

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 6th SUNDAY of EASTER | 10 MAY 2026



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

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."

John 14.15

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

-----Read in page 6-----

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. Nereus and St. Achilleus May 12th

Pray for us.

"It was love for Christ and a desire to witness to their new faith that inspired Nereus and Achilleus to 'throw away their shields, their armor, and their bloody spears'." *Damascus*



*“Anyone who does not love does not know God,
because God is love.”* 1John 4:8

Happy mothers’ day to all mothers. It is right that we celebrate mothers; the first vessel of life and love in our lives. In the midst of all, that goes on around us, God enables mothers to be true and dedicated consolers, assuring that love is infused in humanity from the very beginning. With time, mothers act like love filling stations. They become reservoirs of love, where, sons and daughters go back with certitude of being loved and accepted without judgment. Mothers help us satisfy almost every hunger. Once, St. Mother Teresa said, *“Being unwanted, uncared for, unloved, forgotten by everyone, I think, is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty, than having nothing to eat.”* Good mothers satisfy in many hungers and thirsts in absolute self-giving! Let us, then thank God for the gift, mothers are to humanity.

The Love of a mother is dispensable because of the reality of our being; we are beings, created out of love and for love. Our origin is God, and as St John affirms, God is Love. This is why John concludes; *“Everyone who love is begotten by God and knows God.”* *“Whoever is without love does not know God.”*

Love is the mission for a Christians, as Jesus urges; *“As the father loves me, so I also love you, remain in my Love.”* Jesus continues; *“Whoever loves me will keep my Word, and the Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words.”*

These words are challenging but there is consolation in them, that can go unnoticed, namely; *“... and we will come to him and make our home with him.”* The disciple who holds fast to love, experiences an unending flow of Divine Love. The outcome of which is an experience is Divine Peace; Peace that is real and unique; *“A Peace that the world cannot give.”*

Those among us who have been or are in relationships grounded in sincere self-giving love, would agree that love is uplifting. This kind of love glitters and is witnessed by all. Loving is a hard reality, especially when self-giving is absent.

This is why every disciple, requires a helper; an advocate, the consoler: The Holy Spirit; whom the Father sends in Christ’s name! He is the One who guides us the Church and who as Jesus tells us, *“Leads us to complete Truth; God Himself!”*

Let us pray to the Lord for the strength to persevere, in love, to the end.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECTION TWO The Ten Commandments

"I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH"

2052. "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" To the young man who asked this question, Jesus answers first by invoking the necessity to recognize God as the "One there is who is good," as the supreme Good and the source of all good. Then Jesus tells him: "If you would enter life, keep the commandments." and he cites for his questioner the precepts that concern love of neighbor: "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother." Finally, Jesus sums up these commandments positively: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."¹

2053. To this first reply Jesus adds a second: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."² This reply does not do away with the first: following Jesus Christ involves keeping the Commandments. the Law has not been abolished,³ but rather man is invited to rediscover it in the person of his Master who is its perfect fulfillment. In the three synoptic Gospels, Jesus' call to the rich young man to follow him, in the obedience of a disciple and in the observance of the Commandments, is joined to the call to poverty and chastity.⁴ The evangelical counsels are inseparable from the Commandments.

2054. To Jesus acknowledged the Ten Commandments, but he also showed the power of the Spirit at work in their letter. He preached a "righteousness [which] exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees"⁵ as well as that of the Gentiles.⁶ He unfolded all the demands of the Commandments. "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill.' . . . But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment."⁷

2055. When someone asks him, "Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?"⁸ Jesus replies: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets."⁹ The Decalogue must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law:

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/_P78.HTM

MASS INTENTIONS

May 09, 5:15 PM Vigil Mass
+ Petra Perlas

May 10- SUNDAY
9:00 AM + The Parishioners
12:15 PM + Teodola Bungaling
5:30 PM + Salvacion Baloloy

May 11-Mon,7:00 PM +Domingo Ayala
Healing of Tony L.

