

St. John XXIII Parish

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THE
LORD
IS
TRULY
RISEN!

“Were not our hearts burning
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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

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St. Anselm April 21st

Pray for us.

“Idleness is the
enemy of the soul.”



“Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to Believe everything the prophets said!” Luke 24:25

“Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to Believe.”

Last Sunday, it was Apostle Thomas, who had resisted to believe in the Resurrected Jesus. Thomas demanded of Jesus, conditions if he was to believe.

Amazingly the Risen Lord met Thomas and fulfilled his conditions; ***“Thomas, put your fingers here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”***

From this generosity of Jesus, came the greatest proclamation of faith in Jesus, in St. John's Gospel; ***“My Lord and My God.”***

Today, it is the disciples to Emmaus who are in faith crises. These, have even abandoned the Way. Despite the disciples' hearing of Mary Magdalene's Message, that she had seen a vision of Angels and met the Risen Lord; Cleopas and the other disciple decide to walk back home, extremely disappointed! Jesus had not met their expectation!

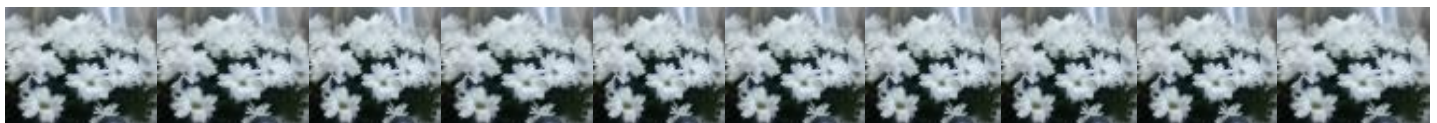
“We had hoped that he would be, the One, to redeem Israel,” they informed Jesus.

Their Faith in Jesus and his Mission was failing fast! You hear Christ's frustration, at their ignorance, as he challenged them; ***“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”***

The Risen Lord opened the eyes of the disciples to Emmaus to see, understand and believe in God's Plan of human salvation. This he did with the use of Scriptures; He made the Disciples to Emmaus realize that every promise made by God to Israel had been fulfilled through him. And at the Disciples' hospitality, Jesus revealed himself through the breaking of the bread.

The reaction of the disciples was immediate; ***“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?”*** The disciples to Emmaus, had expressed their unwillingness to believe the word of the women, that morning, but after they encountered the Risen Lord, their sadness was transformed into joyful hope and their fear disappeared. They were, the ones who had persuaded Jesus to spend the night at their home, for the night was falling; After their encounter, they took to the night for another 11 Km, back to Jerusalem. They hand a joyful and urgent message to communicate to the other disciples; He is Risen and has appeared to us.

In every Mass Celebration, Jesus is revealed to us in the Readings that are proclaimed to us. He is also revealed, in the breaking of bread; the Eucharist. We receive Jesus in every Mass! The question then becomes; Do our hearts not burn as we behold Jesus in such a generous mystery? Let us pray for an increase of Faith.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE: MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD

II. "I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED" ¹⁶

To Believe in GOD alone

150. Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature.¹⁷

To believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of GOD

151. For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his "beloved Son", in whom the Father is "well pleased"; God tells us to listen to him.¹⁸ The Lord himself said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me."¹⁹ We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh: "No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known."²⁰ Because he "has seen the Father", Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him.²¹

To believe in the Holy Spirit

152. One cannot believe in Jesus Christ without sharing in his Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to men who Jesus is. For "no one can say "Jesus is Lord", except by the Holy Spirit",²² who "searches everything, even the depths of God. . No one comprehends the thoughts of God, except the Spirit of God."²³ Only God knows God completely: we believe in the Holy Spirit because he is God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church)
https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/___PW.HTM

MASS INTENTIONS

- Apr 18, 5:15 PM **Vigil Mass** +Randy Goertzen
- Apr 19- **SUNDAY 9:00 AM** + Alfonso Cabilin
- 12:15 PM + The Parishioners
- 5:30 PM + Belinda Castillo
- Apr 20-Mon,7:00 PM + Reynaldo Rivera
- + Leopoldina Miranda
- Apr 21-Tue,9:00AM + Yolanda Casino
- Apr 22-Wed, 7:00PM + TONY DEQUITO
- Thanksgiving of Lynda Caratao
- Apr 23-Thu,9:00AM + Isagani Ayala
- + Sebastian Miranda
- Apr 24-Fri, 7:00PM + Claude D'Souza
- Apr 18-Sat,9:00am Wedding Anniv Rene&MaryAnn

