

# St. John XXIII Parish

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*“Peace I leave  
with you; my  
peace I give to  
you. Do not let  
your hearts be  
troubled, do  
not let them be  
afraid.”* John 14:27  
**Alleluia!**



### Our New Pope

*“La pace sia con tutti voi”  
“Peace be with all of you!”*

## Pope Leo XIV

His homily during the inauguration... *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 in the months of 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. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Pray for us.**

*“Do not desire anything for yourself, as the true richness is in being the possession of God.”*

**A Note on Prayer** by Episcopal Commission for Doctrine Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops...*see page 5*



***“Peace, I leave with you; My peace I give to you. A peace that the World cannot give.”*** John 14:27

In the First reading, today we hear in the Acts of the Apostles about **the first General Council** (a meeting convoked to give answer to a problem bothering the Church at a particular time) ever, held by the Church; **The Council of Jerusalem**. Many of the Jews converts in Jerusalem felt that Gentiles, who were then flocking to the Church, were necessarily bound, to fulfill some of the requirements, as them, of becoming the People of God.

The Jews; the God’s Chosen People, through a Command of God through Abraham, had to perform **the rite of initiation** into the “People of God.” In Gen. 17:9-19; **“God further said to Abraham, you in your part must keep my covenant, you and your descendant after you ... every one of your males must be circumcised.”**

Some converts who were themselves Jews, were preaching that, as, for Gentile Christians, circumcision was an obligation to become Christians. In Acts 15:1 we read; **“Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, “unless you are circumcised according to the Law of Moses, you cannot be saved.”**

St Paul and Barnabas and others considered this practice, unnecessary. The question was brought to Jerusalem to be solved in a Meeting of the Apostles and elders including Paul and Barnabas. The answer of the Council was that **circumcision was not necessary for Salvation** and should not be imposed on the Gentile converts; **“it is the decision of the Holy Spirit and us not to place any burden beyond the necessities;”**

The Gospel reading, which is a discourse of Our Lord on the last Supper before he suffered, is selected this Sunday, in preparation of the Ascension of Our Lord, that is to take place this coming Thursday or Sunday according to the advice of the local bishop.

In the Gospel addresses two moments in the future of the Disciples; **the Near Future after Jesus’ departure and the distant future; when the Father and the Son will come to make their permanent dwelling with them.**

It is the distant future, that the Seer in Book of Revelation sees. He is given a vision of God’s permanent dwelling with the Human race; **“the holy city Jerusalem coming out of heaven from God.”** The very construction of this new city with its clear crystal walls radiated the glory of the Lord Almighty and the Lamb, the Divine Presence.

That same radiant glory can be experienced even in the Near Future; the time Jesus is no longer with the Disciples; the time in-between the Ascension and the Christ second coming. This is the time of the Church, where the fruits of Love in the Holy Spirit would be experienced

The Disciple who Loved Jesus and showed this union of love by holding fast to his commandments, would experience the never unending flow of the Love of God the Father. And even a greater experience of Oneness with the Divine; **The Father and the Son will come and they will establish an abiding presence with the disciple!** **“And we will come to him and make our dwelling with him!”** Jesus promised.

**“Peace, I leave with you; My peace I give to you. A peace that the World cannot give.”**

This Peace, is that which flows from **the Oneness with the God the Father and the Son**; That Peace that flows from their intimate relationship. The Disciple who loves God will experience his Love and share in the oneness existing within him; this experience will result in peace that is real and unique!

This reality is a complex, but the good news is that we are not on our own. **We have a Helper, a Consoler, an Advocate; the Holy Spirit.**



THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

III. Safeguarding Peace

Peace

**2302.** By recalling the commandment, "You shall not kill,"<sup>93</sup> our Lord asked for peace of heart and denounced murderous anger and hatred as immoral.

