

St. John XXIII Parish

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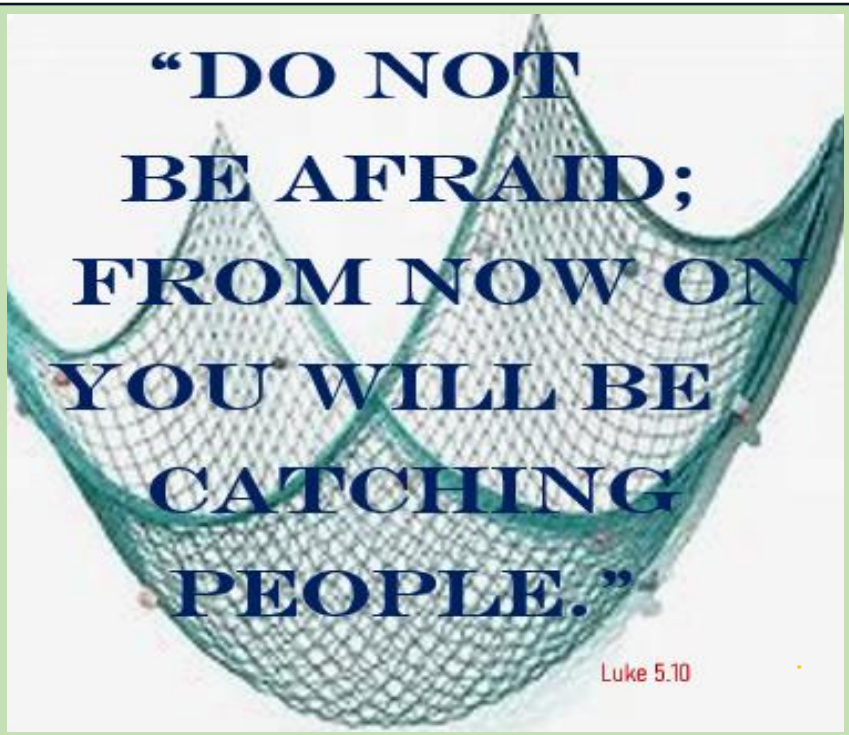
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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 09 February 2025



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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St. Scholastica Feb 10th

Pray for us.

“I asked you and you would not listen, so I asked my God and He did listen.”



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

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33rd World Day of the Sick

Pope Francis Message on page 3...

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



Jesus said to Simon **“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”** Luke 5.4

“I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, with the train of His garment filling the temple; Above him stood the Seraphim; each with six wings. They cried one to another “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his Glory.”

These are the words of Isaiah, the Prophet, found in the 1st Reading this 5th Sunday of ordinary time, describing the reveling vision of the heavenly throne; The Throne of God; The God of Israel!

Prophet Isaiah was aware of thrones; he was a cousin to King Uzziah of Judah, who reigned for 52years. Isaiah also was aware of the glory in throne of the Kings, in the Assyrians Empire. Isaiah, in his description, however, wanted to clearly underline, that the majesty and glory of earthly thrones, were nothing as compared to the Heavenly Throne; The Sitting of the Lord of Host!

Yet, this Lord, enthroned in Glory: the Lord of Host; the Holy One of Israel, who had generously revealed himself to Isaiah was seeking the cooperation of his Creature: A human being; **“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”**

Isaiah was overwhelmed by the Glory of God; He was terrified in the Presence of God. Thus, in “the Humility of a Creature;” responded, **“Woe to me, I am doomed, for I am a Man of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts!”**

The Lord, God, did the unthinkable! He, the Creator, intervened directly. To uplift Isaiah, we read, the guardian in the Lord’s dwelling; The Seraph flew and touched Isaiah’s mouth with live coal and said; **“See, now ... that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.”**

Encountered by the Lord, Isaiah accepted the vocation and the will of God, without hesitation and responded; **“Here I am! Send me!”**

In the Gospel today, Jesus, God among his people, sets to create the foundation of the new Israel by calling his first Disciples. Peter, who was his first, was having an ordinary day; He and his companions had spent the night, fishing but that night they had caught no fish. He and his companions were busy mending the nets.

