

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th Sunday of Lent | 22 March 2026

Jesus said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Martha replied “Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

John 11.25-26

Station of the Cross

All Fridays of Lent at 6:30 - Followed by Mass

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. Turibius of Mogrovejo Mar 23rd

Pray for us!

“Christ said ‘I am the truth.’ He did not say ‘I am the custom.’”



“I am the resurrection and the life;” “Whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!”

John 11.25

The 1st reading today, from the book of Prophet Ezekiel is a well-known prophecy; the vision, of the **“Scattered Dry Bones in the Plain.”** The People of Israel had made a Covenant with God, but they abandoned Him and, in the process, sucked life out of themselves, leaving themselves empty, dry and cold! Nothing, they created for themselves could help them! Nobody, including their Kings could save them, but only God, who from the beginning, breathed life into them.

Ezekiel in this prophecy, foretold a moment in time when God in His Son, would intervene; gather his people together, and breath life anew into these lifeless bones.

Today, in the Gospel reading, as Lazarus comes out of the tomb alive, Jesus fulfilled Ezekiel's Prophecy; He is **“the life-giving-presence among his People.”** The raising of Lazarus as in every miracle in St. John's Gospel had the purpose of revealing Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah.

These past Sundays, Jesus has been revealed to us as “the source of the living Water” in his encounter with the Samaritan Woman and last Sunday as the “Light of the World, with the healing of the Man Born Blind.” The Samaritan Woman and the Man Born Blind were depicted as on a journey; A Journey of Faith.

Today, in the Miracle (Sign) of the raising of Lazarus, the “disciple who is on this journey of Faith,” is Martha; the sister to Lazarus. When Martha heard that Jesus was on the way, she runs out to meet him. Her first words were, **“Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died ...”**

Here, Martha confessed Jesus just as a Miracle Worker; and acknowledged that Christ's earlier presence would have made a difference in her brother's life, but Jesus as the miracle worker was absent thus failed to save her brother. Jesus responded to correct Martha's misunderstanding and informed her that Lazarus will rise! Martha again fails to acknowledge the power of Resurrection in the Person of Jesus and rather schooled Jesus on the Jewish Traditional Teaching about resurrection - **“Resurrection on the last day.”**

At this moment, Jesus took the initiative away from Martha; and centered the Resurrection on his Person. **“I am the resurrection and the life;” “Whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!”**

Jesus calls Martha to this Faith to which she responded with a better understanding; **“Yes Lord.” “I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who is to come into the world!”**

It is one thing, however, to profess Faith, it's quite another to put that Faith into practice when reality demands! Martha, failed yet again when they came to the tomb; when Jesus requested the stone to be rolled away, she attempted to stop the action; **“Lord he has been in the Tomb for four days!” “There is already a stench!** Jesus again had to wrestle the initiative from Martha; **“Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”**

Adopting a position of prayer and lifting up his eyes to Heaven; Jesus prayed; expressing his gratitude and absolute trust in the communion with the Father, and then commanded Lazarus to come out, and Lazarus walked out bound. Jesus then commanded them; **“Untie him and let him go.”**

Scripture says; **“Many came to believe in Him.”** Likewise, Martha, as a disciple, saw and believed in Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life.

Martha had ascended from moments of “partial faith” to truly believing in Jesus as the Christ; the Son of God. Like Martha, we are all called to this Faith!

Next Sunday, with the Palm Sunday, we begin the final ascend with Jesus to Jerusalem to celebrate yet again, the Solemn Festivities of Our Salvation; Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Let us pray, then, that we may be granted the Grace to Believe. †

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article II I Believe In The Resurrection Of The Body

“I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY”

988. The Christian Creed - the profession of our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and in God's creative, saving, and sanctifying action - culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting.

