

St. John XXIII Parish

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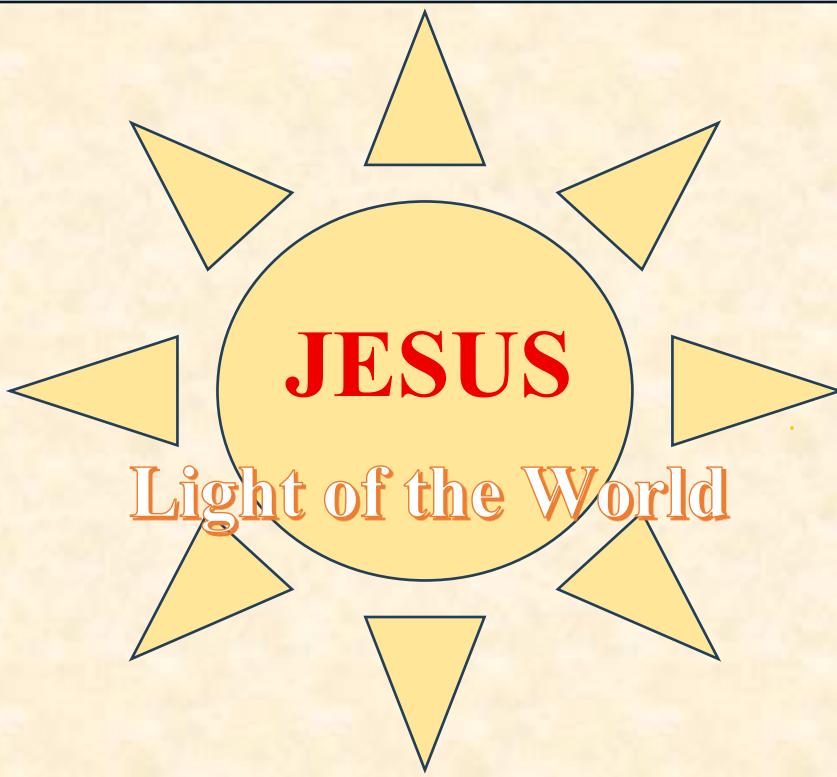
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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 08Feb26



“EGO SUM LUX MUNDI” ---I am the Light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia John 8.12

February 11th – World Day of the Sick

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 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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St. Jerome Emiliani February 8th
Pray for us!

“Do not doubt, my sons, the Lord will take care!”



“I am the light of the world, says the Lord: whoever follows me will have the light of life.” John 8.12

Three Sundays ago, Jesus was presented to us by Mathew, beginning the Mission of his Father, with the proclamation; *“Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”*

Jesus then set to lay the Foundation of the New Israel, with the call of the first four Apostles (Peter and Andrew, James, and John) and all heeded the call with an immediate response.

Last Sunday Jesus was presented to us as the “New Moses.” The New Law Giver, who unlike Moses who had received God’s Commandments on Mount Sinai, Jesus, God with us, gave the law himself; Revealing the will of God that brings fullness of Life in His Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God, Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted, Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth, Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied, Blessed are they who are merciful for they shall have mercy shown them. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God. ...

Today, Jesus reveals the Mission or say the motivation of those who live the virtues listed in the beatitudes. You, the faithful disciple, *“are the salt of the earth!” “Are the Light of the World!” “Are a City set upon a Mountain!”*

By this, Jesus affirms, our significance in the World. We are indispensable, for without faithful disciples, the World is tasteless and dark! This is great responsibility, yet with it, Jesus elevates a disciple, to a honorable position. He elevates us into a position closer to himself, because as He said in St John’s Gospel; He, Himself is the true light of the World;

Jesus calls us to this noble mission; for a reason; ***“that others may see our good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven!”*** And which are these “Good Deeds?” **Isaiah**, the Prophet, in the first reading today, reminds his fellow Jews, what God commanded them to practice; charity_towards their needy neighbors.

It’s only by doing this, that they could prove their love for God and expect God to respond in return;

“If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious talk, if you bestow your bread on the hungry, shelter for the homeless and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall break forth for you like the dawn! And you shall cry for help, and the Lord will answer: Here I am!”

God responds to our availability to him and our generosity to our neighbor, with the gift of his presence. Blessed are you, because you believe.

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 9

"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH"

748. "Christ is the light of humanity; and it is, accordingly, the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church."¹³⁵ These words open the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. By choosing this starting point, the Council demonstrates that the article of faith about the Church depends entirely on the articles concerning Christ Jesus. the Church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun.

