

# St. John XXIII Parish

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**THE  
LORD IS  
TRULY  
RISEN!  
Alleluia!**

**Jesus said, "I AM THE WAY, and THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

John 14.6

Message of Cardinal Frank Leo on the Month of the Blessed Mother

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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. Marie-Leonie Paradis** May 4<sup>th</sup>

**Pray for us.**

**"Think of the favor God will deign to give as you collaborate in the beautiful work of education."**



***“Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.”*** John14:11

**“Have I been with you all this time Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, Philip ‘show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? “Believe me ... I am in the Father and the Father is in Me.”**

These are the most wonderful words any human being should be glad to hear. The greatest mystery revealed in all creation; that the Creator of all lives in his creation, in the Person of Christ Jesus. What was denied to Moses in the Book of Exodus 33:20; Moses, “*You cannot see my face, for no one can see my face and live,*” is generously given in Jesus, for in him we see the Face of the Father. We should be grateful for the question of Apostle Philip; “*Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied.*”

The Human Being in his arrogance, in wishing to put himself in the place of his Creator had lost the gift of physical presence of God among them and this resulted in confusion, hardship and agony. Worse still, because man was not an origin in himself, in his inner being, cleaved for the Friend, whom he had knowingly disobeyed. He cleaved for “The Face of God whom he had regularly encountered. “This Cleaving for the Face of God;” “The quest to see his Face,” “The desire to see God as He is,” was clearly present throughout the Old Testament. The wish to see God’s Face is expressed over a hundred times in the Old Testament. (Pope. Benedict -General Audience Jan. 2013)

Something then, very extraordinary happened in the New Testament. At Christmas and in the grotto of Bethlehem, the search for the Face of God was given an unimaginable turning point; The Face of God was seen in his only Begotten Son! The sad spin however, was that, only a few people were attentive to recognize this miracle; many, unlike the shepherds and the Magi, failed to go and adore the Face of God shining through that of baby Jesus.

You can understand then the significance of Philip’s dialogue with Christ. Philip like everyone of else, in the Old Testament, still quested for the Face of God even though he had been beholding it, for the time they had been with Christ.

The challenge to Philip was to every human being; “***Philip, believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me.***”

Brothers and Sisters, once we believe in this mysterious reality, then, we are completely transformed and we understand this great privilege. We are able to rejoice and are consoled, when Jesus exults us; “***Let your heart not be troubled.***” Jesus is Emmanuel and is announcing this to us, human beings! We should be fully secured in Him as “**The Way, and the Truth and the Life.**” We, then, can rejoice in the words of Apostle Peter that we are “**A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.**”

***“Philip, whoever has seen me has seen the Father. ... Believe me ... I am in the Father and the Father is in Me.”***



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Article 1**

**“I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH”**

**Paragraph 1. I BELIEVE IN GOD**

**199.** "I believe in God": this first affirmation of the Apostles' Creed is also the most fundamental. the whole Creed speaks of God, and when it also speaks of man and of the world it does so in relation to God. the other articles of the Creed all depend on the first, just as the remaining Commandments make the first explicit. the other articles help us to know God better as he revealed himself progressively to men. "The faithful first profess their belief in God."<sup>2</sup>

**I. “I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD”**

**200.** These are the words with which the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed begins. the confession of God's oneness, which has its roots in the divine revelation of the Old Covenant, is inseparable from the profession of God's existence and is equally fundamental. God is unique; there is only one God: "The Christian faith confesses that God is one in nature, substance and essence."<sup>3</sup>

**201.** To Israel, his chosen, God revealed himself as the only One: "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."<sup>4</sup> Through the prophets, God calls Israel and all nations to turn to him, the one and only God: "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. . . To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 'Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength.'"<sup>5</sup>

**202.** Jesus himself affirms that God is "the one Lord" whom you must love "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength".<sup>6</sup> At the same time Jesus gives us to understand that he himself is "the Lord".<sup>7</sup> To confess that Jesus is Lord is distinctive of Christian faith. This is not contrary to belief in the One God. Nor does believing in the Holy Spirit as "Lord and giver of life" introduce any division into the One God:

We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal infinite (immensus) and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence, substance or nature entirely simple.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_\\_\\_PW.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/___PW.HTM)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 02, 5:15 PM Vigil Mass** +The Parishioners

**May 03- SUNDAY**

**9:00 AM** + Elena & Gregorio Cabungcal

**12:15 PM** + Eufrocina Agpay

**5:30 PM** + Aurora Edquiban

**May 04-Mon,7:00 PM** Thanksgiving of Marieta L. + Deceased Members of NGAU Chun Taite family

**May 05-Tue,9:00AM**For Good health of Jordan F Thanksgiving of Meldy Siabal

**May 06-Wed,7:00PM** For Good health of Amanda

**May 07-Thu,9:00AM** +Rebecca Saldanha + Dennis Edquiban

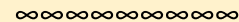
**May 08, Fri, 7:00PM** Healing of Tony L.