May 12-Tue,9:00AM Healing of Violeta Pastores

May 13-Wed,7:00PM Safe Travel of Jane
+ Arturo Acapuyan

May 14-Thu,9:00AM +Leonida dela Cruz
Thanksgiving of Nerie Adams

May 15, Fri, 7:00PM + Edna Macaalay

May 16-Sat,9:00am + Jesus Labrador
Healing of Tony L.

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7-day Vigil Lamp - May 09-15, 2026

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

WORD OF THE WEEK

“COMMANDMENTS”

Commandments in the Bible serve as divine instructions that guide believers in their relationship with God and others.

Jesus refers to the commandments as encompassing all His teachings, not just the Ten Commandments.

biblehub.com

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...



"Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behaviour; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself."

St. John XXIII

St. Nereus & St. Achilleus *May 12th*

Nereus and Achilleus were soldiers in the Imperial Roman army. While they may have lived in the 1st century, what is known of them originates from a 4th century inscription by Pope Damascus, which attests to the fact these soldiers had experienced conversion and been martyred as a consequence.

(Living with Christ, May 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 !!!



Pope Leo's over 400 appeals for peace during first year of pontificate

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo's over 400 appeals for peace during first year of pontificate - 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!!!

- 📅 Seniors Breakfast on May 14th after the 9am Mass;
- 📅 If you just moved in the area new in the Parish, we encourage you to register as a parishioner of St. John XXIII;
- 📅 Confirmation candidates May 16th at 11:00am is the last meeting and RETREAT;



≈ Did you know??? ≈

• God's Love as the First Gift

The Catechism emphasizes that **God's love is His first gift, containing all other gifts** (CCC 733) and that it is poured into the hearts of believers through the Holy Spirit. This divine love is not abstract; it actively restores humanity, forgiving sins and enabling communion with God. Through this love, believers receive the "first fruits" of eternal life and are empowered to love as God loves (CCC 734–735)

Love and Human Response

Catholic teaching stresses that to love is to will the good of another (CCC 1766). Human love finds its source in God's love, and all moral and spiritual actions are measured by their alignment with divine charity. Prayer, liturgy, and the sacraments draw believers into God's love, enabling them to respond by loving others as Christ has loved them (CCC 2658).

Love as the Source of Christian Life

God's love manifests in the fruits of the Spirit, such as **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**. By living in the Spirit, Christians are called to bear this fruit and participate in God's life, sharing in His grace and eternal glory (CCC 736) [USCCBU](#). Love is thus both the foundation and the goal of Christian life, guiding moral action and spiritual growth.

• Bible verses regarding Mother

Isaiah 66:13, I will comfort you in Jerusalem, as a mother comforts her child.

Proverbs 31:26, She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Thessalonians 2:7, But we were gentle when we were with you, like a mother taking care of her children.

Psalms 127:3, Children are a gift from the LORD, they are a real blessing.

Proverbs 1:8, "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching."

Deuteronomy 4:9 "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them."

Proverbs 31:26, "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Proverbs 31:30, "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."



