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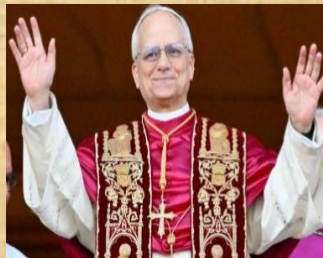
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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th SUNDAY of EASTER | 18 May 2025



"I give you a new
commandment that
you ♥ love one
another.
Just as I have loved
you, you also should
love one another."
Alleluia.



Our New Pope

"La pace sia con tutti voi"
"Peace be with all of you!"

Pope Leo XIV

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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. Eugene de Mazenod May 21st

Pray for us.

"In this day and age, it is not enough for a Christian to be charitable. It is necessary to be just."



***“I give you a new commandment that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” John 13:34-35***

“I will bless your name for ever, my King and my God.”

This is what we proclaimed today in Psalm 145; which is one of the many “Praise Giving Songs,” in the Book of Psalms.

“I will praise your name for ever, my King and God.” What a beautiful response! A sincere Promise of One who has experienced the Goodness and Mercy /// the consolation of One who is gracious/kind and compassionate!

We are still celebrating the Easter Season which will be marked this coming Thursday/Sunday with the Ascension of Christ *“to his Father and Our Father.”*

In the Gospel, Jesus tell us that what we have been celebrating these last days the Triumph of Jesus, truly reveals the Triumph of God the Father; *“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.”*

The Passion and Death of Christ on the Cross was in fulfillment of the Plan of God in Creation. God longed to re-establish the intimate relationship which existed in creation before the Fall of Adam and Eve!

Listen to these contrasting events in the Plan of Our Salvation.

They heard the sound of Yahweh walking in the garden of Eden and they hid!.....”*Where are you?”* He asked. Adam responded *“I heard your sound.... I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.” (Gen. 3:8-10)*

God’s Love and longing for Adam and Eve did not fade; He still pursued them;

The Triumph of God was Fully realized, as to speak, when through the Sacrifice of his Son on the Cross, God takes up residence again with the Human Race, and all things are made new.

God has opened the Doors of Heaven to us through Faith in Christ Jesus



THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

I. AT THE WELLSPRINGS OF PRAYER

The Theological virtues

2656. One enters into prayer as one enters into liturgy: by the narrow gate of faith. Through the signs of his presence, it is the Face of the Lord that we seek and desire; it is his Word that we want to hear and keep.

2657. The Holy Spirit, who instructs us to celebrate the liturgy in expectation of Christ's return, teaches us - to pray in hope. Conversely, the prayer of the Church and personal prayer nourish hope in us. the psalms especially, with their concrete and varied language, teach us to fix our hope in God: "I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry."⁸ As St. Paul prayed: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."⁹

2658. "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."¹⁰ Prayer, formed by the liturgical life, draws everything into the love by which we are loved in Christ and which enables us to respond to him by loving as he has loved us. Love is the source of prayer; whoever draws from it reaches the summit of prayer. In the words of the Cure of Ars:

I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life. I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you, than live without loving you. I love you, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally.... My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath.¹¹

Today"

2659. We learn to pray at certain moments by hearing the Word of the Lord and sharing in his Paschal mystery, but his Spirit is offered us at all times, in the events of each day, to make prayer spring up from us. Jesus' teaching about praying to our Father is in the same vein as his teaching about providence:¹² time is in the Father's hands; it is in the present that we encounter him, not yesterday nor tomorrow, but today: "O that today you would hearken to his voice! Harden not your hearts."¹³

2660. Prayer in the events of each day and each moment is one of the secrets of the kingdom revealed to "little children," to the servants of Christ, to the poor of the Beatitudes. It is right and good to pray so that the coming of the kingdom of justice and peace may influence the march of history, but it is just as important to bring the help of prayer into humble, everyday situations; all forms of prayer can be the leaven to which the Lord compares the kingdom.¹⁴

[Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

May 17,5:15PM Vigil Mass +Alfonso Perlas

May 18 -Sun- 9:00AM +Perfecto Edquiban

12:15PM +The Parishioners

5:30 PM +Celedonio V. BOA

+ Tony Dequito

May 19-Mon,10:00AM +Ruperto Frilles

May 20-Tue,7:00PM + Tony Dequito

+ Nancy Calongcalong

May 21-Wed 7:00PM *Recovery of Alfonso LeBlanc*

May 22-Thu,7:00PM + Beatriz Santiago

+Go Sam Sr.

May 23-Fri, 7:00PM + *Francesca & Pietro Gulli*

May 24-Sat,9:00am *Thanksgiving-Wed Ann of Salustiano & Tess*

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention May 17 -23, 2025

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla

WORD OF THE WEEK

"LOVE"

*[A]ny strong affection, closeness, or devotion to things or persons. The Greeks distinguished four types of love: **storge**, **philia**, **eros**, and **agape**. **Storge**, familial love, is a word for the bond that exists between one who loves and persons, animals, and the things that surround him. It is compatible with quite a bit of taken-for-grantedness or even of hatred at times. **Philia** pertains to friends, freely chosen because of mutual compatibility and common values. **Eros** is passion, not only of a sexual nature, but also of an aesthetic or spiritual nature, for what is conceived of as supremely beautiful and desirable. **Agapic** love is manifested when one person has much to give to another more needy. It is generous self-donation without concern for reward. Such distinctions become especially important in discernments about marriage, because the strength of eros love may blind one to the absence of the types of love needed to experience a good Christian bond that, with God's grace, can endure "till death do us part."* [How Does the Church Define Love? | Catholic Answers Q&A](#)

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...



