

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT | 23 March 2025

**“Repent, says
the Lord; the
kingdom of
heaven is at
hand”** Luke 9.35

PRAYER -- FASTING -- GIVING

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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 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

Parish School-

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St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

March 23rd

Pray for us.

“Christ said ‘I am the Truth, He did not say ‘I am the custom.”



“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” John 4:13-14

“If you knew the Gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you the Living Water.”

This year, our Parish has five Elects who have been preparing of the Sacraments of Initiation that they are to receive on Easter Vigil. This being the case we shall be listening with them three Gospel Readings in the next three Sundays that are of profound significance in the revelation of Christ to a disciple. The Gospel Readings of the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, Year A, will be read to illumine us, as they do the Catechumens, celebrating the three Scrutinies; Imploring God’s Grace on this final stage as they prepare to be baptized at Easter

John the Evangelist, in each of the episodes provides us with “An Encounter of a Disciple with the Lord. In the encounter we witness, the disciple’s growth in faith, as God illumines them, making them aware of his Divine Presence.

In the first episode, “Jesus Encounter with the Samaritan Woman,” thirst becomes the starting point, of the journey of faith in this to be disciple.

Human beings thirst! God thirst too! In the preface of the Mass today, the priest read, ***“So ardently did the Lord thirst for her Faith, that he kindled in her the Fire of Divine Love.”***

Jesus, tired from the journey, and thirsty, sits by the well of Jacob. The Samaritan woman, so tried by life, weighed down by the misery of her choices and terrified by the consequences of her sins, resolved to get to the well, at noon, when it was hot and therefore unlikely that anyone else would be there to see her! So desperate was she; She had been in six relationships and none did fulfill her. Now, here came the seventh man; Could she finally experience in him “the fulfillment” of her deepest longing?

The Gospel reveals to us that her thirst for physical water turned to be a Journey of Faith, in which Her Messiah and Savior came to her and gradually revealed Himself to her. Jesus, is first described by the woman as just a man (sir), then as a Prophet, then as One who is to come and finally as the Messiah; ***“I who speak to you I Am He!”***

Notice that Jesus used the “I Am” revealed to Moses by God at the ***“Burning Bush,”*** in Exodus 3:14!

With this Revelation, the Samaritan woman is filled with Joy. Her fears and concerns disappeared and she turned a courageous proclaimer; ***“Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did!”*** The Samaritan Woman in her encounter with her Lord, completed her journey of Faith! She had journeyed from moments of no faith, to moments of partial faith; To a moment of Fullness of Faith!

Her proclamation won her people to Christ, they too became believers; Listen to their Profession of Faith ***“We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly, the Savior of the World.”***

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Brothers and Sisters, we are illumined by the Spirit to know and acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God and Our Savior. He, the seventh Man, fulfills our Soul’s desire. Jesus is the Source of Living Water; our thirst is quenched at the awareness that we are the beloved of the Lord. Remember the Words of St Paul in the second Reading ***“God’s Love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”***

May we find joy and fulfillment in the realization that God Our Father thirsts for us.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

IV Interior Penance

1430 Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward works, "sackcloth and ashes," fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Without this, such penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance.²³

1431 Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance of heart).²⁴

1431 The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart.²⁵ Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O LORD, that we may be restored!"²⁶ God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. the human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced.²⁷

Let us fix our eyes on Christ's blood and understand how precious it is to his Father, for, poured out for our salvation it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mar 22 Sat,5:15PM **Vigil Mass** +Thelma Dunphy
- Mar 23-Sun 9:00AM + Alberto & Lydia dela Cruz
12:15PM +*The Parishioners*
5:30 PM +*Luding Jimenez, +Lydia Casana*
- Mar 24 -Mon,7:00PM
Intention of Veronica for the B-day of Leia Garde
- Mar 25-Tue,9:00AM *Healing of Nelia Alzate*
Intention of Tess for Hazel & Joseph Garcia
- Mar 25-Tue,7:00PM +*Maria Cristina Soriano*
- Mar 26-Wed7:00PM + *Ronaldo & Editha Sacop*
Intention of Marieta for the B-Dayof Delia Munar
- Mar 27-Thu,9:00AM +*Maria Cristina Soriano*
- Mar 28-Fri,7:00PM + *Carmen Ramiro*
+ *Aida Mabanag*
- Mar 29-Sat,9:00AM *Thanksgiving of Hayde*
Thanksgiving of Jovie Salumbides

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention –Mar 22-28, 2025

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

WORD OF THE WEEK
“REPENT”

- feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin; (*Oxford language*)
- turn away from sin or do penitence; be contrite about; (*Thesaurus*)

Repentance is the first step to reconcile with God; to recognize that we are lost without God, and we are doomed to an eternal death apart from him because we lack his grace, which makes us alive in him.

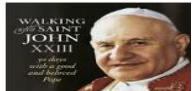
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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention–March 2025– For Families In Crisis

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...



"Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give." Pope John XXIII

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo March 23rd

Turibius was born in Spain about 1538. He was a professor of law when King Philip II appointed him chief judge in the Inquisition of Granada. Later, he was named Archbishop of Lima, Peru.

In Lima he was appalled by the attitude of the conquerors. Turibius condemned abuses and provided for the people, founding numerous schools, hospitals, and churches, and establishing the first seminary in Latin America. He learned the native languages and was an effective teacher and preacher. He died March 23, 1606 and was canonized in 1726. He is a patron of Latin American bishops.

(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 !!!



Archbishop Gallagher celebrates Mass at the Church of the Gesù (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

Archbishop Gallagher: Pope still serves Church and humanity in his fragility

To read more, click this link >>> [Archbishop Gallagher: Pope still serves Church and humanity in his fragility - Vatican News](#)



MESSAGE FOR LENT 2025 FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO

Monday, March 03, 2025



REQUESTING PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Thursday, February 27, 2025



CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD (MARCH 25)

Thursday, March 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 email the office to book your child for Test 3;**
- ✚ **Session for Confirmation Candidates on March 22 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

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

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

As we knock at the door of her heart, may Our Lady intercede on our behalf with her Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as she did at the wedding of Cana, so that the new wine of hope, joy, holiness and peace may flow abundantly in all who call upon her maternal mediation.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, I/we, consecrate to you

*the faithful of this archdiocese
or
the faithful of our parish
the members of our family
the members of our school
the members of (insert community or group name)
myself*

together with all the faithful of the Church.

We lift up to you, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, all of our families, and all of those brothers and sisters of Your Son, who need your maternal care and your intercession. Through your powerful and loving prayers, bring the consolation of Christ our Lord to all the pastors and the entire flock of your Beloved Son, Jesus: to the young and to the elderly, the sick and the abandoned, the lonely and the dejected, those who are to be born and those who are dying, those trying to find their way and those who have strayed away. With a mother's heart, welcome our petitions and show forth your great compassion and love to those who have become your children entrusted to your motherly care by the Crucified Redeemer.

By your merciful gaze, look upon all those who are persecuted for their faith, the victims of war and abuse, those who are afflicted by addictions, those who despair and have lost all hope. You who are the gift whom our loving Lord gave to us on Calvary, graciously receive our prayer and deny us not the graces we humbly implore from you.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy upon us,
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Mary, Mother of the Church,

R. Pray for us.





LENT 2025

Message of Pope Francis for Lent:

"This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance."



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

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

Other Resources, click the link below:

[Archdiocese of Toronto - Resources for the Season of Lent](#)