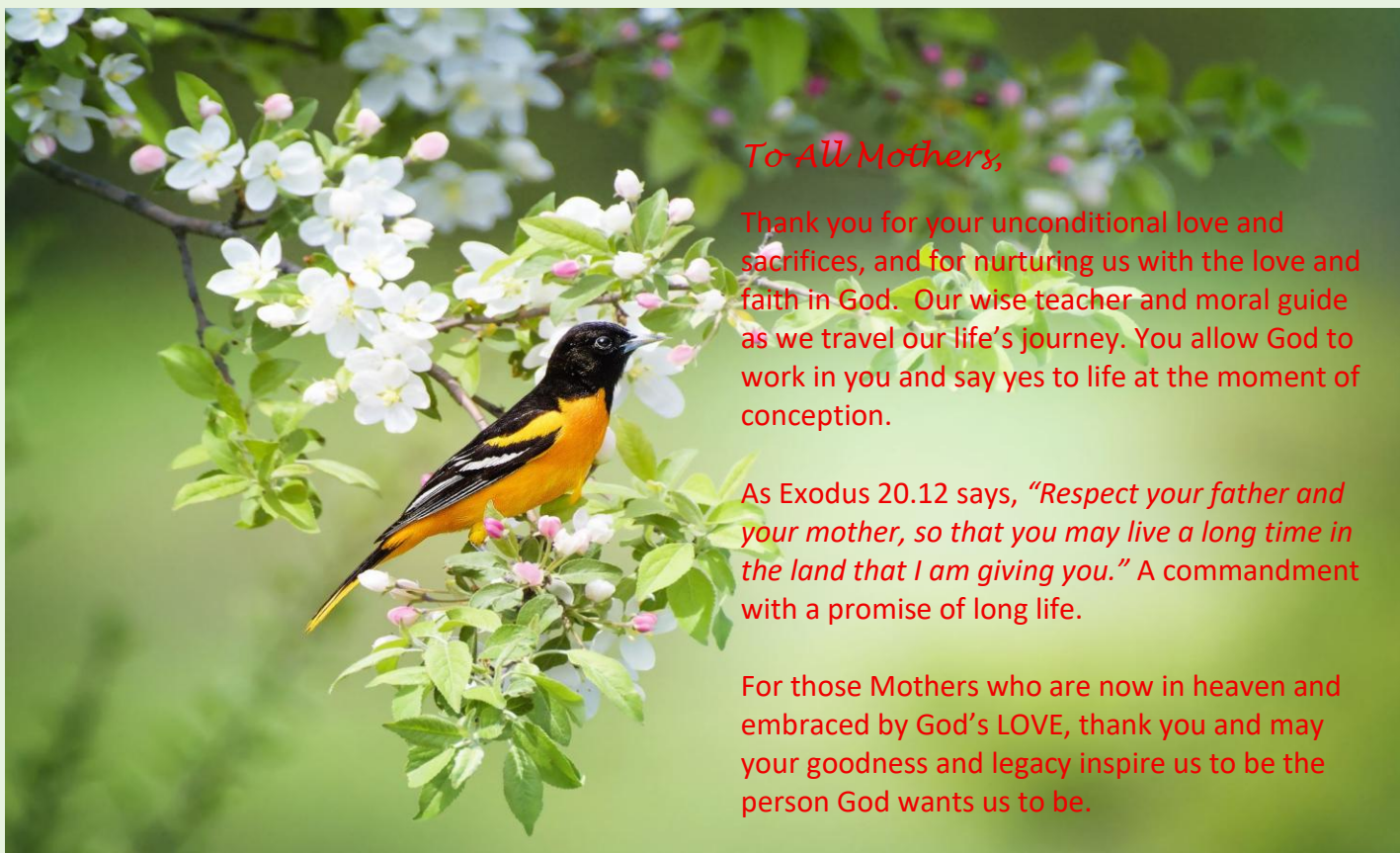
Congratulations!



Rev. Mr. Matthew Steven Tuanquin Tulio

Toronto native and son of Filipino parents, grew up attending St. John XXIII Parish in North York. An accomplished student and musician, he pursued undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto, earning a double major in Neuroscience and Environmental Biology. Although his academic future appeared well-defined, he sensed that God was calling him elsewhere.

May the Lord bless you and guide you as you journey in your chosen vocation.
St. John XXIII, pray and intercede for Fr. Matthew.



To All Mothers,

Thank you for your unconditional love and sacrifices, and for nurturing us with the love and faith in God. Our wise teacher and moral guide as we travel our life's journey. You allow God to work in you and say yes to life at the moment of conception.

As Exodus 20.12 says, *"Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you."* A commandment with a promise of long life.

For those Mothers who are now in heaven and embraced by God's LOVE, thank you and may your goodness and legacy inspire us to be the person God wants us to be.