At a time, Peter like Isaiah, was in the Presence of God, but without the magnificent theophanies of Isaiah. Jesus got on into the boat and looking ordinary and it seems that his preaching did not get the attention of Peter and his companions.

After Jesus had finished preaching, he, a Carpenter, and may be not a skilled fisherman; asked Peter, to put the boat out into the deep and let down his nets for a catch. Here we see the openness of Peter; **“Master we have worked all night and caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”**

At the catch of the fish, Peter was stunned! His eyes were opened to the realization that he was in an extraordinary presence; The Presence of the God in the Person of Christ Jesus.

Like Isaiah, feelings of unworthiness overwhelmed him. He fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying; **“Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man.”** At this, as in the case of Isaiah, Jesus uplifted Peter; and gave him a trust that was beyond Peter’s expectation and understanding; **“Do not be afraid, for from now on, you will be catching people.”**

As Disciples of Christ called and commissioned, we encountered the Lord like Isaiah, Peter and Paul through our Baptism. We also encounter the Lord through other Sacraments and works of Charity. We are encountered by the Lord through His Word and in the Breaking of the Bread; We receive Him in the Blessed Eucharist. We hope for a fullness in him in Heaven.

Let us pray then, in humility but with confidence with response to the responsorial Psalm of today; **“In the sight of the Angels I will your Praises Oh Lord.” ... “Do not forsake the work of your hands.”**



Message of the Holy Father for 33rd World Day of the Sick (11 February 2025), 27.01.2025

Message of the Holy Father

“Hope does not disappoint (Rom 5:5), but strengthens us in time of trial.”



Dear brothers and sisters,

We are celebrating the 33rd World Day of the Sick in the Jubilee Year 2025, in which the Church invites us to become “pilgrims of hope”. The word of God accompanies us and offers us, in the words of Saint Paul, an encouraging message: “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5); indeed, it strengthens us in times of trial.

These are comforting words, but they can also prove perplexing, especially for those who are suffering. How can we be strong, for example, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us? In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God’s help, his grace, his Providence, and the strength that is the gift of his Spirit (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1808).

Let us stop for a moment to reflect on how God remains close to those who are suffering in three particular ways: through encounter, gift and sharing.

1. Encounter. When Jesus sent the seventy-two disciples out on mission (cf. Lk 10:1-9), he told them to proclaim to the sick: “The kingdom of God has come near to you” (v. 9). He asks them, in other words, to help the sick to see their infirmity, however painful and incomprehensible it may be, as an opportunity to encounter the Lord. In times of illness, we sense our human frailty on the physical, psychological and spiritual levels. Yet we also experience the closeness and compassion of God, who, in Jesus, shared in our human suffering. God does not abandon us and often amazes us by granting us a strength that we never expected, and would never have found on our own.

Sickness, then, becomes an occasion for a transformative encounter, the discovery of a solid rock to which we can hold fast amid the tempests of life, an experience that, even at great cost, makes us all the stronger because it teaches us that we are not alone. Suffering always brings with it a mysterious promise of salvation, for it makes us experience the closeness and reality of God’s consoling presence. In this way, we come to know “the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life” (SAINT JOHN PAUL II, Address to Young People, New Orleans, 12 September 1987).

