

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 21 JUN 2026

“Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10.28

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

THANK YOU

Fr. David

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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

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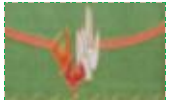
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St. Thomas More June 22nd

“You wouldn’t abandon ship in a storm just because you couldn’t control the winds.”



**Like Jeremiah, may we forever trust in God Like Jeremiah,
may we forever trust in God.**

The 1st Reading, today, opens with the laments of Prophet Jeremiah; *“I hear many, whispering; ‘Terror is all around me!’ Denounce him, they say! Let us denounce him!” “All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.” “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take revenge on him.” (Jer. 20:10)*

Jeremiah lived during very trying times! Historically the great Assyrian Empire was declining rapidly and the Babylonian were emerging fast. The change of guards was bound to happen, meaning, small Nations like Judah, had to tread very carefully and prudently.

Israel, was supposed to be a Theocracy, a Kingdom with God as its only King thus they were supposed to be depended in God alone for their protection. King Zedekiah, however decided to trust in Man. He chose Human alliance for protection, aligning himself with others nations against Babylon.

This alliance lost and this became a major problem for Israel. They had believed that Yahweh, their God was strong enough to defend them, regardless! Their defeat meant that, the gods of their conquerors could be trusted too; They worshipped Baal, the god of fertility and good weather! Israel even built high Altars for this Idol and some even offered their children as burned sacrifices.

It was the Mission of Jeremiah to point out and denounce the sin of Israel and it was his Mission to warn them of worse impending consequences. Jeremiah, prophesied famine for Judah, and the imminent destruction of their Capital, its people uprooted and taken captives in foreign lands!

These proclamations of Jeremiah did not sit well with his People; They prompted anger among them and Jeremiah was contradicted by the “Good Prophets;” the *“False prophets” who predicted Prosperity and Peace.*” The Temple Officials had Jeremiah beaten and even tried to kill him by throwing him into a well full of mud but was rescued by foreign traders

The laments we hear in the 1st Reading express the difficulties Prophets encounter for speaking the word of Truth. It also expresses Jeremiah's regrets. Jeremiah turned and blamed God accusing him for not keeping his promise to him; *“You dubbed me, O Lord, and I let myself be dubbed; you were too strong for me and you triumphed.”*

Jeremiah threatened to abandon his ministry! He, in his anguish revealed the dilemma of a Prophet; the impossibility of a running away from the Truth revealed by God. He laments;

“I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then, it becomes like fire, burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones, I grow weary holding it in. I cannot not endure it.” (Jeremiah. 20:9)

Jeremiah, the Prophet of God, succeeded in his Prophetic Ministry, which extended over a period of more than 40 years. During this time, he grew in the knowledge of God and this led to his unshakable trust in Him; You hear him express this, towards the end of the reading first today;

“The Lord is with me like a mighty warrior therefore my persecutors will stumble and will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. (Jer. 20 11-12)

Trust in God is a call for every disciple of Christ. Jesus exults us in the Gospel Reading today, not to be afraid. He then explains the reason why we are to exult: We are invaluable in the Eyes of God; ***“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?” He questions us, “Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many Sparrows.” (Mt. 10:29-30)***

Let us Trust in the Lord. Let us abandon ourselves into his hands and we will be victorious in Christ Jesus.”



Our Patron Saint...



"The true and solid peace of nations consists not in equality of arms, but in mutual trust alone." St. John XXIII

St. Thomas More June 22nd

Thomas More was born in London in 1478. At 18, he was sent to study law and was called to the bar in 1501. Three years later he entered parliament. An enlightened man, he insisted that his three daughters receive the same education as his son.

Thomas' diverse achievements were recognized, and Cardinal Wolsey and the king wanted his services at court. In 1532, Wolsey was disgraced and Thomas replaced him as Lord Chancellor. He resigned three years later, openly opposing the king, as did John Fisher. With the passing of the Act of Succession in 1534, he was sought out and required to accept it. He refused twice and was imprisoned in the Tower of London. There he wrote the best of his spiritual works. Nine days after the death of John Fisher, Sir Thomas, met the same death at the age of 57, claiming to be 'the King's good servant, but God's first.' He is a patron of lawyers, statesmen, and politicians.