Anger is a desire for revenge. "To desire vengeance in order to do evil to someone who should be punished is illicit," but it is praiseworthy to impose restitution "to correct vices and maintain justice."<sup>94</sup> If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin. the Lord says, "Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment."<sup>95</sup>

**2303.** Deliberate hatred is contrary to charity. Hatred of the neighbor is a sin when one deliberately wishes him evil. Hatred of the neighbor is a grave sin when one deliberately desires him grave harm. "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."<sup>96</sup>

**2304.** Respect for and development of human life require peace. Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries. Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity. Peace is "the tranquillity of order."<sup>97</sup> Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity.<sup>98</sup>

**2305.** 2305 Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic "Prince of Peace."<sup>99</sup> By the blood of his Cross, "in his own person he killed the hostility,"<sup>100</sup> he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. "He is our peace."<sup>101</sup> He has declared: "Blessed are the peacemakers."<sup>102</sup>

**2306** Those who renounce violence and bloodshed and, in order to safeguard human rights, make use of those means of defense available to the weakest, bear witness to evangelical charity, provided they do so without harming the rights and obligations of other men and societies. They bear legitimate witness to the gravity of the physical and moral risks of recourse to violence, with all its destruction and death.<sup>103</sup>

To read more click this link [Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

May 24,5:15PM Vigil Mass + Teresa Ayala

May 25 -Sun- 9:00AM +*Celedonio V. Boa*  
12:15PM +*Evangeline Fontejon*  
5:30 PM +*The Parishioners*

May 26-Mon,10:00AM *B-day- Sedrix Pasiderio*  
+*Nida Donado*

May 27-Tue,7:00PM *B-day- Rheyven Marasigan*

May 28-Wed 7:00PM +*Tony Dequito*  
*Thanksgiving of John, Jenny & Helena*

May 29-Thu,7:00PM + *Rodel Perez*

May 30-Fri, 7:00PM + *George Contaxis*

May 31-Sat,9:00am + *Mariano & Teresa Cayetano*

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention May 24 -30, 2025

Sanctuary--- + Teresa Ayala

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

Chapel - + Claude D'Souza by Claire

WORD OF THE WEEK  
"PEACE"

*Peace is "the tranquility of order."<sup>97</sup>  
Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity. <sup>98</sup> CCC2304*

*"Peace" is a biblical term. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for peace is shalôm. Literally, it means "to be complete or whole" (Mauro Rodriguez, New Catholic Encyclopedia, 11, 37). Shalôm is used in many different ways in the Old Testament. It can mean general prosperity or well-being (Gen. 15:15; Ps. 4:8), safety or success (2 Sam. 11:7; 18:29), harmony among friends and family members (Zech. 6:13); and harmony among nations (1 Kgs. 4:24; 5:12). When used as a greeting or as a blessing (as it was and is used by Hebrew speakers) it conveys the notion that one is wishing all good things to the person addressed (2 Sam 15:9).*

*A Primer on Peace | Catholic Answers Magazine*

*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...** "The world will never be the dwelling place of peace, till peace has found a home in the heart of each and every man, till every man preserves in himself the order ordained by God to be preserved." **St. John XXIII**



**St. Mary Magdalene de Passi *May 25<sup>th</sup>***

Born Catherine, Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi was born into a prominent family in Florence in 1566. Rejecting her parents' proposed suitors, she convinced her family of her religious vocation and at 17 became a Carmelite nun. Her biography, compiled by her confessor, gives a detailed account of her intense spiritual journey with its periods of desolation and ecstasy. Mary Magdalene had the gifts of prophecy and healing. She died in 1607 and her uncorrupted body is enshrined in the convent church.

*(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](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 !!!**



To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo XIV: 'Christ is our Saviour, and in Him, we are one family' - 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



**3 CANADIAN CARDINAL ELECTORS SPEAK TO THE MEDIA REGARDING THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV**

Friday, May 09, 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 on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11AM, confession and rehearsal for the confirmation day on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am;**

**✠ On May 31<sup>st</sup> 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. Visit the website of the event [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*

*Franciscus*



Episcopal Commission for Doctrine  
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

## *A Note on Prayer*

Prayer is a universal human activity. It can be found in every country, in every period of human history, at every age of life. It expresses the awareness of a relationship with a Being greater than oneself, distinct from oneself, present within oneself.

