

St. John XXIII Parish

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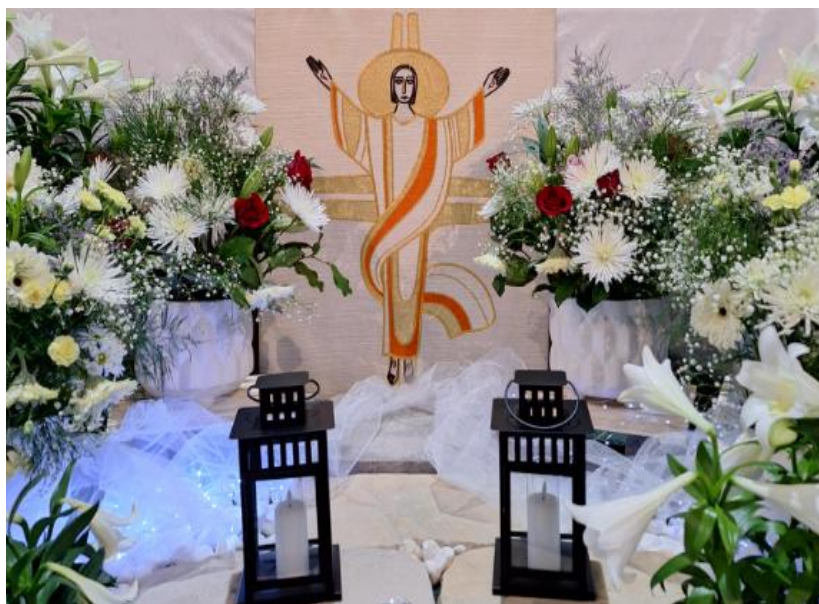
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PARISH BULLETIN | 2nd SUNDAY of EASTER | 27 April 2025



PEACE BE WITH YOU!
**As the Father has sent me,
so I sent you.”**

The second Sunday of Easter is
Divine Mercy Sunday

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. Joseph the Worker May 1st
Pray for us.

**“Make St. Joseph the patron of your
family and you will soon have tangible
proof of his protecting hand.”** By St. Eymard



Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God.” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Thomas, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” John 20: 28-29

Every day, this week, in every Eucharistic Celebration, we emphatically proclaimed our Faith in the Risen Lord with the Words of the Gospel Acclamation; **“This is the Day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”** Indeed, Easter is the Day, that the whole of Creation looked forward to after the Sin of Adam and Eve, and having been rescued by the Second Adam, Creation looks back to, as it speeds towards its final glorification. Today, with this Sunday Celebration, we mark the 8th Day, in the celebration of this great Day of Our Lord's Resurrection.

This Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, the Church encourages us to meditate more on the Motivation of God; the motivation that made Him as you say in English “to go that extra mile,” in pursuit of us, human beings!

The Church calls this Sunday “Divine Mercy Sunday,” declared thus, by St. John Paul II on the 30th of April 2000, during the Canonization of St Faustina Kowalska! **(Homily of JJII August 18, 02)**

Both St. Faustina and St. John Paul II are referred to, in the Church as Apostles of Divine Mercy. For they called the Church’s Attention to the Truth of God’s Mercy based on His Love! Let it be known, however, that it was not St. Faustina or St. John Paul II who first taught, Divine Mercy, to humanity. The Bible is the Testimony to God’s Mercy.

In these past days, we witnessed God’s Mercy reach its Climax! On the Wood of the Cross, we witnessed the most profound bowing of the Divine toward humanity. Jesus, the Lamb of God became “the Grain of Wheat,” that died so that we, human beings could receive the **“Fullness of Life in God.”** God, the Father confirmed the effectiveness of Christ’s Sacrifice with His Son’s Resurrection.

Every Disciple is called to Faith in the Resurrection of Christ. This Faith is the essence of Our Salvation. John the Evangelist underlines this in the Gospel Reading of today, warning us against the Sin of unbelief.

Thomas, the Apostle, surrounded by peace and joy; fruits of Easter Faith, was still in the darkness of unbelief. His fellow disciples attempted to share their **Easter Faith** with him, repeating the confession of Mary Magdalene: ***“We have seen the Lord.”*** Thomas was not prepared to believe, unless the Risen Lord met his conditions; ***“Unless I See the marks of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the marks of the nails and place my hand in his Side, I will not Believe.”***

Surprisingly, the Risen Lord complied and fulfilled the conditions of Thomas; ***“Thomas put your finger here and see my hands!” “Reach out your hand and put it in my side!” “Do not doubt, but believe!”***

Thomas crashed by the generosity of his Master, responded with Greatest Proclamation of Faith in St. John’s Gospel.; **“My Lord and My God!”**

What followed has been a consolation to every Believer in Christ Jesus, in every generation; an uplifting beyond any measure; **“Thomas, have you believed because you have seen me, Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!”**



ALELLUIA, ALELLUIA, ALELLUIA!

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

"I BELIEVE IN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS"

200. How are sins remitted? 976-980, 984-985

The first and chief sacrament for the forgiveness of sins is Baptism. For those sins committed after Baptism, Christ instituted the sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance through which a baptized person is reconciled with God and with the Church.

201. Why does the Church have the power to forgive sins? 981-983, 986-987

The Church has the mission and the power to forgive sins because Christ himself has conferred it upon her: "Receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

"I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY"

202. What is the meaning of the term "body" (or "flesh") and what importance does it have? 990, 1015

The resurrection of the flesh is the literal formulation in the Apostles Creed for the resurrection of the body. The term "flesh" refers to humanity in its state of weakness and mortality. "The flesh is the hinge of salvation" (Tertullian). We believe in God the Creator of the flesh; we believe in the Word made flesh in order to redeem flesh; and we believe in the resurrection of flesh which is the fulfillment of both the creation and the redemption of the flesh.