(Living with Christ, June 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: Building the 'civilisation of love' requires courage and humble leadership

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope in Tenerife: Open Christ's 'Ocean of Love' - Vatican News](#)



CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Tuesday, May 26, 2026



CARDINAL LEO CALLS ON YOUNG PRIESTS TO CONFORM THEIR HEARTS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Friday, June 12, 2026



A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS FOR THE WORLD CUP
Thursday, June 11, 2026

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link above to read the full text of the news****



Announcements!!!

📖 This Sunday is Father's Day – remember and pray for your Father, Papa, Tatay, Padre, Vater, Pai, Baba, Babbu, Pita!

📖 If you are new in the parish, we encourage you to register as a parishioner. You can get the form in the foyer filled it up and submit to the office.



≈ Did you know??? ≈

Catechism of the Catholic Church

What is the Catechism?

The most important book of the Church is the Sacred Scripture. In second place comes the Catechism. In the Catechism you find the reliable knowledge about the faith of the Catholic Church, accumulated during more than 2000 years – in precise formulations approved by the Holy Church herself.

[THE BIG ONE - Catechism of the Catholic Church \(or CCC\)](#)

The over 800 pages long, large 'Catechism of the Catholic Church' (or 'CCC'), which was promulgated in 1992, was written at the request of Pope John Paul II and a world Synod of Bishops. Significant contributions to this work have been made by the then Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, and later Cardinal of Vienna, Christoph Schönborn. This book was primarily addressed to bishops, priests and teachers of the faith.

[THE SMALLER ONE - Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

From the 'Great Catechism' in 2005, the 'Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church' emerged – at only 300 pages long, it is a highly abridged version of the 'CCC'. This compendium is meant for adults and families. The compendium is written in a question-and-answer format.

To read more click this link [Archdiocese of Toronto - Beliefs & Teaching - Home](#)

NO FEAR

by Pope Francis

Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the
Domus Sanctae Marthae, 15May2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 21, 22 May 2015)

Fear and sadness cause illness in people and in the Church too; they cause paralysis and selfishness, and in the end spoil the air of a community, which hangs a “forbidden” sign on its door, fearful of everything. However, a Christian sustained by the fear of God and by the Holy Spirit has the courageous attitude of joy, which in pain becomes peace. This was the Pope’s message on Friday during Mass at Santa Marta.

In the Liturgy of the Word, Francis began, “there are two powerful words that the Church has us meditate on: fear and joy”. This is seen in the Acts of the Apostles (18:9-18), when the Lord says to Paul: “Do not be afraid. Go on speaking”.

“Fear”, the Pope explained, “is an attitude that harms us, weakens us, diminishes us, even paralyzes us”. It is such that “a person in fear does nothing, doesn’t know what to do: is fearful, frightened, focused on herself so that something harmful or bad won’t happen to her”. Thus, “fear leads to selfish egocentrism and it paralyzes us”. For this very reason, “Jesus says to Paul: ‘Do not be afraid. Go on speaking’”.

Indeed, fear “is not a Christian attitude”. But “it is an attitude, we can say, of an imprisoned soul, without freedom, which doesn’t have the freedom to look ahead, to create something, to do good”. Thus one who has fear keeps repeating: “No, there is this danger, there is that other one”, and so on. “It’s too bad, fear causes harm!”, Francis again noted.

To read more click this link--- [No fear \(15 May 2015\)](#)



Dear Father David Gikonyo,

A Shepherd's New Horizon

In faithful hands, you led us well,
Through valleys low and mountains high.
You preached the Word with fire and grace,
And taught our hearts to reach the sky.

You walked beside us in our storms,
With wisdom kind and love sincere.
You pointed us to Christ alone—
Our rock, our hope, our strength, our cheer.

Now God has called you forth to serve
Another flock in pastures new.

Though tears may fall as you depart,
We trust His plan is pure and true.

We thank you, FrD, for every prayer,
For every truth that shaped our souls.
May joy and favor crown your days
As heaven's work in you unfolds.

Go forth in peace, with arms held wide—
The Lord who sends you walks beside.
Though different pulpits now you'll stand,
You'll always hold a place in our hearts and hands.

From a parishioner of StJXXIII- h