

St. John XXIII Parish

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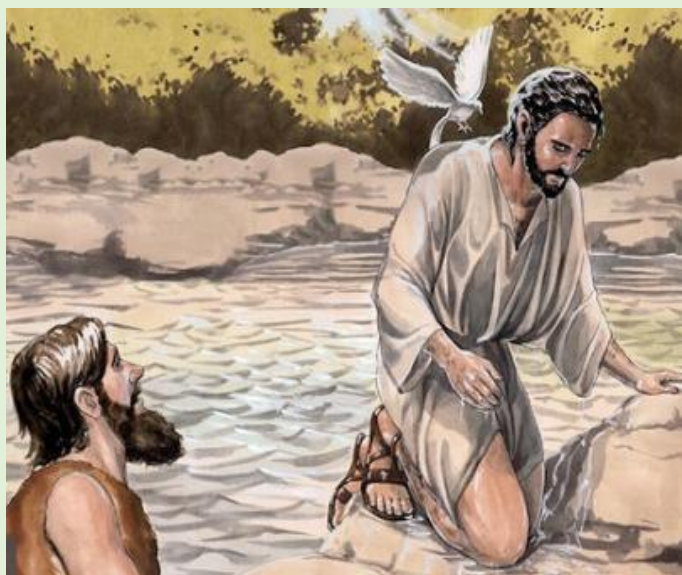
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PARISH BULLETIN | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 18Jan26



John testified, *“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and remain on him.”*

John 1.32

www.gnpi.org/projects/the-global-gospel



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 Sebastian January 20th

**“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
Lord, lay not this sin to their
charge.”**

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



“The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World. He is the One upon whom the Spirit descended; He is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire.” John 1.29-34

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord, a defining moment in the Life of Jesus, who appeared in public after 30 years in the silence of his home in Nazareth. With his Baptism, Jesus revealed that he was the Fulfillment of Isaiah 42:1-2. *“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him, He will bring forth Justice to the Nations;”*

After Baptism, we read, Jesus was revealed to us, not by the Angels as in the case of the Shepherd at Christmas Night, and not by the Star as in the case of the Magi, at Epiphany, but by the Voice of God, the Father; **“This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”** Jesus, in his Baptism, accepted his Mission. This was well put but Pope Benedict XVI, in his Book, Jesus of Nazareth, when he wrote; **“He loaded the burden of all human guilt upon his shoulders ... in anticipation of the Cross.”**

In today’s Gospel, this second Sunday of the Church year, Jesus is revealed, in the testimony of the One who was to be his earthly proclaimer according to prophecy; John the Baptist. John had spent his youth and early adulthood, living as a hermit in the desert of Judah. His style of life and preaching had many thinks, that he was the Messiah, which he strongly denied; exalting the one who was to come after Him; *“I am not even worthy to be lowest slave; I am not worthy to untie his shoes.”*

The Jews were getting more and more impatient with John, so they raised the questions; *“who are you?” “Then are you, Elijah?” “Are you the Prophet?” “What have you to say about yourself because we must take an answer to those who sent us?”*

John responded; *“I am, as Isaiah prophesied; a voice of one that cries in the desert: prepare a way for the Lord!”*

The Jews were not satisfied with this, so they asked Him; *“Why are you baptizing if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah and not the Prophet?”*

He responded; *“I baptize with water; but standing among you- unknown to you- is the one who is coming after me!”*

In the Gospel today, John completes his Mission; He revealed to Israel, the Savior, Jesus, who, according to Prophecy was; ***“The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World. He is the One upon whom the Spirit descended; He is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire.”***

Jesus is the Lamb of God. The Lamb associated with Isaiah’s suffering servant. He is the lamb that leads the flock of God’s people; the Passover Lamb, that saved God’s People. This Lamb was the core of the sacrificial rites of communion, that brought about reconciliation after sin of Adam and Eve and re-established the union of God and His Peoples. What this means is that, the traditional way of gaining pardon and communion had been elevated through this Lamb of God; who is the one through whom God entered the human history, concretely, offering it reconciliation with Him.

We are blessed indeed, because we believe in Jesus, the Son of God, whose intimacy with the Father enables us to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire.