"Never hesitate to hold out your hand; never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another."

St. John XXIII

St. Eugene de Mazenod May 21st

Charles Joseph Eugene de Mazenod was born in France in 1782. Ordained in 1811, his religious experience led him to minister to the poor and the young. Interested in popular missions, Eugene founded a missionary institute of priests and lay brothers in 1826, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, whose particular charism is to minister to those who have never heard of Christ. By the middle of the 19th century, in response to requests for help from North American bishops, especially Bishop Ignace Bourget of Montreal, the congregation sent several of its small number to Canada. Within 10 years of their arrival, the Oblates had covered all of Canada and expanded in to the United States.

Eugen became bishop of Marseilles in 1837 and reorganized the diocese, accomplishing great works. A fervent supporter of the papacy in matters of education and infallibility, he continued as superior of the Oblates until his death on May 21, 1861. Eugene was canonized on December 3, 1995.

Today, the members of this community work around the world in remote missions and in education. In Canada, Oblates established the College of Bytown (which became the University of Ottawa and St. Paul University) and Novalis, as well as numerous parishes and dioceses from coast to coast.

(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 !!!



Pope Leo XIV meets with members of the Diplomatic Corps (ANSA)

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope to Diplomatic Corps: Build peace with justice, truth, and hope - Vatican News](#)



NEWLY INITIATED CATHOLICS GATHER AT ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA FOR MASS
Tuesday, May 13, 2025



MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL LEO ON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV
Monday, May 12, 2025



ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO CELEBRATES THE ORDINATION OF THREE PRIESTS
Saturday, May 10, 2025

<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 next meeting is the Retreat of the Confirmandi on May 24th from 10am to 12:00 noon in preparation for their confirmation day on June 8th at 9am;

✠ On May 31st the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary- everyone is invited in the first annual archdiocesan **"A Day with Mary"** will be held at Villanova College in King City. To Register click the link [Archdiocese of Toronto - A Day With Mary](#)





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*

Franciscans

Biography of Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost by Vatican News

The first Augustinian Pope, Leo XIV is the second Roman Pontiff - after Pope Francis - from the Americas. Unlike Jorge Mario Bergoglio, however, the 69-year-old Robert Francis Prevost is from the northern part of the continent, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

First Augustinian Pope

The new Bishop of Rome was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martin and John Joseph.

He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy.

On September 1 of the same year, Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, and made his first profession on September 2, 1978. On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows.

The future Pontiff received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).

In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica by Archbishop Jean Jadot, then pro-president of the Secretariat for Non-Christians, which later became the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and then the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984 and the following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985–1986). In 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis on "The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine" and was appointed vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Olympia Fields, Illinois (USA).

Mission in Peru

The following year, he joined the mission in Trujillo, also in Peru, as director of the joint formation project for Augustinian candidates from the vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac. Over the course of eleven years, he served as prior of the community (1988–1992), formation director (1988–1998), and instructor for professed members (1992–1998), and in the Archdiocese of Trujillo as judicial vicar (1989–1998) and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary "San Carlos y San Marcelo." At the same time, he was also entrusted with the pastoral care of Our Lady Mother of the Church, later established as the parish of Saint Rita (1988–1999), in a poor suburb of the city, and was parish administrator of Our Lady of Monserrat from 1992 to 1999.

[To read more click this link, Biography of Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost - Vatican News](#)



Message on the Election of Pope Leo XIV**12 May 2025****His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

With hearts filled with joy and deep gratitude, we celebrate the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. This momentous occasion unites the Church in prayer and hope as we welcome the successor of St. Peter to be our Universal Shepherd.

I was most humbled and grateful to participate in the conclave these last few days. It was both moving and profound to gather together and invoke the assistance of the Holy Spirit for this most serious ecclesial discernment made by the College of Cardinals. We felt truly supported by your prayers and those of so many Catholics throughout the world. Thank you for your prayerful contribution to this supreme act of Catholic faith.

Following the example of the first Christian community, united with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, we now look ahead and persevere in prayer, welcoming and embracing wholeheartedly the election of the Roman Pontiff to govern the flock of Christ with unfailing care as a gift of God's goodness and providence to Holy Mother Church and indeed to the entire world.

I invite the faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto to be united in faith and devotion, interceding earnestly each day for His Holiness, just as we do at every Mass, lifting him up in our prayer intentions. Let us be obedient and loving to this Servant of the Servants of God, supporting his leadership and shepherding ministry for the growth of the Church, walking along the path of holiness. It is truly a new chapter in the life of the ecclesial Body of Christ that has just begun and one which engages each of us in the evangelizing efforts to bring the Gospel to life in our families, communities and entire archdiocese, with renewed vigour and zeal, through both our words and actions. In a world in desperate need of hope, truth, unity and compassion, let us follow the lead of the Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff on this common and grace-filled journey of faith.

May the reign of our beloved Pope Leo XIV be marked by peace, communion, and a renewed commitment to carrying the saving message of Christ to all corners of the earth, reaching every heart, touching every life, strengthening every family. May he be a visible source of unity in the Catholic and Apostolic faith and of communion for the entire Christian people. We call upon the powerful intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, to protect and inspire, comfort and assist the Vicar of Christ, our spiritual father, as he begins his Petrine ministry to build up the Kingdom of Christ, to the praise and glory of Almighty God and for the salvation of souls.

