

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 1st SUNDAY OF LENT | 09 March 2025

**“It is written,
‘Worship the
Lord your God,
and serve only
him!’** Luke 4.8

PRAYER -- FASTING -- GIVING

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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. John of God March 8th

Pray for us.

**“O God, help me to
serenely bear all that this
day may bring.”**



Pilgrimage Churches. see page 5

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



“When the Devil had finished every test, he departed from him, to return, at an opportune time.” Luke 4:13

Last Wednesday, we began Our Lenten Penitential Journey in a Mass with the imposition of ashes. The ashes reminded us of the fragility of earthly life is, and made us reflect about our origin and destiny.

St. Paul, in the second reading of the Mass, called this moment, “the acceptable time;” A time of reconciling ourselves to God. Lent is the acceptable time; A time of receiving the Grace of God with greater openness.

In this Acceptable time, the Church calls us to a time of Prayer; because in prayer, we abandon ourselves totally into the hands of God and from Him, we await the True Peace. The Church also call us, to Fasting: for in fasting, we show our prevalence for God, Our Creator rather than the Created; With Fasting, we prepare our Hearts to receive God’s greatest gift and privileged sign of his Kingdom; His Son.

Lent is also a time of Charity; A time of Works of Mercy and Justice; when we participate in the Love of God, who provides for his every son and daughter created in his own Image. Isaiah, the Prophet in Chapter 58: 1-9, makes us reflect on the right kind of fast; “*Why do you say we fast and you do not see it, afflict ourselves and you do not take note. Lo, on your fast you carry out your own pursuits, ... your fast ends up in quarreling and fighting; Is this the fasting I wish? This is the Fasting that I wish, release those bound unjustly, set free the oppressed, share your bread with the hungry shelter the homeless.*”

Today, the Gospel narrates to us the Temptations of Jesus. Let us remember that the Temptations followed Christ’s Baptism. Jesus; He who was without sin, accepted the Baptism of John, a Baptism of Repentance, as an act of acceptance of His Mission; This was the will of the Father. In his Baptism, The Holy Spirit, descended on Him and anointed Him for the Mission. The Father approved this Act of Acceptance in his proclamation; “*This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.*”

After Baptism, Jesus was led by “the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the Devil.” The desert was a place of hardship, the Israelites had experienced this, but also a place where they encountered God and became a Nation. Israel however miserably failed their God; Jesus on his side, was the “Faithful Israelite,” who overcame every temptation of the Devil. Jesus, vanquishes the power of evil through the Spirit and obedience to the Father.

Every Disciple, should learn in Christ’s victory over evil, that faith and trusting reliance in God’s graciousness, leads to victory.

The Gospel reading today ends; “***When the Devil had finished every test, he departed from him, to return, at an opportune time.***”

This time would be on Gethsemane, where Jesus, again, would accept the will of the Father. And in his Passion, Death and Resurrection, defeat the Devil, eternally.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

III The mysteries of Jesus Public Life

Jesus' temptations

538 The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him.²⁴¹ At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time".²⁴²

539 The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfils Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder.²⁴³ Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father.

540 Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him.²⁴⁴ This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning."²⁴⁵ By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mar8 Sat,5:15PM **Vigil Mass** The Parishioners
- Mar 09-Sun 9:00AM +Nelia Arellano +Isabel Chavez
12:15 PM + Victor Lasangue
5:30 PM + Orbano Laguatan
- Mar 10 -Mon,7:00PM + Rosada Dias
+ Germilita Favia
- Mar 11-Tue,9:00AM + Francisco Cabrita
Thanksgiving Jacqueline Macaraig
- Mar 12-Wed7:00PM + Lydia Casana +Rodolfo Naval
Thanksgiving Elizabeth Salumbides
- Mar 13-Thu,9:00AM Healing of Erly Manalo
Thanksgiving & Healing of Julie Buenafe
- Mar 14-Fri,7:00PM + Firosali Pira
Thanksgiving of Gemma Cabungcal
- Mar 15-Sat,9:00AM Thanksgiving Marcy G.
Healing of Julie Almaria

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

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

WORD OF THE WEEK

“LENT”

-is a season of preparation for Easter, mirroring Jesus' forty days in the desert and also anticipating his passion, death, and triumphant resurrection: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." CCC 540, 542)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention–March 2025– For Families In Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Our Patron Saint...