[Click to continue reading Message of the Holy Father for 33rd](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Feb 08-Sat, 5:15PM -The Parishioners**
- Feb 09- Sun**
 - 9:00AM + Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal**
 - 12:15 PM +Thomas & Silvestra Decena**
 - 5:30 PM + Aurora Edquiban**
- Feb 10 -Mon,7:00PM Deceased members of DeVilla & Javier Family**
- Feb 11 -Tue, 9:00 AM +Ester Alcantara**
Intention for Beth & Andrie
- Feb 12 -Wed 7:00 PM + Melvin Autencio**
- Feb 13-Thu,9:00 AM + Isidro Cabilin + Miguel Cruz**
- Feb 14-Fri, 7:00PM + Leopoldo Labrador**
- Feb 15- Sat, 9:00 AM + Dennis Edquiban**

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention –Feb 08-14, 2025

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

WORD OF THE WEEK

“DISCIPLE”

--is defined as someone who accepts Jesus’ message, follows Him, and spreads His teachings

The Catholic Church, as we have been taught, stresses its foundation in the world on the “universal call to holiness.” Individuals in the Church find the richness of Christ’s teachings in the Gospel and once they are attracted to those teachings and are attracted to the Person of Christ, they become more than followers, they become disciples—adherents in a special way to Jesus Christ. They live out this Faith publicly through the Church that Jesus Himself founded by His own Paschal Mystery and the life-giving witness of the Twelve Apostles and the foundational leaders of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines a disciple this way: “The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it.” (CCC #1816)

[Discipleship in Christ - Life of Grace in the Church | Catholic Life - The Roman Catholic Diocese of La Crosse](#)



Our Patron Saint...



"I say only this to the Lord: here I am, ready for everything, sufferings as well as joys." Pope John XXIII

St. Scholastica Feb 10th

Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, and she was the leader of a women's community likely located near Benedict's monastery at Monte Cassino. What little is known about her life is found in Saint Gregory the Great's book, the second *Dialogue*, which is an account of her brother's miracles. She died about 543 and was buried in Benedict's tomb, where he joined her in death soon after. She is the patron of nuns-especially Benedictines- and children with convulsive disorders.

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 Francis met with members of the "Taliha Kum" network on Friday (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

Pope: Defend human dignity, eliminate human trafficking

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-02/pope-francis-message-day-prayer-against-human-trafficking.html>



MESSAGE FOR MARRIAGE SUNDAY FROM CARDINAL LEO

Friday, February 07, 2025



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

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

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



Announcements!!!

- ✚ **FHC candidates and parents, there is a meeting on February 15th Saturday at 10 am, please take note of the time;**
- ✚ **All Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, there will be a meeting on February 15th at 12:00 noon;**
- ✚ **Feb 22 at 11:00am is the 6th Confirmation Session, please come on time;**
- ✚ **For new Parishioners, please fill up the Parish registration form and submit to the parish office.**





JUBILEE 2025- Pilgrims of Hope

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

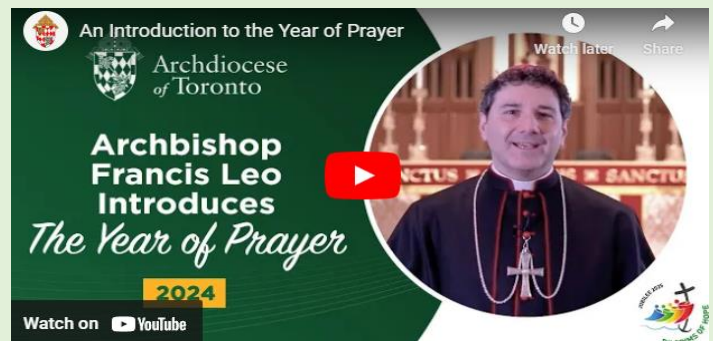
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Year of Prayer

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful *"to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God."*

The Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated *"to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world."* In advance of the Jubilee Year, the Archdiocese of Toronto created a video series which highlights the importance of prayer in our lives.

The series focuses on the petitions of the Lord's Prayer as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The first video is an introduction to the Year of Prayer by Archbishop Francis Leo.



Click to watch: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Year of Prayer Video Reflections](#)





The Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

[Logo for the 2025 Jubilee](#)