

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 15Feb26

- *You shall not murder*
- *You shall not commit adultery*
- *You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord*

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Matthew 5.17



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. Cyril & St. Methodius Feb 14th

Pray for us!

“However tired and physically worn out I am, I will go with joy to that land; with joy I depart for the sake of the Christian faith.”

February 18th is **ASH WEDNESDAY**

the beginning of LENT

MASS Schedule- 10:00AM and 7:00 PM

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



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” Matthew 5.17

“Brothers and Sisters: among the mature we do speak wisdom; ... God's Wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.”

St Paul, in the 2nd Reading today, in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians, speaks of the Wisdom that lay hidden! The Wisdom decreed by God for our glory! The question arises then; What is this, Wisdom? This Wisdom of God, that St Paul proclaims is Christ Jesus; And Paul adds, the crucified! St. John, the Evangelist illumines us more to understand how Jesus is the Wisdom of God; through the use of the “Word,” in the place of Wisdom. In the opening verses of his Gospel, He writes; ***“In the beginning was the Word: The Word was with God and the Word was God.” “He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came into being, not one thing came into being except through him.”*** (John 1:1-3)

It is always the Will of God Our Father, to reveal himself to us; human beings. God has done this through Creation, then through Abraham and his descendants, the Israelites. Then, in the fulness of time, He revealed Himself to us through his Son, Jesus; Emmanuel, God with us. This is the truth, the rulers of the age, ought to have known and if they had, they would not have crucified Jesus.

This Wisdom of God, in whom we were illumined to know God and his generosity. This is who, exulted us in last Sunday's Gospel. Jesus, God among his people, affirmed Our significance! Our place in this World as his faithful disciples; ***“You are the Salt of the earth,”*** He told us ***“You are the Light of the World”*** ***“A City built on a hill cannot be hidden,”*** He told us.

Today in the Gospel Reading, This Wisdom of God continues in Sermon of the Mount, to manifest his authority as the New Law Giver; ***“You have heard that it was said in the ancient times ... but I tell you.”***

Jesus affirms that, He comes not to abolish the Law or the Prophets but fulfill it. Jesus, as the total fulfillment of God’s Revelation, could not abolish the revelation that came before him; he would not against himself.

Acting upon the commandments was the privileged way of responding to God, who had chosen to enter into a Covenant relationship with Israel. Israel, however, failed in this relationship, taking the Law as a hindrance in their own pursuits. Others who observed it, fell into the temptation of ***“self glorification;”*** losing the very reason why the law was given.

For the Salvation of a disciple, in a faithful relationship with God. Jesus, as the New Law Giver, set to re-establish **“the Spirit of the Law.”** Jesus willed to reveal “the Law’s transforming power.”

Jesus endeavored to teach the avenue by which humanity returned to the glory present in the garden to Eden; where harmony and fullness of life was enjoyed because Adam and Eve, were in complete communion with God, their Creator and Father.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

Section Two THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

2060. " The gift of the commandments and of the Law is part of the covenant God sealed with his own. In Exodus, the revelation of the "ten words" is granted between the proposal of the covenant²² and its conclusion - after the people had committed themselves to "do" all that the Lord had said, and to "obey" it.²³ The Decalogue is never handed on without first recalling the covenant ("The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.").²⁴

2061. The Commandments take on their full meaning within the covenant. According to Scripture, man's moral life has all its meaning in and through the covenant. the first of the "ten words" recalls that God loved his people first:

Since there was a passing from the paradise of freedom to the slavery of this world, in punishment for sin, the first phrase of the Decalogue, the first word of God's commandments, bears on freedom "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."²⁵

2062. The Commandments properly so-called come in the second place: they express the implications of belonging to God through the establishment of the covenant. Moral existence is a response to the Lord's loving initiative. It is the acknowledgement and homage given to God and a worship of thanksgiving. It is cooperation with the plan God pursues in history.

