

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 26 January 2025

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”* Luke 4:18



**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 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment

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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**

**St. Angela Merici** Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

Pray for us.

**“Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family.”**



Jesus said to them **“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”** *Luke 4.21*

This Sunday, the first reading is taken from the Book of Nehemiah. Just by the way of context, there were three people of great significance at the time; Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah. These individuals led the People of Judah exiled, in their return to Jerusalem from Babylon. And each exercised a different role in the rebuilding of Jerusalem and its People. Zerubbabel rebuilt the Temple and 60 years later, Ezra, a scholar of the Law and scribe, tried to bring people back to the Lord their God; while Nehemiah rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

In the reading today, Ezra, being a priest returned to Jerusalem to effect spiritual and social renewal among his People. For many years, the Word of God had been forgotten and Ezra worked hard to reestablish it. In the reading today, Ezra reads from the Book of Law to the people, and we hear that, ***“the ears of all the people were attentive to the Law until the sunsets.”***

We read that the People were overwhelmed in the realization that they owed their deliverance to God! The majority of them shed tears contemplating the will and goodness of God. Ezra reminded them of a more important truth; the Presence of God, the Creator in their midst! This was a course for joy not mourning;

***“This Day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep; ... Go on your way, eat rich foods and drink sweet wine and share with those who have nothing prepared. For today is Holy, to Our Lord. Do not grief this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your Strength;”***

Brothers and sisters, we are the blessed of the Lord; This is why Luke the evangelist in Gospel today, calls you, ***“Theophilus;”*** “God Loving.” Luke tells us the purpose of his writing; It’s to make us believe in the fulfillment of God’s Salvific Plan.

***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me.” “Today, this scriptural passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”***

Jesus declares that he is the fulfillment of all promises: To Abraham ***“I will make you the Father of a Great Nation, and all the People of the world will be blessed through you.”*** To David, the King; ***“I will build you a House.”*** To Mary, ***“Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, he will be great and will be the Son of the Most Holy God.”***

Today Luke proclaims Jesus, as the one in whom all Scripture is fulfilled. Jesus is again **Presence of God** that Adam and Eve had lost in the Garden of Eden. In Jesus, God again anew was in the midst of his People.

Brothers and sisters, who live in this time of fulfillment. We are anointed by the same Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. St Paul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading reminds us that we are anointed in the Spirit and endowed with a variety of gifts for the common good. In an analogy of the human body and its parts, St. Paul tells us, that, it would be unthinkable for us, not to cooperate.

We are part of one another and each one of us is an indispensable component of the whole.

We belong to the body which is the Church, with Christ as its Head. Blessed are you because you believe.



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

**47. Who is the Holy Spirit revealed to us by Jesus Christ?** 243-245

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He “proceeds from the Father” (John 15:26) who is the principle without a principle and the origin of all trinitarian life. He proceeds also from the Son (Filioque) by the eternal Gift which the Father makes of him to the Son. Sent by the Father and the Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church “to know all truth” (John 16:13).

**136. What does the Church mean when she confesses: “I believe in the Holy Spirit”?** 683-686

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess faith in the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity who proceeds from the Father and the Son and “is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son”. The Spirit is “sent into our hearts” (Galatians 4:6) so that we might receive new life as sons of God.

**137. Why are the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit inseparable?** 687-690, 742-743

In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Spirit are distinct but inseparable. From the very beginning until the end of time, when the Father sends his Son he also sends his Spirit who unites us to Christ in faith so that as adopted sons we can call God “Father” (Romans 8:15). The Spirit is invisible but we know him through his actions, when he reveals the Word to us and when he acts in the Church.

**138. What are the names of the Holy Spirit?** 691-693

“The Holy Spirit” is the proper name of the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus also called him the Paraclete (Consoler or Advocate) and the Spirit of Truth. The New Testament also refers to him as the Spirit of Christ, of the Lord, of God - the Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of the Promise.

**139. What symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit?** 694-701

There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit: living water which springs from the wounded Heart of Christ and which quenches the thirst of the baptized; anointing with oil, which is the sacramental sign of Confirmation; fire which transforms what it touches; the cloud, dark or luminous, in which the divine glory is revealed; the imposition of hands by which the Holy Spirit is given; the dove which descended on Christ at his baptism and remained with him. *To read more click the link:*

[Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Jan 25-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Marilyn Baldemor
- Jan 26- Sun 9:00AM + Jose Liares  
12:15 PM + Carmelita & Felix Villanueva  
5:30 PM + The Parishioners
- Jan 27 -Mon,7:00PM +Belinda Castillo  
+ Fe Isabelita dela Cruz
- Jan 28 -Tue, 9:00 AM Intention of Jane-Bday  
+ Erlinda Martinez Villa
- Jan 29 -Wed 7:00 PM Intention of Zeny C.– B-day
- Jan 30- Thu, 9:00 AM Intention of Anne S – B-day
- Jan 31-Fri, 7:00PM Intention of Chi-chi Manzanilla
- Feb 01- Sat, 9:00 AM Intention of Hayde