749. The article concerning the Church also depends entirely on the article about the Holy Spirit, which immediately precedes it. "Indeed, having shown that the Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness, we now confess that it is he who has endowed the Church with holiness."¹³⁶ The Church is, in a phrase used by the Fathers, the place "where the Spirit flourishes."¹³⁷

750. To believe that the Church is "holy" and "catholic," and that she is "one" and "apostolic" (as the Nicene Creed adds), is inseparable from belief in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the Apostles' Creed we profess "one Holy Church" (Credo . . . Ecclesiam), and not to believe in the Church, so as not to confuse God with his works and to attribute clearly to God's goodness all the gifts he has bestowed on his Church.¹³⁸

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 07-Sat,5:15PM Vigil Mass

+ Lourdes Obregoso

Feb 08- Sun 9:00 AM

+ The Parishioners

12:15 PM + Teresita Apalis Cuento

5:30 PM + Leonida Raposas Aglipay

Feb 09-Mon,7:00PM

+ Leopoldo Labrador

Feb 10-Tue, 9:00 AM

+ Danilo Petrasanta

Feb 11-Wed, 7:00 PM

Healing of Christina and Espie

Feb 12 -Thu, 9:00 AM

+ Melvin Autencio

Feb 13 -Fri,7:00 PM

+ Teodora Jardio

Feb 14-Sat,9:00 AM

+ Pietro & Francesca Gulli

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Feb 06-13, 2026

Sanctuary-- Thanksgiving of Gemma Cabungcal

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

WORDS OF THE WEEK

"LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

-Jesus uses "light of the world" to describe His followers as beacons of truth and goodness, meant to shine in the darkness by reflecting God's love and guidance to others.

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 make 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 heavenly home. Light promotes growth and life. Jesus brings us everlasting life. Light warms and comforts. Jesus welcomes us and calms us.

To read more click the link [Jesus the Light of the World | Loyola Press](#)

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention - February 2026 - FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES

"Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope."



Our Patron Saint...



"If God created shadows, it was to better emphasise the light. *St. John XXIII*

St. Jerome Emiliani Feb 8th

Jerome was the founder of the Somascan Fathers and Brothers, also known as the Company of the Servants of the Poor. Jerome was born in Venice in 1486. Initially, he pursued a career in the military and gave very little thought of God. After a conversion experience, however, he gave all his possessions to the poor, became a priest, and devoted himself to the instruction of orphans and troubled youth, and the care of the poor. He founded an order, the Somascan Fathers, to help with this work. One of his acquaintances was Pietro Carafa, who later became Pope Paul IV. Jerome died on this day in 1537 of an illness contracted while tending the sick. He is a patron of orphans and abandoned children.

Living with Christ February 2026 edition

IN THE NEWS



Pope Leo denounces human trafficking as a 'crime against humanity'

Click the link to read more Vatican News: [Pope Leo denounces human trafficking as a 'crime against humanity' - Vatican News](#)



MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Wednesday, January 21, 2026



CANADIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON BILL C-218: NO "MAID" FOR MENTAL ILLNESS

Thursday, February 05, 2026



BISHOP JOSEPH DABROWSKI BEGINS EPISCOPAL MINISTRY IN HAMILTON

Thursday, February 05, 2026

Click the link to read more Archdiocese News: [Archdiocese of Toronto - News](#)

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

Announcements!!!



Parents of all First Holy Communion Candidates, please email the office to schedule your child for Test 2;



FHC Meeting on February 14th at 10AM- the topic is "MASS";



Confirmation Meeting on February 14th at 11AM- topic is The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



≈ Did you know??? ≈

There are several bible verses about the Light of Christ. Here are some of them:

The people who sit in darkness have seen a **great light**, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death **light has arisen**". [Matthew 4:16](#)

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

[Luke 1:78-79](#)

Through Him was life, and this life was the **light of the human race**. [John 1:4](#)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

[John 1:5](#)

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. [John 1:9](#)

And this is the verdict, that the **light came into the world**, but people preferred darkness to **light**, because their works were evil. [John 3:19](#)

Click the link to read more: [20 Best Verses About the Light of Christ - Catholic Ace](#)

Mark your Calendar on these dates:

February 11th

- World Day of the Sick
- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- There will be anointing of the sick

February 18th

- ASH WEDNESDAY- beginning of the season of LENT

February 20th, 27th and All Fridays of Lent – we will have Station of the Cross before the 7pm Mass

Prayer for Strength and Healing

Lord, we pray for those who are sick and in need of healing. We ask that you would give them the strength to endure their illness, and that you would bring them healing and restoration. May they feel your presence with them, and may they be comforted by your love. We pray that you will grant them peace and rest, and that they will be restored to full health. **AMEN**

You want to offer Mass intention like *Thanksgiving*, for the soul of a deceased, Healing and other intentions, please email the parish office at least 2 weeks in advance at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org