**May 09-Sat,9:00am** + Omer & Donna Comeau

**7-day Vigil Lamp - May 02-08, 2026**

**Sanctuary---** Thanksgiving of Gemma C.

**Virgin Mary-** + Teresa Ayala



**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

**“TO BELIEVE”**

***In Catholicism, to believe means to accept the truths revealed by God through the Church rooted in divine authority and a personal relationship with God.***

- To accept something on faith, often without requiring empirical evidence.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention–May 2026– That Everyone might have food**

**Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.**



Our Patron Saint...



**"The world tells us to seek success, power, and money; God tells us to seek humility, service, and love."** St. John XXIII

**St. Marie-Leonie Paradis** *May 4<sup>th</sup>*

Elodie Paradis was born in 1840 in L'Acadie, Quebec. At age 17 she took vows with the Marianite Sisters, a branch of the Congregation of Holy Cross. She taught in Montreal, New York and Indiana before finding the opportunity to fulfill her calling of dedication to the care of priests and seminarians. In 1877, Mother Marie-Leonie (Elodie's religious name), with 14 young Acadian women, founded the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, in Memramcook, NB. Mother Marie-Leonie worked tirelessly for others and was known for her generosity and humility. She died in 1912 and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2024.

*(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](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**

**IN THE NEWS !!!**



**Pope's May prayer intention: 'That everyone might have food'**

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope's May prayer intention: 'That everyone might have food' - Vatican News](#)



**CARDINAL LEO WRITES TO PRIME MINISTER, MPS - "I ASK YOU TO CHOOSE LIFE..."**  
Monday, April 20, 2026



**CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED MOTHER**  
Friday, May 01, 2026



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

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

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

**Announcements!!!**

■ One of our parishioners Deacon **Matthew Tulio** will be ordained priest on May 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Cathedral. Remember him in your prayers;

■ **May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, Fr. Matthew will celebrate Mass in our parish, St. John XXIII;**



## ≈ Did you know??? ≈

- **The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)** is a comprehensive reference that summarizes Catholic doctrine, promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1992 to serve as a point of reference for local catechisms and for all the faithful. It is structured around four main pillars that form the foundation of Catholic belief: **faith, sacraments, Christian morality and prayer.**

- **Faith: The Creed, the Essence of What we Believe**

The first part of the Catechism focuses on faith, expressed through the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed. It explains belief in God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, creation, the fall of humanity, redemption, and eternal life. Faith is presented not merely as intellectual assent but as a personal trust in God, rooted in Scripture and Tradition, and passed down through the apostles.

- **Sacraments: Celebration of What we Believe**

The second pillar addresses the sacramental life, through which Catholics experience the saving power of Christ. The Catechism details the seven sacraments—Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony—emphasizing that sacraments make Christ's presence and grace tangible in the lives of believers.

- **Christian Morality: Living what we believe**

The third pillar of the Catechism guides us on how we must live our faith. This section, known as the moral part, is centered on the Christian life in the light of the Commandments. The faith we profess and the sacraments we celebrate cannot remain in the realm of the abstract; they must be concretely manifested in our daily actions, in how we live.

The Catechism, based on the teachings of Jesus and the Church's interpretation over the centuries, invites us to live according to love and justice. Here we find the call to observe the Ten Commandments, but not as a rigid list of rules, but as a path of love toward God

- **Prayer: Encountering God**

The last pillar of the Catechism is dedicated to prayer, that intimate dialogue with God that is the soul of the Christian life. This section teaches us that prayer is a need of the human heart, which always longs to encounter its Creator. The Lord's Prayer holds a central place in this part, as it is the prayer Jesus Himself taught His disciples and through which we learn to address God as Father.

Prayer is, for the Christian, both a gift and a responsibility. It is a gift because, in prayer, it is God who takes the initiative to meet us; and it is a responsibility because it is also a response of love and gratitude for all He has given us. The Catechism invites us to pray constantly, with humility and trust, in all the situations of our life.