989. We firmly believe, and hence we hope that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives for ever, so after death the righteous will live for ever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day.⁵³² Our resurrection, like his own, will be the work of the Most Holy Trinity:

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.⁵³³

990. The term "flesh" refers to man in his state of weakness and mortality.⁵³⁴ The "resurrection of the flesh" (the literal formulation of the Apostles' Creed) means not only that the immortal soul will live on after death, but that even our "mortal body" will come to life again.⁵³⁵

991 Belief in the resurrection of the dead has been an essential element of the Christian faith from its beginnings. "The confidence of Christians is the resurrection of the dead; believing this we live."⁵³⁶

How can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.... But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.⁵³⁷

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mar 21-Sat,5:15PM Vigil Mass
+ Omer & Donna Comeau
- Mar 22-Sun9:00 AM + Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal
12:15 PM + Victoria Lasangue
5:30 PM + The Parishioners
- Mar 23-Mon, 7:00PM + Willie Agustin Sr.
- Mar 24-Tue, 9:00 AM + Claude D'Souza
Thanksgiving of Rene Galvez
- Mar 25-Wed,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Marcy Goertzen
- Mar 26 -Thu, 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Joseph Garcia
+ Luding Jimenez
- Mar 27 -Fri,7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Hayde
+ Lydia Casana
- Mar 28-Sat,9:00 AM Thanksgiving Jovi Salumbides
+ Felicidad Viores

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention March 21-27, 2026

Sanctuary—Thanksgiving of Gemma Cabungcal
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Hayde

WORD OF THE WEEK

“RESURRECTION”

-The rising of Christ from the dead.

The Resurrection is a profound mystery that lies at the heart of the Christian faith, as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It not only affirms the divinity of Christ but also offers and assurance of eternal life to all believers.

Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention - *March 2026* - FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

“Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.”



Our Patron Saint...



“Christian life means sacrifice.”

St. John XXIII

St. Turibius of Mongrovejo Mar 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 Liman 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 2026 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 Leo XIV meets a newly wed couple at the General Audience. (@VATICAN MEDIA)

Pope convokes presidents of Bishops’ Conferences for meeting on families

Click the link to read more Vatican News: [Pope convokes presidents of Bishops’ Conferences for meeting on families - Vatican News](#)



MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026 FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO
Monday, February 16, 2026



CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS
Thursday, March 12, 2026



PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE: CURRENT SAFEGUARDING ISSUES WORLDWIDE
Thursday, March 12, 2026

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

Announcements!!!

- ✠ **Station of the Cross in all Fridays of Lent at 6:30pm;**
- ✠ **Triduum for the Feast of the Anunciation, March 25;**
- ✠ **FHC candidates and parents, this Thursday or Friday at 4PM, is Confession, email to book;**
- ✠ **Parish Reflection on Saturday March 28 at 9am to 1pm.**



Holy Week SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Parish Reflection

March 28 – 9:00AM-1:00PM

Begin with the Mass; Talk; End with the Eucharistic Adoration

(Light Snack will be served)

March 28 – 5:15PM – Vigil Mass Palm Sunday (blessing of Palms)

March 29 – 9:00AM, 12:15PM, 5:30PM – Palm Sunday Masses (blessings of Palms)

March 31 – 7:00PM, Holy Tuesday – The 9:00AM MASS is moved to 7:00PM

April 02 – 7:00PM, Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00PM-11:00PM, Holy Thursday – Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

April 03 – GOOD FRIDAY

2:00PM – Station of the Cross

3:00PM – PASSION OF THE LORD

April 04 - Holy Saturday –

8:00PM - Vigil Easter Mass with the Baptism of the Catechumens

April 05 - 9:00AM, 12:15PM, 5:30PM - Easter Sunday Masses



≈ Did you know??? ≈

The bible reminds us that death is not an endpoint but a passage to something remarkably beautiful. We believe that those who have faith in God will live forever in His presence. Below are the bible verses that give us hope and assurance:

- “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)
- “And this is what He promised us – eternal life.” (1John 2:25)
- “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)
- “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Roman 6:23)
- “For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven.” (2Corinthians 5:1)
- “For we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.” (1Thessalonians 4:14)

<https://biblestudyforyou.com/catholic-bible-verses-about-death/>

LENT



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries His Cross
3. Jesus Falls the first time
4. Jesus meets His sorrowful mother
5. Simon helps Jesus to carry the Cross
6. Veronica wipes the Face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time
8. The women weep over Jesus
9. Jesus falls the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross
14. Jesus is laid in the sepulcher

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