**7-day Vigil Lamp Intention –Jan 25-31, 2025**

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Hayde
- Virgin Mary- +Teresa & +Domingo Ayala
- Chapel ---- +Lerma & +Isagani Ayala

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**“SPIRIT”**

**--The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son, of the same substance and also of the same nature. CCC 245**

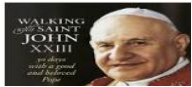
**Beginning with his Incarnation, the Son of God was consecrated in his humanity as the Messiah by means of the anointing of the Spirit. He revealed the Spirit in his teaching, fulfilled the promises made to the Fathers, and bestowed him upon the Church at its birth when he breathed on the apostles after the Resurrection. CCC727-730, 745-746**

**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...



**"We are all equally responsible... it is necessary to educate one's conscience to the sense of responsibility which weighs upon each and every one."** Pope John XXIII

**St. Angela Merici Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

Born in 1474 in Desenzano, Italy, into a happy rural home, Angela was orphaned in her teens. As she matured, pilgrim journeys and life-giving relationships with many people helped her to discover her vocation. On November 25, 1535, 28 women promised their lives to God as members of the Company of St. Ursula (An early Christian leader of women). Angela had developed a way of life or a Rule based on her experience as a single lay woman, allowing each member to respond to societal needs according to her gifts, thus creating a freer, more independent and yet committed life for women.

Angela Merici died on January 27, 1540. The 1600x saw the development of the Ursuline Order, focusing on the education of young women. Both the Company of St. Ursula and the Ursuline Order subsequently spread throughout Italy, the rest of Europe and the world.

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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 at Mass: Word of God brings us joy and light**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-01/pope-francis-mass-sunday-word-god-jubilee-communication.html>



**CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF JUBILEE AND ELEVATION OF CARDINAL LEO**  
Monday, January 20, 2025



**2025 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
Friday, January 17, 2025

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

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

**Announcements!!!**

- ✚ **FHC candidates and parents, please book an appointment for Test 2;**
- ✚ 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



## How to participate in Jubilee 2025

- **Make a pilgrimage to Rome.** Some dioceses, parishes and other organizations will be coordinating pilgrimages, but you may also go on your own.
- **Participate in a local celebration of the jubilee.** Some dioceses, parishes and other organizations will coordinate local celebrations for those unable to travel to Rome.
- **Obtain the Jubilee Indulgence** through one of the other means (works of mercy and penance, making a pilgrimage to your cathedral, etc.).
- **Serve as a jubilee volunteer.** Applications are available online.
- **Pray** for the pope, the Church and all who take part in the jubilee.

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

### Opening Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

**St. Paul's Basilica** (83 Power St.) Wed. Feb 12, celebrated by Bishop Kasun

**St. Mary's Church** (588 Adelaide St.) Thurs, Feb 20, celebrated by Bishop Kasun

**St. Edward the Confessor Church** (75 Churchill Ave) Tues, Feb 25, celebrated by Cardinal Francis Leo

All Masses begin at 7:00pm Confession Time from 5:30pm to 6:45pm

**(No need to register. Just come!)**

### 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*



# Understanding The MASS

The Catholic Church teaches that the ***Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is, “the source and summit of the Christian life.”*** (CCC 1324). This means that the entire Christian life culminates with what the Church teaches on the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Mass. If what the Church teaches is true, and such importance is attributed to the Holy Eucharist, *it is essential to understand where this teaching comes from and why the Church emphasizes its importance.* Therefore, once it is clearly established why the Church stresses such importance in this sacrament, it can then be better understood why the **Holy Mass should be offered reverently and with the utmost care.**

## The First MASS

At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. ***This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross*** throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet ‘in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.’ (CCC 1323)

“Hence the Mass is to us the crowning act of Christian worship. A pulpit in which the words of our Lord are repeated does not unite us to Him; a choir in which sweet sentiments are sung brings us no closer to His Cross than to His garments. A temple without an altar of sacrifice is non-existent among primitive peoples, and is meaningless among Christians. **And so in the Catholic Church the altar, and not the pulpit or the choir or the organ, is the center of worship, for there is re-enacted the memorial of His Passion.** Its value does not depend on him who says it, or on him who hears it; it depends on Him who is the One High Priest and Victim, Jesus Christ our Lord. With Him we are united, in spite of our nothingness; in a certain sense, we lose our individuality for the time being; we unite our intellect and our will, our heart and our soul, our body and our blood, so intimately with Christ, that the Heavenly Father sees not so much us with our imperfection, but rather sees us in Him, the Beloved Son in whom He is well pleased. **The Mass is for that reason the greatest event in the history of mankind; the only Holy Act which keeps the wrath of God from a sinful world, because it holds the Cross between heaven and earth, thus renewing that decisive moment when our sad and tragic humanity journeyed suddenly forth to the fullness of supernatural life.**  
“Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, “Calvary and the Mass”

To be continued in next week bulletin...

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