203. What is meant by the "resurrection of the body"? 990

This means that the definitive state of man will not be one in which his spiritual soul is separated from his body. Even our mortal bodies will one day come to life again.

204. What is the relationship between the Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection? 998, 1002-1003

Just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and now lives forever, so he himself will raise everyone on the last day with an incorruptible body: "Those who have done good will rise to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:29).

205. What happens to our body and our soul after death? 992-1004, 1016-1018

After death, which is the separation of the body and the soul, the body becomes corrupt while the soul, which is immortal, goes to meet the judgment of God and awaits its reunion with the body when it will rise transformed at the time of the return of the Lord. How the resurrection of the body will come about exceeds the possibilities of our imagination and understanding.

206. What does it mean to die in Christ Jesus? 1005-1014, 1019

Dying in Christ Jesus means to die in the state of God's grace without any mortal sin. A believer in Christ, following his example, is thus able to transform his own death into an act of obedience and love for the Father. "This saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him" (2 Timothy 2:11).

Catechism of the Catholic Church <https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium>

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 26, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** + *Alfonso T. Perlas*

Apr 27-Sunday- 9:00Am + *Gregoria & Leonila O.*

12:15PM + *Shanti Joseph*

5:30 PM + *The Parishioners*

Apr 28-Mon, 10:00AM Healing of Nida Donado
+ Reynaldo Rivera

Apr 29-Tue, 7:00PM *Good Health of Jordan F.*

Apr 30-Wed 7:00PM + *Caridad & Eugenio Palconit*

May 01-Thu, 7:00PM + *Joseph & Anna Lobo*
+ *Miroslaw Dutczak*

May 02-Fri, 2:00PM + *Sylvia Lobo*

May -3Sat, 9:00am *Deceased members of Ngui*
Chun Taite Family

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention Apr 26- May 2, 2025

Sanctuary--- + *Tony Dequito*

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

Chapel - + *Isagani Ayala*

WORD OF THE WEEK
"RESURRECTION"

Resurrection is the rising again from the dead, the resumption of life. The Fourth Lateran Council teaches that all men whether elect or reprobate, "will rise again with their own bodies which they now bear about with them" (cap. "Firmiter"). www.Catholic.com

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It fulfills all the divine promises made for us. Furthermore, the risen Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, is the principle of our justification and our Resurrection. It procures for us now the grace of filial adoption which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son. At the end of time, he will raise up our bodies. (ccc 651-655, 658)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-April 2025- For the use of the new Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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Our Patron Saint...



"Our Easter is therefore for everyone a dying to sin, to passions, to hatred, to enmities, to all that is a source of imbalance, bitterness and torment in the spiritual and material order. This death is in fact only the first step towards a higher goal: since our Easter is also a mystery of life"— St. John 23rd 1959

St. Joseph the Worker May 1st

Although popular devotion to Joseph, husband of Mary, may have begun in the West as early as the 8th century, it was not until the 15th century that his name was entered in the Church calendar. Since that time, devotion to Joseph has been marked by growing enthusiasm. In 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed a second feast day in his honour: May 1, which is also Labour Day in many countries. A carpenter, Joseph exemplifies working people who are dignified by their labour and who bring Christ into the workplace.

(Living with Christ, May 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 !!!



Poor to bid last farewell to Pope Francis on the day of his funeral

To read more, click this link >>> [Poor to bid last farewell to Pope Francis on the day of his funeral - Vatican News](#)



FUNERAL OF POPE FRANCIS & RELATED EVENTS - LIVESTREAM COVERAGE
Friday, April 25, 2025



A DAY WITH MARY – MAY 31 – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
Friday, April 04, 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME WITH CARDINAL FRANK LEO – NOVEMBER 10 – 17, 2025
Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

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



Announcements!!!

- ✠ Congratulations to our 17 children who for the first time receive the Holy Communion;
- ✠ Confirmation Candidates and Parents, the Confirmation Session 10 will be on May 3 at 11:00am;
- ✠ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Tony Dequito who passed away last Tuesday. He was the Choir Master in the 9am & 12:15pm Sunday Masses. Thank you for your service to our Parish. May his soul rest in Peace!



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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

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

TO OUR CHILDREN WHO
RECEIVE THE HOLY
COMMUNION FOR THE
FIRST TIME:

BEN ----- BRYANA

KAMARI ----- ANGELICA

ALAYNA ----- SHAILYNN

ERIKA ----- SHAKA

AULI ----- CHIANA

NATHAN ----- MARCO

ZOE ----- VJERA

JENEVI ----- JARELL

ZANE



ALELLUIA, ALELLUIA, ALLELUIA!



Thank you, Pope Francis for serving the people of God most especially the poor, the marginalized and all the children of God.

Remember us and intercede for us as we continue our life's journey in this perilous time.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

Statement from Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto following the death of Pope Francis

April 21, 2025

Our Catholic family worldwide is in mourning following the death of our spiritual father, Pope Francis. Since 2013, our shepherd has guided the flock lovingly and served as a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. The Holy Father's humility, compassion and care for others, most especially the poor and marginalized, has served as a powerful witness and a reminder of our daily call to reflect the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter.

I invite the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and all those who mourn his loss, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May we honour his legacy and lovingly embrace his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing the light of Christ in abundance as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

Our good and faithful servant has been called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace.