

# St. John XXIII Parish

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*Jesus said to Simon son of John,  
do you love me?"*  
*And he said, "Lord,  
you know everything;  
you know that I love you"*

### 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-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**  
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**St. Francois de Laval** May 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Pray for us.**

**"Everything done by the hand of God  
is admirably useful to us, though we  
may not see its effects immediately."**



***“Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter said to Him,  
“Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”*** John 21:17

In today’s Gospel, Peter decides to go fishing, and invites the other disciples to join him. Looks like the disciples longed to return to their daily routine that they were used to before Jesus called them. This was despite the commissioning we heard last Sunday; ***“As the Father has sent me so also, I send you.”*** The disciples had gone from Jerusalem back to Galilee, the place of their first calling. John, the Evangelist tells us that, the disciples went fishing at night; Darkness, for John, indicated ignorance, a lack of understanding of the Risen Christ. Jesus appearing at the dawn of the day, “just as day was breaking,” signified an enlightenment, the opening up of the disciples’ minds brought about by the Risen Lord.

In this encounter, it was Jesus, as usual, who initiated contact and addressed them in a very intimate way; ***“Children,”*** a form of address, not found elsewhere in the Gospel of John indicating an intimate relationship. They did not recognize the Lord, John tells us, until the Miracle! It was then, when the beloved Disciple, (the one who believed) pointed out the Risen Jesus to the other Disciples; ***“It is the Lord.”***

The Risen Lord show great concern for his Disciples; He had prepared breakfast for them; and his presentation of the bread hints to the reader, the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharistic Meal.

After they had finished breakfast, Jesus focused his attention on Peter, their Leader; ***“Simon, son of John, do you love more than these?”***

Jesus demands a threefold confession of love, obviously reminding us about Peter’s threefold denial of him on the onset of the passion in the courts of the High Priest. Peter had denied the Lord three times; was he sincere this time. Pope Benedict XVI meditating on this passage in his book, *“The Apostles,”* (p. 53) pays attention to and analyzes the Greek Word for “Love” used in every question; by Christ and in the responses of Peter! “Fileo;” “standing for “the love of Friendship”, “tender but not all-involving” and “Agapao” standing for “Love without reservation;” total and unconditional self-giving.

Jesus asks Peter the first time using (agapas-me) with this total and unconditional Love. *“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”* Prior to the experience of betrayal, Peter, would certainly have answered “He loved Jesus unconditionally! Remember his words *“though all may have their faith shaken, mine will never be. ... even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you.* Now, Peter knew the bitter sadness and pain of betrayal. Peter knew the drama of his own weakness; he responded with humility; “Lord; you know that I love you (*filos-se*)” Peter responded with my poor human Love. Even when Jesus insists again for unconditional Love, Peter still responded that he loved him with fragile human love.

The third Jesus only says to Simon; ***“Fileis-me?”*** Peter, *“Do you love me with the simpler not all involving love.* Peter is grieved but honest, responded; *“Lord you know everything, you know that I love you!”*

The Pope Benedict xvi concludes; Jesus put himself on the Level at Peter, rather than Peter ascending to His Level; The Level of total self-giving love.

And this was the Miracle! The Lord who conforms himself to Peter; a Divine conformity, that gave hope to a disciple who had experienced the bitter pain of betraying his Lord. It was on this humble realization of Peter’s unworthiness and dependence on the strength given by God that Jesus entrusted this flock to him. *“Feed my lambs ... tend my sheep ... feed my sheep!”*

It was God’s Power that guided Peter to the total and unconditional self-giving up to his self-giving as a witness of Christ. In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles Peter manifests this unconditional acceptance of his role as a witness. In front of the High Priest (in the court he had denied Christ before) He had the courage give his testimony; ***“We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised him, though you had him killed by hanging on a tree. God exalted him as leader and savior ... we are witnesses of these things!”***

In the year 64 AD, Peter, glorified God as predicted by Christ, affirming his Love for his Master. Peter was crucified under Emperor Nero requesting to be crucified up-side-down, a sign of unworthiness of his death to the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. †



**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**

May 03, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** +The Parishioners

May 04 -Sunday- 9:00Am +Procesa Lorona

12:15PM + Dennis Edquiban

5:30 PM + Federico Valera

May 05-Mon, 10:00AM Thanksgiving of Marieta

May 06-Tue, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Jovita F.

May 07-Wed 7:00PM For Good Health of Amanda F.

May 08-Thu, 7:00PM + Domitilo & Eugenia Abordo

May 09-Fri, 2:00PM + Fernando Abordo

May 10-Sat, 9:00am + Aurora Edquiban

**7-day Vigil Lamp Intention**

**May 03 - 09, 2025**

Sanctuary--- + Isagani Ayala

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

Chapel -

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**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](http://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-May 2025- For Working Conditions**

**Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.**





**Our Patron Saint...**



**"Even if Jesus lays on us some part of the Cross, He is there to help us bear it with self, sacrifice and love."**

St. John XXIII

### **St. Francois de Laval May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Francois de Montmorency Laval (123-1708) was the first bishop of Quebec City. Born in France to a noble family, he was educated by the Jesuits and ordained in 1647. Despite controversy, he was made bishop in 1658 and arrived in New France the following year. In 1663, he founded the Seminary of Quebec- now Laval University -to supply priests for his vast diocese, which extended to all the French-speaking territory of North America. He later established a minor seminary and an industrial school. His pastoral concern for the settlers and the Native people often resulted in conflict with civil authorities.

Francois was an outstanding educator and administrator, a generous benefactor, a caring bishop and a pious man whose spiritual influence was widespread. He well deserved his title of "Pere de la Patrie" (Father of the Homeland) and was canonized in 2014. St. Francois de Laval is the patron of the Bishops of Canada.

*(Living with Christ, May 2025 ed.)*

## **IN THE NEWS !!!**



The red skullcap or zucchetto worn by cardinals. (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

### **Upcoming conclave will be first with more than 120 Cardinal electors**

To read more, click this link >>> [Upcoming conclave will be first with more than 120 Cardinal electors - Vatican News](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/2025-05/conclave-cardinals.html)



**FRANK CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**  
Friday, May 02, 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\*\***

### **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](mailto: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

## **Announcements!!!**

**Confirmation Candidates and Parents, the Confirmation Session 11<sup>th</sup> will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am;**

**Senior breakfast after the 9am Mass on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited;**

**The Conclave to elect the new pope begins May 7<sup>th</sup>, please include in your prayers all the Cardinals who will participate on this century old tradition.**





## 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 Regions** 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**

## 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 for the Conclave

*Lord Jesus Christ, by entrusting to St. Peter and his successors the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, thou didst establish the office of the papacy. Grant to thy Church, we beseech thee, a pope who, in his dedication to the Sacred Tradition of the Church, will seek to govern the Church according to the Deposit of Faith and for the salvation of souls.*

*Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Confessors, we consecrate to thee the conclave and the election of the Holy Father. Blessed Mother, look not upon our sinfulness or upon the infidelity of many Catholics who do not accept the teaching of thy Son, but upon the Church which is the spotless Bride of thy son, so that we do not get the leader we deserve, but a Holy Father who will guide the Church for the glory and honor of thy Son.*

*Amen.*