*To read more go to ...[Catholicus.eu](http://Catholicus.eu)*





Message on the Month of the Blessed Mother

1 May 2026

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

*Her witness enlightens our path*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.*

I am writing to you in anticipation of the month particularly dedicated to the Blessed Mother, the month of May. The **origin** of this *dedication* dates back many centuries. Historians point to the hymns of 13<sup>th</sup> century Alfonso X “the Wise” King of Castile and León followed by the writings of 14<sup>th</sup> century Dominican, Blessed Henry Suso as being the seeds of the devotion of Our Lady this month. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the Benedictine Wolfgang Seidl published a volume on the devotions and teachings connected to May. At roughly the same time, in Rome, St. Philip Neri was teaching the youth to honour Our Lady with songs, flowers, praises and acts of virtue and mortification. However, it wasn’t until the Baroque period, the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century in Italy and in Germany, when we see this month develop significantly with the establishment of Confraternities and devotions including the singing of litanies and crowning statues with crowns made of roses. In the modern sense, nevertheless, the recognized initiator of the Marian Month *per se* in terms of its formalization including daily prayers and practices is the 18<sup>th</sup> century Jesuit Fr. Annibale Dionisi, in Rome, followed by other inspired pastors of souls such as Archbishop G.M. Saporiti of Genoa and the Jesuit Fr. A. Muzzarelli. The holy Rosary, originally linked specifically to the month of October, is now introduced in the month of May as well. Subsequently, at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century throughout Europe and the Americas as well as in the missions, this devotion spread rapidly. It came to be an important and beautiful expression of the Church’s devotion to the Mother of Jesus and to this day, it continues to help us journey in faith, keep the fire of devotion burning in our hearts and challenge us to live the life of faith, virtue and justice after the example of the one who alone was chosen to be the Mother of God.

During these four weeks we are invited to contemplate the mystery of Our Lady’s life and to rediscover how **her witness continues to illuminate the path of the Church**. As our mother and model, Mary offers timely wisdom and guidance on what it means to be disciples of Christ whose daily living is marked by spiritual discernment and apostolic action (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 63-65).

One of the defining characteristics of Mary’s life is her **profound openness to the action of God**. At the Annunciation she receives a mission that exceeds human understanding, yet she responds with a heart ready to cooperate with his divine plan (Lk 1:38; CCC 494). The Church recognizes in this moment a pattern of authentic discernment: attentiveness to God’s initiative, trust in his promises and the courage to respond generously. These same attitudes are essential



for us who seek to listen to the Holy Spirit in the present moment of our history (cf. *Dei Verbum*, 5).

Mary's *fiat* – her free and courageous “yes” – reveals the **interior disposition** that lies at the heart of Christian discipleship. God initiates, grace is offered, and we respond in freedom. We are reminded that freedom is not the ability to do anything whatsoever, but the ability to choose what is good (*Veritatis Splendor*, 35; CCC 1731-1733). The sacred dialogue between grace and freedom remains at the centre of the Christian life. As St. Augustine reminds us: “God created us without us: but he did not will to save us without us” (*Sermo 169,11,13*). Each day, in countless places around the world, the Lord continues to speak to human hearts, inviting them to cooperate in his saving work.

Mary also manifests a deep capacity for **contemplation**. The Gospel of St. Luke relates that she “treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart” (Lk 2:19; CCC 2717). Our Blessed Mother's quiet attentiveness to the mystery unfolding before her reminds the Church that discernment is never rushed. Like Mary of Nazareth we are invited to cultivate spaces of prayer and reflection in our homes, schools, communities and hearts where the Word of God can take root and illuminate our path forward (*Verbum Domini*, 86-88). Attentiveness to the voice of God requires humility, openness and trust in the action of the Holy Spirit, truly listening to God.

Mary's contemplative heart never withdraws from the needs of the world. Her life is marked by a readiness to respond when God calls her into **service**. Whether it is her visit to Elizabeth after the Annunciation (Lk 1:39-45), welcoming the shepherds in Bethlehem (Lk 2:16-19), presenting the Child Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:22-25), or standing faithfully beneath the Cross (Jn 19:25), Mary remains steadfast in her participation in the saving work of Christ (cf. LG 58). In this way, the Blessed Mother reveals that authentic discernment always leads to witness and action (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). This can be difficult for us, we want to do God's will but perhaps we are unaware of what he wants, or unsure of how to respond.

The month of May invites us to put aside our doubts, insecurities, and fears; **to renew our own response to God's call**. Standing devoutly and spiritually beside Mary, we learn again the courage of her surrender and the confidence of her faith (*Redemptoris Mater*, 14-15). The same Holy Spirit who overshadowed her (Lk 1:35), desires to work within us, forming Christ anew in the hearts of all believers (cf. Gal 4:19). When we turn our hearts to Mary, in her **faith** we learn anew how to welcome God's action in our lives. In her **humility** we discover the freedom that allows the Holy Spirit to work within us. In her **fidelity** we see the perseverance required to remain close to Christ even in moments of uncertainty. As such, my prayer for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto is that especially this month we will think about how to honour Mother Mary and consider how her witness illuminates our daily life and vocation so that under her maternal care, may we continue to journey with renewed openness to the Holy Spirit.

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto | 1155 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1W2