

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY | 22 June 2025



My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. [Spiritual Communion]



*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have Mercy on us.
May our hearts be like unto thine.*

Feast day June 27th

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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**Feast of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary June 28th**

St. John the Baptist June 24th
Pray for us.

**“Repent, for the Kingdom of
Heaven is near.”**



“Whenever you eat this bread, then, and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord’s death until he comes.” 1Cor 11:26

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Corpus Christi**; A Celebration that is a striking reminder and actualization of God’s Infinite Love made manifest on the Altar of the Cross. Not only did the Son of God die for our Salvation, but also, in his Divine Power, left to his Church the Power of repeating that same Sacrifice of his death and resurrection in each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated.

It was the Will of Christ, to celebrate the Last Supper with his disciples, as He tells them; ***“I have ardently longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because I tell you, I shall not eat it again, until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.”***

Then, we read in the Gospel of Matthew, that ***“While they were at Supper, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the everlasting Covenant. It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven.” (Mt 26:26-28)***

The Church, from its very beginning, as testified by St Paul, in his Letter to Corinthians, acknowledges that our Savior instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; and in his words, St Paul testifies that the Eucharist is to be celebrated until the end of times; ***“Whenever you eat this bread, then, and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord’s death until he comes.”***

Understanding these Words of Christ, the Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the Power of the Holy Spirit!

In the Words of John Paul II on his Letter on the Eucharist says; ***“In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey!”***

St. Thomas, meditating on the richness of this Mystery, in the reading that bishops, priests, deacons recite in the Morning of Corpus Christi, proclaims; “How precious and wonderful is this banquet, which brings us salvation and is full of all delight? What could be more precious? It is not the meat of calves that is offered, as happened under the Old Law; at this meal Christ, the true God, is set before us for us to eat! What could be more wonderful than this sacrament?

Jesus nourishes us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist because we absolutely need Him to have the Fullness of Life. His teaching is clear and unmistakable: ***“If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and Drink his Blood you have no life in You.”***

The Consequence of eating of his flesh is an extraordinary union with the Divine; ***“As the Living Father sent me and I draw Life from the Father, so whoever eats me will also draw life from me.” (Jn 6:57)***

We are called to Faith in the Eucharist, and this Faith has been tested ever since its institution! In John, we hear the Jews and some of his disciples complain; ***“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”*** The Gospel tells us, after this, many of his disciples went away and no longer went about with him. So, Jesus challenged the twelve: ***“What about you, do you want to go away too?”***

Simon Peter answered Him, ***“Lord to whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal life!” ... and we believe ...that you are the Holy One of God.”***

On our pilgrim journey on this earth, the Eucharist is the source of Divine Life. In every moment, it is celebrated, Christ consoles us and as in the story of Prophet Elijah in the Old Testament; who had sought refuge in the wilderness for fear of his enemies; tired and frustrated, he opted to die. An Angel of God awoke him from sleep and consoled him with Food from Heaven! At Communion, we should hear the same words, whispered to Prophet Elijah by the Angel: ***“Arise and eat, else the journey be too great for you.” †***



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

271. What is the Eucharist? 1322-1323;1409

The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus, he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist? 1323;1337-1340

Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.

273. How did he institute the Eucharist? 1337-1340;1365,1406

After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you". Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, "Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me".

274. What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church? 1324-1327; 1407

It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.

275. What are the names for this sacrament? 1328-1332

The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and Holy Communion.

Click to read more ----- [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Jun 21, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Noel Tan Sr.

Jun 22 -Sun- 9:00AM + Nida Donado

12:15PM + Ruperto Frilles

5:30 PM +The Parishioners

Jun 23-Mon,7:00 PM Thanksgiving-Cora de Villa

**Jun 24-Tue,9:00PM Thanksgiving of Jane de Guia
+ Claude D'Souza**

Jun 25-Wed 7:00PM +Nida Donado

Thanksgiving of Raiz Family

Jun 26-Thu,9:00PM + Nida Donado

Jun 27-Fri,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Jeffrey Gomez

**Jun 28-Sat,9:00am Thanksgiving of Amor Agustin
+Herberto & Simeona Manzanilla; + Nida Donado**

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention June 21 – 27, 2025

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving Cora deVilla

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving Sherikanam

CORPUS CHRISTI

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA & Canada, on the Sunday following that feast. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/solemnity-of-the-most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-270>

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."



Our Patron Saint...



