

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 02 February 2025



**A LIGHT REVEAL
YOUR WILL TO THE
GENTILES AND
BRING GLORY TO
YOUR PEOPLE
ISRAEL** Luke 2:32



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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**All Parishioners are invited to
celebrate the Opening of the Jubilee
Year Masses in the Central Region of
the Archdiocese of Toronto.**

See details in page 5.

World Day for the Consecrated Life

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. Ansgar Feb 3rd

Pray for us.

“If I were worthy of such a favour from my God, I would ask that He grant me this one miracle- that by His grace, He would make me a good mas.”



“This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” Luke 2.34

It is forty days since we celebrated Christmas and today the Church celebrates “The Presentation of the Lord.” Jesus is presented in the Temple in fulfillment of Numbers 18:15. The Family, also was in the Temple to fulfill what was demanded in Leviticus 12: 1-8;

“The Lord said to Moses, Tell the Israelites; when a woman has conceived and gives birth to a boy, she shall be unclean for seven days, ... then she shall spend thirty- three days ... When the days of her purification for a son or for a daughter are fulfilled, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the meeting tent a yearling lamb for holocaust and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. The priest shall offer them up before the Lord to make atonement for her ... and thus she will be clean again.”

The Event described in Saint Luke’s Gospel report that Mary and Joseph were complying to this command. 40 days after the birth of Jesus, they went to Jerusalem to complete Mary’s ritual of purification. They were also there, to perform the redemption of the first-born Son, complying to Numbers 18:15;

“Every living thing that opens the womb, whether of man or of beast, such as, are to be offered to the Lord, shall be yours but you must let the first born of man, as well as of unclean animal be redeemed.

Mary and Joseph come to the Temple in obedience to the Law. Luke explicitly says that Joseph and Mary took the option provided for the poor people; those who could not afford a Lamb. They sacrificed ***“a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons”*** in fulfillment to Leviticus chapter twelve.

Mary and Joseph may have gone to the Temple in obedience to the Law, but no doubt this event was a solemn introduction of Christ into the House of the Father. Upon bringing Jesus into the Temple, they encountered Simeon; who as we read was a righteous and devout man, who looked forward to the consolation of Israel It had been revealed to him by the Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen Christ of the Lord.

Simeon, led by the Spirit entered to temple and held the child then prophesied the redemption of the world through him, saying to Mary:

“Behold, this child is set for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against. Behold a sword will pierce through your own heart, that the heart of many may be revealed.”

An elderly Prophetess Anna, who had spent decades in dedicated service to God in the Temple, also came and in the presence of baby Jesus, ***“praised God and spoke about the Child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.”***

In praise giving to God, who had kept his promise to Simeon, Simeon revealed Jesus as ***“a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to God’s people, Israel.”*** Later in his preaching, Jesus would reveal himself in John 8:12 as ***“The Light of the World.”*** This proclamation is the foundation of Catholics blessing and burning of candles especially in celebration of this Festivity of the Presentation of our Lord.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

529. The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. 216 With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Saviour - the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the "light to the nations" and the "glory of Israel", but also "a sign that is spoken against". the sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had "prepared in the presence of all peoples".

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

102. How did God prepare the world for the mystery of Christ?

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with *John the Baptist* who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.

103. What does the Gospel teach about the mysteries of the birth and infancy of Jesus? 525-530, 563-564

At Christmas the glory of heaven is shown forth in the weakness of a baby; the circumcision of Jesus is a sign of his belonging to the Hebrew people and is a prefiguration of our Baptism; the Epiphany is the manifestation of the Messiah King of Israel to all the nations; at the presentation in the temple, Simeon and Anna symbolise all the anticipation of Israel awaiting its encounter with its Savior; the flight into Egypt and the massacre of the innocents proclaim that the entire life of Christ will be under the sign of persecution; the departure from Egypt recalls the exodus and presents Jesus as the new Moses and the true and definitive liberator.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Feb 01-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Petra D. Perlas
- Feb 02- Sun 9:00AM + Valeriana Sabugdalan
- 12:15 PM + Fr. Rudy Imperial
- 5:30 PM + The Parishioners
- Feb 03 -Mon,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Pasiderio Fam
- Feb 04 -Tue, 9:00 AM +Richard Andrew Paredes
- + Candelaria Ferolino
- Feb 05 -Wed 7:00 PM Intention of Aurora for Nida
- Feb 06-Thu,9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Lamorena Fam
- Feb 07-Fri, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Gemma C.
- Feb 08- Sat, 9:00 AM + Perfecto Edquiban

