

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul | 29Jun25

**JESUS** said to  
them: ***“But who do  
you say that I am?”***

Simon Peter answered,  
***“You are the Christ,  
the Son of the living  
God.”***

*Matthew 16:15-16*

**HAPPY CANADA DAY!** 🇨🇦

**Thank you, Canada!!!**

### *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**

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**St. Paul the Apostle June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Pray for us.**

***“So, then, let us pursue the things  
making for peace and the things  
that are upbuilding to one  
another.”***



***“It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me.”*** Gal 2:20

Today we gather around the Altar of the Eucharist, to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul; two great Apostles and pillars of our Mother Church.

These Great Missionaries, one to the Jews and the other to the Gentiles, shine like stars of the brightest magnitude in the history of the Church. Through them, Faith and its propagation reached wide and far to the known World of the time.

These Principal Patrons of the Church, great examples of faith, however are known to us as disciples who struggled in their life in accepting the call to discipleship; In both men, we see truly the Power of God working through human weaknesses.

St. Paul, was a dedicated persecutor of the infant Church and we hear about him, for the first, at the stoning and death of Stephen, the martyr. The Acts of Apostles tell us that after the death of Stephen, Paul, then Saul, intending to destroy the Church went from house to house, arresting men and women putting them in prison; To the cry of the Lord; *“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”*

In the case of Peter, we hear him several times so sure of himself, to an extent that you could be called arrogant. When Jesus expressed the Will of his Father, Peter takes him aside to dissuade him; *‘God forbid, Lord! No such a thing will ever happen to you!’* Peter attempted to dissuade Jesus from following the will of his Father; *“The way to the Cross!”* Jesus rebuked Peter, *“Go behind me Satan! You are an obstacle to me!”*

Then, Peter, before Jesus is arrested, again is so sure of himself; *“Lord I would be ready to go to prison with you and to death! “Even if I am to die with you, I will not disown you!”* We know what happened to Peter, he denied Christ three times; *“I do not know the Man!”*

These two men, however, had an encounter with the Lord that changed them. St Paul encountered the Lord on the road to Damascus where he was headed to persecute the infant Church. The blinding flash of light, the dazzling radiance of the Risen Jesus, penetrated Paul’s inmost being. This experience suddenly changed Paul, shattering his resistance and led to giving a definitive yes to Christ in the baptism by Ananias.

St Paul there after lived a life of self-giving in total dedication to Christ! You hear him acclaim; *“It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me.”* (Galatians 2:20)

Saint Peter, on the other hand, had a naïve enthusiasm in the accepting Jesus. Peter however was privileged with a revelation given by God himself; *“Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my heavenly Father.”*

Peter’s faith remained shaky, even after the resurrection of Christ. The Lord, however would not give up on Peter. Their encounter on the shores of the Lake of Tiberius is a testament to this. *“Simon, Son of John, do you love more than these do?”*

Peter, who experienced the pain of infidelity, answered, after this question was asked of him three times; *“Lord you know everything, you know that I love you.”*

With this response, the Risen Lord entrusted his Church to Peter; *“Feed my Lambs,” “Tend my Sheep.” “Feed my Sheep.”* After this Jesus said to Peter, ***“Follow Me.”*** (Jn. 21:9)



**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**II-1023** Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face.<sup>596</sup>

**By virtue of our apostolic authority, we define the following:**  
According to the general disposition of God, the souls of all the saints . . . and other faithful who died after receiving Christ's holy Baptism (provided they were not in need of purification when they died, . . . or, if they then did need or will need some purification, when they have been purified after death, . . .) already before they take up their bodies again and before the general judgment - and this since the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into heaven - have been, are and will be in heaven, in the heavenly Kingdom and celestial paradise with Christ, joined to the company of the holy angels. Since the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, these souls have seen and do see the divine essence with an intuitive vision, and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature.<sup>597</sup>

**1024** This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called "heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

**1025** To live in heaven is "to be with Christ." the elect live "in Christ,"<sup>598</sup> but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name.<sup>599</sup>

**For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom.**<sup>600</sup>

**1026** By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. the life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