Sisters and Brothers, in the Mass today as always, the priest raises the consecrated host and wine and repeats the words of John the Baptist: ***“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world;”*** This is a proclamation of Faith in the One who lives among us. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may lead us deeper to the experience of being “beloved sons and daughters of God.



Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

257. Who can receive Baptism? 1246-1252

Every person not yet baptized is able to receive Baptism.

258. Why does the Church baptize infants? 1250

The Church baptizes infants because they are born with original sin. They need to be freed from the power of the Evil One and brought into that realm of freedom which belongs to the children of God.

259. What is required of one who is to be baptized?1253-1255

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.

260. Who can baptize? 1256-1284

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

261. Is Baptism necessary for salvation? 1257

Baptism is necessary for salvation for all those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament.

262. Is it possible to be saved without Baptism? 1258-1261, 1281-1283

Since Christ died for the salvation of all, those can be saved without Baptism who die for the faith (*Baptism of blood*). Catechumens and all those who, even without knowing Christ and the Church, still (under the impulse of grace) sincerely seek God and strive to do his will can also be saved without Baptism (*Baptism of desire*). The Church in her liturgy entrusts children who die without Baptism to the mercy of God.

259. What are the effects of Baptism? 1262-1274,1279-1280

Baptism takes away original sin, all personal sins and all punishment due to sin. It makes the baptized person a participant in the divine life of the Trinity through sanctifying grace, the grace of justification which incorporates one into Christ and into his Church. It gives one a share in the priesthood of Christ and provides the basis for communion with all Christians. It bestows the theological virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A baptized person belongs forever to Christ. He is marked with the indelible seal of Christ (character).

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jan 17-Sat,5:15PM Vigil Mass + Noel Apolar
- Jan 18- Sun 9:00AM + Paz & Rolando Bongar
12:15 PM + Marilyn Baldemor
5:30 PM The Parishioners
- Jan 19-Mon,7:00PM + Pablo Picache
- Jan 20-Tue, 9:00 AM + Nida Donado
- Jan 21- Wed, 9:00am + Nida Donado
- Jan 22 -Thu, 9:00 AM + Mariano Cayetano
- Jan 23 -Fri,7:00 PM + Thanksgiving of Pete & Fely
- Jan 24-Sat,9:00AM + Claude D’Sousa

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Jan 17-23, 2026

- Sanctuary--- + Omer & Donna Comeau
- Virgin Mary- + Nida Donado



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.

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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. Sebastian Jan 20th

We know only that Sebastian was martyred in Rome, probably in the 3rd century, and buried along the Appian Way, in the catacombs. Saint Ambrose writes that Sebastian came from Mila, where he has been venerated since the 4th century. The *Acts of Saint Sebastian* was written in the 5th century and is, for the most part, fictitious. Not until the late mediaeval period was Sebastian pictured pierced with arrows or holding an arrow.

In May 2010 Benedict XVI entrusted newly sworn-in Swiss Guards to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and to their patron saints. Sebastian is a patron saint of the pope's Swiss Guard. He is also the patron saint of athletes and soldiers.

Living with Christ January 2026 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 at Audience: Vatican II calls us to friendship with Christ

Click the link to read more Vatican News: [Pope at Audience: Vatican II calls us to friendship with Christ - Vatican News](#)



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

Friday, December 05, 2025



TORONTO CARDINALS JOIN POPE LEO XIV FOR ROME MEETINGS

Friday, January 16, 2026



NEW TRILINGUAL FAITH COMMUNITY

Thursday, January 15, 2026

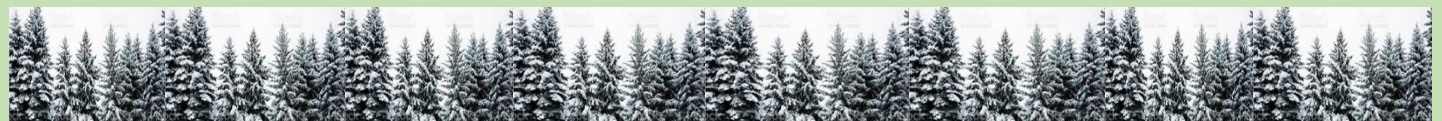
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Announcements!!!

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; 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](#)