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention –Feb 01-07, 2025

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Hayde
- Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
- Chapel ----



WORDS OF THE WEEK

“LIGHT OF THE WORLD”
-- Jesus said “I am the light of the world,” “whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.” *John 8:12*

Light is beautiful and mysterious—like God. It is one but can be separated into many colors. No one knows if light is made up of particles or waves. In addition, light has many functions that makes it a good symbol for Jesus. Light helps us see things. Jesus gives us the truth about God and about life, our origin, and our destiny. Light guides us as we travel. Jesus guides us safely through life to our heavenly home. Light promotes growth and life. Jesus brings us everlasting life. Light warms and comforts. Jesus welcomes us and calms us. Light prevents crime. Jesus is goodness itself. Light dispels darkness, which stands for evil. [Jesus the Light of the World | Loyola Press](#)

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention–February 2025–For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.



Our Patron Saint...



“A peaceful man does more good than a learned one.”

Pope John XXIII

St. Ansgar Jan 27th

The patron saint of Denmark, Germany and Iceland, Ansgar was born about 801 of a noble family near Amiens. He was sent to study at the nearby monastery of Old Corbie and decided to become a monk in order to preach to the pagans. He moved to the Benedictine monastery of New Corbie, where he called on his extraordinary talent for oratory. His missions to Denmark and Sweden were highly successful, winning many converts. In 831, he was made abbot of New Corbie and first archbishop of Hamburg. After his work was undone by pagan invaders from the north, he returned and won Denmark back to the faith. Known as the Apostle of the North, he died in 865, greatly venerated for his charity and sanctity. *Living with Christ, Feb 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 with the officials of the Roman Rota at the inauguration of the Judiciary Year. (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

Pope to Roman Rota: ‘Discern annulment cases with charity’

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-01/pope-to-roman-rot-a-discern-annulment-cases-with-charity.html>



YEAR OF JUBILEE LAUNCH AND MASS OF THANKSGIVING – ST. MARY’S PARISH, BRAMPTON

Friday, January 31, 2025



CARDINAL LEO’S MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Wednesday, January 29, 2025



CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF JUBILEE AND ELEVATION OF CARDINAL LEO

Monday, January 20, 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;**
- ✚ Confirmation candidates and parents, the 5th Session will be on Feb 8 this Saturday at 11:00 am please come on time;
- ✚ **All Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, there will be a meeting on February 15th at 12:00 noon;**
- ✚ For new Parishioners, please fill up the Parish registration form and submit to the parish office.



JUBILEE Year 2025-Pilgrims of Hope



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](#)

Archdiocese of Toronto – Jubilee Website

<https://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee>

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

Celebrating Sunday Mass

By Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

<https://>

Called to Celebrate

God calls us: We have been called to be the holy people of God. When we were baptized, we became the beloved children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus and of one another, temples of the Spirit. Our Father has saved us by the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday our God calls us together. He invites us to listen to the word as it is spoken to us; to give praise and thanks to the one who saves us; to be nourished with the eucharistic food; and to go back to our daily life with new strength and love.

All celebrate: Catholics are invited to celebrate the Eucharist. By baptism, we have the privilege and responsibility of taking a full part with Christ and his people. While the priest and the other ministers have special tasks to do during the Mass, the whole assembled community is celebrating Jesus' triumph over sin and death and our share in his victory.

- **We rejoice because Jesus is Lord. He is the Son of God and one of us, our saviour and our brother. Jesus has overcome the power of Satan, and helps us to conquer sin and evil in our lives and in our world.**
- **We ask our Father to help us and others to grow in love. We ask for strength to love and serve other people as Jesus did, so that we can build up the kingdom of God with him**

How do we celebrate? Many ways of taking part in the Mass are described in this leaflet. By doing them well each Sunday we can increase our full and active participation. As we learn to celebrate better with Jesus and his people, we become more pleasing to our Lord and grow in his love. We celebrate this Eucharist in memory of Jesus and with him; we look forward to sharing with all God's people in the unending banquet of heaven.

To be continued in next week Bulletin...

Ref: <https://www.cccb.ca/document/celebrating-sunday->

