

# St. John XXIII Parish

150 Gateway Blvd., Don Mills, ON M3C 3E2

Website: <https://stjohn23do.archtoronto.org>

Email: [stjohn23do@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohn23do@archtoronto.org)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM to 3PM



## PARISH BULLETIN | Pentecost Sunday | 08 June 2025



**COME HOLY SPIRIT FILL THE HEARTS  
OF THY FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN  
THEM THE FIRE OF LOVE, SEND FORTH  
THY SPIRIT AND RENEW THE FACE OF  
THE EARTH.**

***Congratulation to our candidates who received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation today!!!***

*see 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

**Parish School-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**

**175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7**

**Tel. 416-393-5348**

**Archdiocese of Toronto-**

**Tel. 416-934-0606 \* [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)**

**St. Barnabas June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Pray for us.**

**“Pray as though everything  
depended on God. Work as though  
everything depended on you.”**



***“I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)***

Happy Pentecost Sunday to all our Parishioners. Pentecost is a great celebration of the Descending of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples of Christ. It is a Solemnity when we rejoice in the reality of being encountered by the Holy Spirit. This is the Promise of Jesus; ***“I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”*** (John 16:7)

Jesus, clearly explains the role of the Holy Spirit in us; ***“When the Spirit comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you to all Truth.”*** (John 16:13)

Pentecost is the fulfillment of the Promise of Christ before his Ascension; ***“Before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit ... you shall receive Power when the Holy Spirit come upon you”*** (Acts 1:5,8).

In the Gospel Reading today, John the Evangelist reveal the Spirit, first, and foremost as the Creator Spirit. Apostle John makes Pentecost the Feast of the New Creation.

As in the Genesis, in the Creation of Adam, when God created us in his own image and breathed into our nostrils the “Breath of Life;” Jesus used the same gesture and breathed into his disciples the breath of life and said ***“Receive the Holy Spirit.”*** With the Breath, the Disciple received the Essence of the Risen Lord: The Spirit of God, the Life of God thus re-creating them anew, as a Community of Believers; the New Israel, The Church.

Luke the evangelist too, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading reveals the effects of the Creator Spirit as a Creation of a new people of God but instead of basing it on the Genesis he evoked the Exodus; the occurrence on Mount Sinai where God revealed himself to the People of Israel and granted them his Covenant.

Keep in mind that Pentecost happened 50 days after Easter and in the Jewish Calendar, 50 days after the Passover marked the Feast of the Weeks (Shavuot), the Feast of the Covenant, the day Israel thanked God for giving the Law to Moses; making Israel a Nation, Luke presents Pentecost as the “New Sinai,” Where the Gift of the Covenant given to Israel was extended to all the Temples of the Earth.

And the Fruit of Life in the Holy Spirit is Immediate and Clear! The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reversed the Curse of Babel! In Genesis 11, God had descended and confused the tongue of humanity, resulting in many languages that led to misunderstanding that rendered the construction of the Tower impossible. We read; ***“The Lord confused their speech and it was from that place, God scattered them all over the earth”*** (Gen 11:9).

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit endows Humanity with His Grace of Unity, that crushed the barriers that render communication impossible, thus establishing a Divine chance for harmony again!

Brothers and Sisters, we can then give an answer, to the question of the visitors in Jerusalem! ***“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear them, each of us in our own language?”***

The Power of the Spirit of God is the unifier, who transforms weak human beings into Courageous Witnesses and Instruments of his Mission! He expels, all Anxiety and Fear - the Worst enemies of the Soul!

You can admire the transformation in Peter, the Apostle! Who was unable to stand for Christ in his Passion and Death, yet we hear him on his feet preaching; ***“Men of Israel, Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God, ... You took him and had him Crucified but God raised him to Life.”***

Brothers and Sisters, we have received the Spirit of God whom Jesus called Our Advocate, the Consoler, the Sanctifier!”

This Holy Spirit empowers us, in the silence of our hearts and guides us amid many doubts, fears and confusion, helping us to retain Faith and Hope in God our Father. As we gather now as a worshipping community, the Holy Spirit renders the “Ascended Christ” present among us, especially in the Eucharist.

May this Holy Spirit give us courage to be witnesses of God’s Love to all the People.

†





**Our Patron Saint...**



**"Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. He emphasized that the actual words matter less, and that we should consult our hopes and dreams rather than our fears. He also recognized our need for a Higher Power to sustain us in life's challenges."**

*St. John XXIII*

**St. Barnabas Jun 11<sup>th</sup>**

Barnabas, a Jew from Cyprus, came to Jerusalem, where he joined the Christian community. The apostles changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas, or 'man of encouragement.' Our knowledge of Barnabas is recorded by Luke in Acts; he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. It was Barnabas who accepted Paul into the community after his conversion and who was at Paul's side for many years as his partner evangelizing the Gentiles. Tradition says he was stoned to death in Cyprus about the year 61.

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

**IN THE NEWS !!!**



To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo XIV meets Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors - Vatican News](#)



**MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL LEO ON THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Thursday, May 29, 2025



**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE**

Wednesday, June 04, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS PRAYER POPE LEO XIV



**2,000 COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE "A DAY WITH MARY"**

Monday, June 02, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS CARDINAL LEO

<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!!!**

**Congratulations to our youths who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Include them in your prayers that they will continue in their faith's journey;**

**Next Week June 15<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Most Trinity. Also, its Father's Day.**

**As baptized Catholic, we encourage you to share your faith to your family, friends and neighbor, invite them to come to church and be part of our Christian family.**



## 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*

## 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirits

Wisdom

Understanding

Counsel

Knowledge

Piety

Fortitude

Fear of God

## 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Charity

Gentleness

Peace

Modesty

Generosity

JOY

Chastity

Faith

Kindness

Self-Control

Goodness

Patience



*Congratulations to our young people who  
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today  
Pentecost Sunday!!!*

**Tatiana**

**Isabella**

**Jose Perkins**

**Raizelyn**

**Jilliane**

**Micah**

**Eia Faith**

**Shumoor**

**Amariah**

**Marco**

**Kaila**