St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN



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!!!

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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



Pentecost Sunday

08 June 2025



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.

<u>**Confession**</u> every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

<u>Confirmation</u> - 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

<u>Catholic</u> – call the office for appointment Parish School-

St. John XXIII Catholic School

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St. Barnabas June 11th Pray for us.

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

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"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 1st 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 worshiping 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.

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHAPTER THREE The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

136. What does the Church mean when she confesses: "I believe in the Holy Spirit"? 683-686

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess faith in the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity who proceeds from the Father and the Son and "is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son". The Spirit is "sent into our hearts" (Galatians 4:6) so that we might receive new life as sons of God.

137. Why are the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit inseparable? 687-690, 742-743

In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Spirit are distinct but inseparable. From the very beginning until the end of time, when the Father sends his Son, he also sends his Spirit who unites us to Christ in faith so that as adopted sons we can call God "Father" (Romans 8:15). The Spirit is invisible but we know him through his actions, when he reveals the Word to us and when he acts in the Church.

138. What are the names of the Holy Spirit? 691-693

"The Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus also called him the Paraclete (Consoler or Advocate) and the Spirit of Truth. The New Testament also refers to him as the Spirit of Christ, of the Lord, of God - the Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of the Promise.

139. What symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit? ⁶⁹⁴⁻⁷⁰¹

There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit: living water which springs from the wounded Heart of Christ and which quenches the thirst of the baptized; anointing with oil, which is the sacramental sign of Confirmation; fire which transforms what it touches; the cloud, dark or luminous, in which the divine glory is revealed; the imposition of hands by which the Holy Spirit is given; the dove which descended on Christ at his baptism and remained with him.

140. What does it mean that the Spirit "has spoken through the prophets"? 687-688, 702-716, 743

The term "prophets" means those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfillment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament.

Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText

MASS INTENTIONS Jun 07 31, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Deling Ferolino

+Salvador Osilla
Jun 08 -Sun- 9:00AM + The Parishioners
12:15PM + Ed Perez

5:30 PM + Aurora Edquiban Jun 09-Mon, 7:00 PM For St. john XXIII School + Nida Donado

Jun 10-Tue,7:00PM For the Youth of the Parish Thanksgiving of Thomas Garcia

Jun 11-Wed 7:00PM	+Perfecto Edquiban	
	+Ed Perez	
Jun 12-Thu,7:00PM	+Haidar Eghanian	
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Jun 13-Fri, 7:00PM	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
	+ Benjie Romero	

Jun14-Sat,9:00am Intention of Barbara for Jeremy Thanksgiving of Camille Garcia

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention Jun 07 - 13, 2025

Sanctuary--- + Nida Donado Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

WORD OF THE WEEK -PENTECOST-

-Pentecost is a Christian celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus. It is celebrated on the 8th Sunday, or 50 days, after Easter Sundays.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of June 2025 "That each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."



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"Prayer is the raising of the min d 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 11th

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



NEWS

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE Wednesday, June 04, 2025

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NEWS PRAYER POPE LEO XIV

2,000 COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE "A DAY WITH MARY" Monday, June 02, 2025

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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 <u>stjohn23do@archtoronto.org</u> and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us." St. John XXIII

<u>Announcements!!!</u>

- 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 15th 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.

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JUBILLE 2025 Pilgrims of Hope	7 Gifts of th	ne Holy Spirits
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 (Bathurst St) St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York Western Region • Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke • St. Mary's Parish, Brampton Easter Region • Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke • St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough • St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough • St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough • St. Mary's Parish, Barrie Shrines Martyrs' Shrine, Midland How to Make a Jubilee Pilgrimage or Visit a Inter in heaven, May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our booke, us in your son, Jesus Christ, our boother, 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 trieless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May the seeds transform form within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, When, with the powers of EVI vanquished, your govy will shine eternolly. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a venning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and pace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternolly blessed,	Wisdom	Understanding
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	Fear of	God
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	Charity	Gentleness
	Peace	Modesty
	Generosity	YOL
	Chastity	Faith
	Kindness	Self-Control
	Goodness	Patience
be glory and praise for ever. Amen	ক কে ক	<u> </u>

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