**1027** This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." <sup>601</sup> [Catechism of the Catholic](#)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Jun 28, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** + The Parishioners  
Jun 29 -Sun- 9:00AM + Lulu Picache  
12:15PM + Nida Donado  
5:30 PM + Corazon Paredes  
Jun 30-Mon,7:00 PM + Nida Donado  
+ Manuel Sun  
Jul 01-Tue,9:00PM +Cerilo Alicpala  
*Thanksgiving B-day of Julius Pasiderio*  
Jul 02-Wed 7:00PM + Lydia Lumarlan  
+ Nida Donado  
Jul 03-Thu,9:00PM + Nida Donado  
Jul 04-Fri,7:00PM + Nida Donado  
Jul 05-Sat,9:00am + Ercole Raponi  
+ Nida Donado

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention June 28 – Jul 04, 2025

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving Amor Agustin  
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving Leah Tandingan

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**HEAVEN**

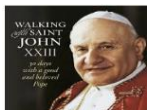
Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness. CCC1024

*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."***







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

### St. Paul the Apostle Jun 29<sup>th</sup>

Tradition says these two apostles, honoured since the earliest days, were martyred in Rome. Peter, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple. After Simon confessed that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter and told him that it was on this rock (*petra*) that he would build his Church. Acts records that, after the Ascension, Peter was indeed the "chief of the Apostles." From the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century onward, documents show that the bishops of Rome were recognized as the successors of Peter.

Paul was born in Tarsus, a Roman citizen raised and educated as a Pharisee. His experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion from a zealous persecutor of Christians to an apostle. In the Acts of the Apostles his friend Luke describes Paul's missionary journeys between the years 45 & 57, his return to Jerusalem, his subsequent arrest and his appeal to Caesar. Here history ends but tradition tells us that Paul was martyred for the faith about the year 66. Paul called himself the "Apostle of the Gentiles."

[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=152](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=152)

### 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 !!!



### Pope Leo XIV at Ordination Mass: May priests be shaped by God's love

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo XIV at Ordination Mass: May priests be shaped by God's love - Vatican News](#)



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

Thursday, May 29, 2025



#### FRANK CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR CANADA DAY

Friday, June 27, 2025



#### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION DRAWS FAITHFUL TO THE STREETS OF TORONTO

Monday, June 23, 2025

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

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



## Announcements!!!

✠ **On July 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, is Canada Day, the Mass is at 10am;**

✠ **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*

*Francis*

## 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 &ndash; Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Survey](#)



# OUR FAITH

## Beliefs and Teaching

*In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God". "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them."*  
- Catechism of the Catholic Church (104)

## **The Bible**

The Bible is a canonical collection of texts sacred in Judaism and Christianity.

The Catholic Bible is composed of the 46 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament.

The Bible is widely considered to be the best-selling book of all time, has estimated annual sales of 100 million copies, and has been a major influence on literature and history, especially in the West where it was the first mass-printed book.

### **What is the New Revised Standard Version Bible?**

The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Christian Bible is an English translation released in 1989. It is the approved translation for use in Canada by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The New Revised Standard Version was translated by the Division of Christian Education (now Bible Translation and Utilization) of the National Council of Churches. The group included scholars representing Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant Christian groups as well as Jewish representation in the group responsible for the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament. The mandate given the committee was summarized in a dictum: "As literal as possible, as free as necessary."

## **Code of Canon Law**

The canon law of the Catholic Church is the system of laws and legal principles made and enforced by the hierarchical authorities of the Church to regulate its external organization and government and to order and direct the activities of Catholics toward the mission of the Church.

The 1983 *Code of Canon Law* (abbreviated 1983 CIC from its Latin title *Codex Iuris Canonici*) is the codification of canonical legislation for the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church. It was promulgated on 25 January 1983 by John Paul II and obtained the force of law on the First Sunday of Advent (27 November) 1983. It replaced the 1917 *Code of Canon Law*, promulgated by Benedict XV on 27 May 1917.

The 1983 *Code of Canon Law* contains 1752 canons, or laws, most subdivided into paragraphs (indicated by "§") and/or numbers (indicated by "°"). Hence a citation of the Code would be written as Can. (or Canon) 934, §2, 1°.

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