"I say only this to the Lord: here I am, ready for everything, sufferings as well as joys." St. John XXIII

St. John the Baptist Jun 24th

The birth of John the Baptist was one of the earliest feasts to be named to a particular day on the Church calendar. June 24 was chosen as it is six months before the birth of Christ. With its proximity to the summer solstice, it signifies the waning of the light, while the birth of Jesus near the winter solstice marks the coming of the light. When John was born, his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, called him John in accordance with an angel's instruction. In disbelief that they would have a son, Zechariah asked for a sign and was made mute, but with the giving of the name, his speech was restored. Luke records that he responded with the Benedictus, the great hymn of love and thanksgiving still recited in the liturgy of the hours.

(Living with Christ, June 2025 ed.)

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Leo XIV: Always remember those persecuted for their faith

To read more, click this link >>> <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-06/pope-leo-xiv-always-remember-those-persecuted-for-their-faith.html>



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

Thursday, May 29, 2025



"THAT BLESSED UPPER ROOM" – PASTORAL LETTER FROM FRANK CARDINAL LEO

Tuesday, June 17, 2025



A CALL TO PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND AND THE MIDDLE EAST DURING THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

<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 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!!!

✠ Feast day of the Sacred of Jesus will be on June 27th and the following day is the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary;

✠ Join us in our Parish Pilgrimage to the Martyrs Shrine at Midland, Ontario, save your seat. Please stand by for the details;

✠ 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

Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

Sunday, August 24, 2025

16163 Highway 12 West, Midland, Ontario

During this Jubilee Year, join us for a pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine, a national holy and historic space honouring the lives of the Canadian Martyrs.

Program

- **9:00 – 10:45 a.m.** Arrival and personal time to explore and discover the grounds; Sacrament of Reconciliation offered
- **11:00 a.m.** Holy Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
- **12:30 p.m.** Lunch (you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch – limited catering available onsite)
- **1:30 p.m.** Rosary Procession
- **2:00 p.m.** Eucharistic Adoration
- **2:45 p.m.** Benediction
- **3:00 p.m.** Fellowship and departure at leisure



Entrance Fee (payable on arrival)

- **Adults:** \$10 / **Youth (0-18):** Free / **Bus:** \$200*
- *Bus admissions are charged as a flat rate and exclude complimentary admissions

To Register: Click the link below-

[Archdiocesan of Toronto – Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Survey](#)



Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Square in front of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Thursday, 7 June 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have just sung the Sequence: *"Dogma datur christianis, / quod in carnem transit panis, / et vinum in sanguinem* - this [is] the truth each Christian learns, / bread into his flesh he turns, to his precious blood the wine".

Today we reaffirm with great joy our faith in the Eucharist, the Mystery that constitutes the heart of the Church. In the recent Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* I recalled that the Eucharistic Mystery "is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman" (n. 1).

Corpus Christi, therefore, is a unique feast and constitutes an important encounter of faith and praise for every Christian community. This feast originated in a specific historical and cultural context: it was born for the very precise purpose of openly reaffirming the faith of the People of God in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is a feast that was established in order to publicly adore, praise and thank the Lord, who continues "to love us 'to the end', even to offering us his body and his blood" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, n. 1).

The Eucharistic celebration this evening takes us back to the spiritual atmosphere of Holy Thursday, the day on which in the Upper Room, on the eve of his Passion, Christ instituted the Most Holy Eucharist.

Corpus Christi is thus a renewal of the mystery of Holy Thursday, as it were, in obedience to Jesus' invitation to proclaim from "the housetops" what he told us in secret (cf. Mt 10: 27). It was the Apostles who received the gift of the Eucharist from the Lord in the intimacy of the Last Supper, but it was destined for all, for the whole world. This is why it should be proclaimed and exposed to view: so that each one may encounter "Jesus who passes" as happened on the roads of Galilee, Samaria and Judea; in order that each one, in receiving it, may be healed and renewed by the power of his love. Dear friends, this is the perpetual and living heritage that Jesus has bequeathed to us in the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood. It is an inheritance that demands to be constantly rethought and relived so that, as venerable Pope Paul VI said, its "inexhaustible effectiveness may be impressed upon all the days of our mortal life" (cf. *Insegnamenti*, 25 May 1967, p. 779).

Also in the Post-Synodal Exhortation, commenting on the exclamation of the priest after the consecration: *"Let us proclaim the mystery of faith!"*, I observed: with these words he "proclaims the mystery being celebrated and expresses his wonder before the substantial change of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord Jesus, a reality which surpasses all human understanding" (n. 6).

Precisely because this is a mysterious reality that surpasses our understanding, we must not be surprised if today too many find it hard to accept the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It cannot be otherwise. This is how it has been since the day when, in the synagogue at Capernaum, Jesus openly declared that he had come to give us his flesh and his blood as food (cf. Jn 6: 26-58). [Click to read more 7 June 2007:](#)

[Solemnity of the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ - Mass and Eucharistic Procession | BENEDICT XVI](#)