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention Apr 18-24, 2026

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Gemma Cabungcal
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Nelia Alzate

WORD OF THE WEEK

"EMMAUS"

It is the village to which two disciples, one named Cleopas and the other unnamed, were traveling on the day of Jesus' resurrection. [Luke 24:13-35](#)

In Hebrew, the name Emmaus is believed to originate from the word "hammat", meaning "hot spring" or "warm spring". [wikipedia](#)

Pope's Prayer Intention-April 2026 - For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Our Patron Saint...



"The world will never be the dwelling place of peace, till peace has found a home in the heart of each and every man."

St. John XXIII

St. Anselm April 21st

Born in 1033, Anselm was motivated to enter the monastery of Bec in Normandy due to the reputation of the great teacher, Lanfranc. Anselm became a monk at the age of 27, and a student and close friend of Lanfranc, eventually succeeding him as prior and abbot of Bec.

After the Norman Conquest of England in 1066, William I replaced the English hierarchy with Normans, and Lanfranc was sent as archbishop of Canterbury. Three years after Lanfranc's death, Anselm was in England (1093) and was forcibly made archbishop. Neither an administrator nor a politician by nature, he persevered nonetheless. Through his encouragement of English devotion, he helped heal the wounds of the Conquest on the English.

Anselm's fame lies in his role as theologian and philosopher. His argument for the existence of God still holds strong appeal. In his concern for the oppressed, he was one of the first opponents of the slave trade.

Anselm died in 1109. Never formally canonized, he was made a Doctor of the Church in 1720. (*Living with Christ, April 2026 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 !!!



Day Four in Africa: Pope Leo addresses Cameroon's 'Anglophone crisis'

To read more, click this link >>> [Day Four in Africa: Pope Leo addresses Cameroon's 'Anglophone crisis' - Vatican News](#)



EASTER MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO
Saturday, April 04, 2026

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS REFLECTION ON POPE LEO XIV'S CALL FOR PEACE
Thursday, April 16, 2026



CARDINAL FRANK LEO TO REPRESENT POPE LEO XIV AT BEATIFICATION RITE OF THE GEORGIA MARTYRS
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link above to read the full text of the news****

Announcements!!!

- Confirmation Candidates and Parents, the Confirmation Session 11 will be on May 2nd at 11am. Please come on time;**
- Next week April 26th is the second ShareLife Collection!**
- Schedule of Masses is backed on its regular time.**



≈ Did you know??? ≈

- **Easter Vigil** is the first night of the Easter Season, where the faithful gather to celebrate the liturgy of the Paschal Mystery, marking the beginning of the Easter celebration.

- **Easter Season is celebrated in 50 days.**
First the Octave of Easter- which is 8 days from Easter Sunday to the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Then, seven weeks of Easter which is from Easter Sunday to the Feast of Pentecost.

- **Paschal or Easter Candle-** *represents Jesus and the light He brings to the world at his Resurrection. It is made from pure bees wax. It is lit and blessed during the Easter Vigil. The candle, a visible sign of Christ's presence, is lit during baptisms and funerals and throughout the Easter season. It signifies:*

Fire – it represents Christ's resurrection.

Light – Christ's light that shines in the darkness.

Grain of Incense- they represent the 5 wounds of Christ

Alpha & Omega- Christ is the beginning and ending.

Cross – it represents Christ and His eternal life.

Year -it reminds us of God's presence here & now.



- **Was Jesus' Resurrection a real, historical event or something else?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:
639 The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians:

"I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. . ."

The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

- **What significance does Christ's Resurrection have for us?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:
651 "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised.

658 Christ, "the first-born from the dead" (Col 1:18), is the principle of our own resurrection, even now by the justification of our souls (cf Rom 6:4), and one day by the new life he will impart to our bodies (cf Rom 8:11).

<https://ewtn.co.uk/article-8-things-you-need-to-know-about-easter-sunday/>