2063. The covenant and dialogue between God and man are also attested to by the fact that all the obligations are stated in the first person ("I am the Lord.") and addressed by God to another personal subject ("you"). In all God's commandments, the singular personal pronoun designates the recipient. God makes his will known to each person in particular, at the same time as he makes it known to the whole people:

*The Lord prescribed love towards God and taught justice towards neighbor, so that man would be neither unjust, nor unworthy of God. Thus, through the Decalogue, God prepared man to become his friend and to live in harmony with his neighbor.... the words of the Decalogue remain likewise for us Christians. Far from being abolished, they have received amplification and development from the fact of the coming of the Lord in the flesh.*²⁶

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 14-Sat,5:15PM **Vigil Mass** + Petra Perlas
Feb 15-Sun 9:00 AM +Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal
12:15 PM + The Parishioners
5:30 PM + Ruperto Frilles
Feb 16-Mon,10:00AM + Eladia Hernandez
Feb 17-Tue, 9:00 AM For All Souls in Purgatory
Feb 18-Wed, 7:00 PM +Herberto & Simeona M.
Feb 19 -Thu, 9:00 AM + Barbara North
Feb 20 -Fri,7:00 PM + Antonio de Villa
Feb 21-Sat,9:00 AM + Ramona Villarin

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Feb 14-20, 2026

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

WORD OF THE WEEK

“COMMANDMENTS”

The commandments express fundamental duties to God and to one another, outlining the minimum requirements for living a moral life. They are not merely rules but are seen as a reflection of God's love and justice.

The Catholic Ten Commandments are a summary of "the conditions of a life freed from the slavery of sin" (CCC 2057).

They must be understood in relation to the "law of love"; Love of God and love of neighbor summarize all of Catholic morality. The law of love is also the first principle & source of the moral law. It contains "all law and the prophets. (Mt. 22:40)

To read more click the link [The Catholic Ten Commandments | beginningCatholic.com](#)

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...



“The true and solid peace of nations consists not in equality of arms but in mutual trust alone.” St. John XXIII

St. Cyril & St. Methodius Feb 14th

Cyril and Methodius are sometimes called the Apostles to the Slavs for their work as missionaries. The two brothers were born in Thessalonika, Greece, in the 9th century. (Cyril adopted that name late in life; his name at birth was Constantine.) Because they could speak the Slavic language, likely because of the number of Slavic people living in the region, they were sent as missionaries first to what is now Ukraine, and then to Moravia, situated between Byzantium and the Germanic peoples. They worked to make the liturgy and Scripture available in the vernacular, and Cyril devised an alphabet which some feel is the precursor to the Cyrillic alphabet. While they encountered political opposition, they did enjoy the support of Pope Adrian II.

Cyril died in Rome, while Methodius was consecrated a bishop and returned to Moravia. In 1980 Pope John Paul II declared Cyril & Methodius patrons of Europe. *Living with Christ February*

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 Leo XIV prays at the Jubilee of Youth in Rome on August 3, 2025. (eVatican Media)

Pope’s Lenten message: Abstain from harsh words and rash judgement

Click the link to read more Vatican News: [Pope’s Lenten message: Abstain from harsh words and rash judgement - Vatican News](#)



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

Thursday, February 05, 2026



REFLECTIONS ON DISCIPLESHIP ON THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, February 05, 2026



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

Friday, December 05, 2025

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

Announcements!!!

- 📌 Parents of all First Holy Communion Candidates, please email the office to schedule your child for Test 3;
- 📌 Station of the Cross in all Fridays of Lent starting February 20 at 6:30pm;
- 📌 Confirmation Meeting on February 28th at 11AM- topic is “The Gifts of the Holy Spirit” part 2.



≈ Did you know??? ≈

You can find the Ten Commandments in the two books in the bible in Exodus 20:2-7 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21.

God made the two stone tablets with the commandments written on both sides were given to Moses. But Moses threw down the tablets and broke them because he saw the people worshipping the bull-calf they had made. [Exodus 32.19-20](#)

The Second set of Stone Tablets. The Lord said to Moses, “Cut two stones tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.” [Exodus 34.1](#)

What is Canon Law?

It is the body of laws and legal principles established by the Catholic Church to regulate its governance, administration, and the conduct of its members. It serves to uphold the rights and duties of individuals within the Church and to ensure that the Church’s mission is fulfilled in accordance with its teachings. Wikipedia

LENT IS COMING



Ash Wednesday is February 18th and it begins the Lenten season where Catholics are called to grow closer to Christ through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Here are some suggestions to help you get started.

- Attend week day Mass
- Read the daily scripture
- Have a quiet time
- Limit time in social media
- Fast from snacking between meals
- Give up soda, coffee or alcohol
- Go through your closet and find clothes you can donate to someone in need
- Prayer before work

To read more click [20 things you can do for Lent | Catholic Life - The Roman Catholic Diocese of La Crosse](#)

