminated. In fact, in its discernment process the Church often employs non-believing experts in pertinent areas, whether they are doctors when discerning a physical healing or scientists when examining other material phenomena.

<http://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/the-gift-of-miracles>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - January 2025 - FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

"Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."



Our Patron Saint...



"The most fundamental modern error is that of imagining that man's natural sense of religion is nothing more than the outcome of feeling or fantasy."

Pope John XXIII

St. Agnes Jan 21st

The feast of St Agnes has been celebrated on this day since the 4th century. Little is known about Agnes. She was likely born in the early years of the 4th century, and was martyred at the age of 12 during a Roman persecution. She is a symbol of virginal innocence and has been pictured with a lamb as a symbol of this innocence since the Middle Ages.

One of the 6th century legends is that Agnes was a beautiful girl with many rivals for marriage. When she rejected the proposals, she was denounced to the governor as a Christian and sent to a house of prostitution. Those who came to visit her were struck with awe. One man lost his sight while looking at her, but later regained it through her prayers. She was eventually brought before a judge, condemned and executed. She stands as patron saint for many people, including girls, gardeners and engaged couples.

Living with Christ, Jan 2025 edition

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 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 to seminarians: Life is sustained by countless Simon of Cyrenes

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-01/pope-francis-seminarians-from-cordoba-spain.html>



1200 GATHER TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE ELEVATION OF CARDINAL LEO TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS AT ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
Thursday, January 16, 2025



CARDINAL LEO APPOINTED TO VATICAN'S DICASTERY FOR LEGISLATIVE TEXTS
Saturday, January 11, 2025



BEHOLD: THE MAKING OF A CARDINAL
Friday, January 10, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS ARCHBISHOP LEO

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

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

Announcements!!!

- ☞ **Confirmation 4th Session January 25th, Confirmandis & Parents please come on time;**
- ☞ **If there are changes in your name or address, please email the Parish Office so we could update your record before printing the Tax Receipt.**
- ☞ **For new Parishioners, please fill up the Parish registration form and submit to the parish office.**





JUBILEE 2025

What it is and How to Participate

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee 2025 was proclaimed by Pope Francis in the Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* (“Hope does not disappoint”).

“The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation.” (Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit* 25)

The jubilee will begin in Rome on the vigil of the Lord’s Nativity on Dec. 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica, and in local dioceses on Holy Family Sunday on Dec. 29. It will conclude in local dioceses the following Holy Family Sunday on Dec. 28, 2025, and in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica.

Hallmarks of the Jubilee

- Jubilee Indulgence: Special graces for the forgiveness of the temporal punishment due for sins are made available during the Jubilee Year. The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence – remission of all temporal punishment (time in Purgatory) for sin– by meeting the normal conditions (confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the pope’s intentions, and no attachment to sin) and by participating in one of the following activities:
 - Pilgrimages: The four major basilicas in Rome are the main pilgrimage destinations, but pilgrims may also go to the Holy Land, their diocesan cathedral or other officially designated locations.
 - Pious visits to sacred places: At these locations, the faithful are to engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, among other spiritual practices.
 - Works of mercy and penance: The faithful are to perform the spiritual or corporal works of mercy or carry out works of penance, such as abstaining from meat on Fridays.
- Holy Doors: The pope opens the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica at the beginning of each jubilee year. Passing through the holy doors symbolizes the pilgrim’s journey of conversion.
- Papal Basilicas: The pope will open the Holy Doors of the four main churches (called “major basilicas”) in Rome: St. Peter’s Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls.

To be continued next week

From: [Jubilee 2025: What it is and How to Participate | Catholic Life - The Roman Catholic Diocese of La Crosse](#)





The official prayer of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year allows the faithful from all over the world to use the same words to express gratitude to God and request the grace of forgiveness.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