"I live by the mercy of Jesus, to whom I owe everything and from whom I expect everything." Pope John XXIII

St. John of God March 8th

John was born in Portugal on March 8, 1495. He worked as a soldier of fortune, an overseer of slaves, a shepherd, a crusader, a bodyguard, and a peddler. Wracked by guilt over his wasted life, he sought the counsel of John of Avila, who helped him dedicate himself to the care of the sick and the poor. Others joined him and they became known as the Order of Brothers Hospitallers or Brothers of St. John of God. John died on his birthday in 1550 and was canonized in 1690. He is patron of hospitals and the sick.

(Living with Christ, March 2025 ed.)

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

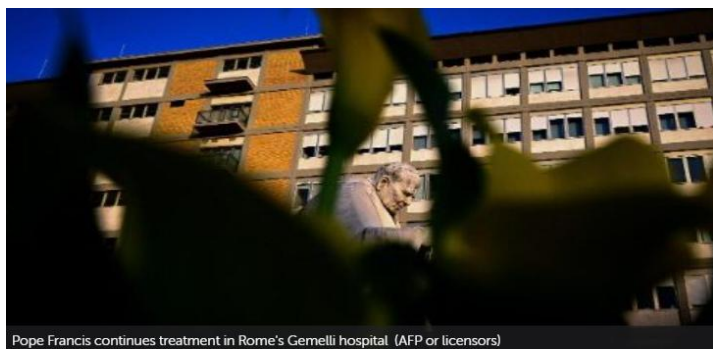
Parish Ministries & Programs

- 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 has a restful night in hospital

Click this to read more >>> [Pope has a restful night in hospital - Vatican News](#)



THREE YEARS OF WAR IN UKRAINE: A CALL FOR PRAYER AND PEACE

Monday, February 24, 2025



CARDINAL LEO WRITES TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES OF DEEP CONCERN

Friday, February 21, 2025



PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH AND RECOVERY OF POPE FRANCIS

Wednesday, February 19, 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 email the office to book your child for Test 3;**
- ✚ **Session for FHC Candidates on March 15 at 11:00am, please come on time;**
- ✚ **Your Tax Receipt for 2024 are available, ask the Parish Office for your copy;**
- ✚ **For new Parishioners, please fill up the Parish registration form and submit to the parish office.**





JUBILEE 2025- Pilgrims of Hope

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

What is the Jubilee Indulgence?

The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence which thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It may also be sought for oneself. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. During a Jubilee Year, which normally happens every 25 years, all other indulgences previously granted remain in force and may be obtained by the faithful.

What are the ways in which a plenary indulgence can be obtained?

A plenary indulgence can be obtained through the following ways:

- pilgrimages;
- Pious visits to sacred places;
- Works of mercy and penance

Pilgrimage Churches *identified holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year.*

Archdiocesan- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

Central Region

- St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto
- St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (Bathurst St)
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

Western Region

- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

Easter Region

- St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa

Northern Region

- St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg
- St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

Shrines - Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

How to Make a Jubilee Pilgrimage or Visit a Jubilee Parish

- Consult the parish schedule for Mass and Confessions.
- For **individual visits**, it is not necessary to alert the parish about your planned pilgrimage if you are simply attending a regularly scheduled Mass or Confession time.
- Contact the pastor before making any plans for **group visits** outside of regularly scheduled Mass and Confession, or for special arrangements, such as Mass, Confessions, Adoration or Celebrations of the Word of God.
- Be mindful that the designated Pilgrimage sites are active parishes with their own scheduled liturgies and events, as well as a regular schedule of the times when the church is open or closed for visits.
- A pilgrimage group wishing to celebrate Mass and/or offer Confessions will be asked to bring their own priest to celebrate, and at a time agreed to by the pastor.

Click to find more: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Pilgrimage Churches - Jubilee Year 2025](#)





LENT 2025

**STATION
OF THE
CROSS**
Every
Friday at
6:30pm

From the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

[Journey through Lent 2025 - Canadian
Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

[Journey Through Lent Video Series: Weekly
Reflections for the Lenten Season -
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

Click the link above to watch the video



PRAYER



Fasting



GIVING & SHARING

SOME SUGGESTIONS TO SPEND 40 days of LENT

- Spend time with the Lord
- Attend Mass daily
- Read the Bible
- Attend Lenten Retreat
- Jubilee Pilgrimages
- * Give up watching TV
- * No Meat in all Fridays
- * Less phone screen time
- * No gossiping
- * Less shopping
- * Share your blessings
- * Volunteering
- * Visit the sick
- * Say kind words
- * Feed the homeless