Christian prayer is clearly marked by faith in God who has made himself known, not only as the Creator of the universe, but as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The faithful pray to the Father through the Son in the Spirit. We learn to pray, just as we learn to speak, walk or sing. The Gospel offers a profound insight into this. Impressed by Jesus' prayer, the disciples ask him to teach them how to pray: he teaches them the "Our Father," with its two poles: God and humanity. Several other Gospel passages show Jesus at prayer, in close contact with his Father (abba = dad), jubilant under the action of the Holy Spirit (Mt 11:25-27), in anguish before death (Lk 22:39-46), and confident on the Cross (Mt 27:46; Lk 23:46). The great prayer re counted in chapter 17 of Saint John's Gospel reveals the heart of Christ.

Prayer is personal, that is, it expresses and enriches the faith of each person, unique and precious in God's eyes. It is also communal, since it is lived in union with others, whether physically or spiritually present, those living in this world and those who have already entered into eternity. It is spiritual: "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8:26).

Prayer takes on different hues: adoration before God's unfathomable mystery, thanksgiving for his countless and unceasing benefits, petition in the face of daily difficulties, intercession for our sisters and brothers in humanity. It can be vocal (out loud), mental (in the mind through meditation); the body participates (seated to listen; kneeling to adore and implore), eyes closed and recollected. It has a daily rhythm: morning or evening prayer, the Lord's Day....

Prayer is nourished by the word of God, the Old and New Testaments, in particular the book of Psalms that Jesus himself used; it is also nourished by the liturgy, the privileged place of God's presence; by the teaching of the Church's Magisterium: for example, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which devotes its entire fourth part to prayer (n. 2558-2865); in the life and experience of the saints, who are inspiring models and privileged intercessors, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*To read more click this link... [note-on-prayer\\_en-2025-04-22.pdf](#)*



## Homily of Pope Leo 14<sup>th</sup> during his inauguration

18 May 2025

Dear Brother Cardinals, Brother Bishops and Priests, Distinguished Authorities and Members of the Diplomatic Corps, and those who traveled here for the Jubilee of Confraternities, Brothers and Sisters:

I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. St. Augustine wrote: “Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you” (*Confessions*, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. In those difficult hours, we felt like the crowds that the Gospel says were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). Yet on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing and, in the light of the Resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people, but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them “as a shepherd guards his flock” (Jeremiah 31:10).

In this spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God’s hands our desire to elect the new Successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns and challenges of today’s world.

Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody. I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God’s love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

Love and unity: These are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus. We see this in today’s Gospel, which takes us to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus began the mission he received from the Father: to be a “fisher” of humanity in order to draw it up from the waters of evil and death. Walking along the shore, he had called Peter and the other first disciples to be, like him, “fishers of men.”

Now, after the Resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the “waters” of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God’s embrace.

How can Peter carry out this task? The Gospel tells us that it is possible only because his own life was touched by the infinite and unconditional love of God, even in the hour of his failure and denial. For this reason, when Jesus addresses Peter, the Gospel uses the Greek verb *agapáo*, which refers to the love that God has for us, to the offering of himself without reserve and without calculation. Whereas the verb used in Peter’s response describes the love of friendship that we have for one another.

Consequently, when Jesus asks Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” (John 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, “Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same ‘more,’ that is, by offering your life for your brothers and sisters.”

Peter is thus entrusted with the task of “loving more” and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity, and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda, or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did.

The Apostle Peter himself tells us that Jesus “is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, and has become the cornerstone” (Acts 4:11). Moreover, if the rock is Christ, Peter must shepherd the flock without ever yielding to the temptation to be an autocrat, lording it over those entrusted to him (cf. 1 Peter 5:3). On the contrary, he is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters and to walk alongside them, for all of us are “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5), called through our baptism to build God’s house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity. In the words of St. Augustine: “The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour” (Sermons 359, 9).

Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. In our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth’s resources and marginalizes the poorest.

*To continue reading click this link [Pope Leo XIV's Inauguration Mass Full Homily: 'This is the Hour For Love' | National Catholic Register](#)*

