

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 12JULY2026

"The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever." Luke 8:11

This weekend there is a Mission Appeal for the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani -Ghana. 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. Allan



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. Allan** after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation – for Grade 7 & up
registration for 2026 is in the months of September and October 2026

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up
registration for 2026 is on October and November 2026

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment
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St. Henry II July 13th

"Will no one rid me of this turbulent priest?"



The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundred-fold.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 55.10-11)

Thus says the Lord: “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Second Reading (Romans 8.18-23)

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel according to Matthew 13.1-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables.

“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

16. To whom is given the task of authentically interpreting the deposit of faith? 85-90, 100

The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the deposit of faith has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone, that is, to the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, and to the bishops in communion with him. To this Magisterium, which in the service of the Word of God enjoys the certain charism of truth, belongs also the task of defining dogmas which are formulations of the truths contained in divine Revelation. This authority of the Magisterium also extends to those truths necessarily connected with Revelation.

17. What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium? 95

Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium are so closely united with each other that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.

18. Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth? 105-108, 135-136

Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a "religion of the Book", but of the Word of God – "not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living" (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).

19. How is Sacred Scripture to be read? 109-119 137

Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith themselves.

20. What is the *Canon* of Scripture? 120, 138

The *Canon* of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The *Canon* consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 11, 5:15 PM **Vigil Mass** + Julius Arevalo
+ Sylvester de Melo
Jul 12- **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM + The Parishioners
12:15 PM + Leona Gahon
+ Gaby Pauvif
5:30 PM +Pelayo & Juana Alzate
Jul 13, Mon,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Patricia Medina
Successful Surgery of Betty John
Jul 14, Tues,9:00AM Healing of Joseph Jason Garcia
Thanksgiving of Zeny Crescini
Jul 15, Wed, 7:00PM Wed Anniversary Leah & Julius
Thanksgiving of North Family
Jul 16, Thu, 9:00AM + Leticia Anzures Halili
+ Sylvester de Melo
Jul 17, Fri, 7:00PM +Antonina Quinsay
Jul 18, Sat,9:00AM Thanksgiving of Zeny Crescini
+ Sylvester de Melo

7-day Vigil Lamp – July 11 - 17, 2026

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Gemma C.
Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

WORD OF THE WEEK

"PARABLE"

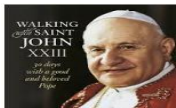
- A parable, from the Greek *parabole* meaning "to throw beside" or "juxtapose," is a story that **illustrates one thing by comparing it to another**, often using familiar, earthly events to convey deeper spiritual or heavenly truths (Catholic Answers Encyclopedia).

In Catholic understanding, parables are not merely simple tales; they are teaching tools that engage the listener's mind and heart, inviting reflection and discernment.

Pope's Prayer Intention-JULY 2026-For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Our Patron Saint...



"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential."

St. John XXIII

St. Henry II July 13th

Henry II lived from 972 to 1024. Descended on both sides from Charlemagne, he was the son of Henry, Duke of Bavaria and Gisela Burgunday. In 995, he succeeded his father as duke and in 1002 was chosen to succeed his cousin, Otto III as Holy Roman Emperor. The education he received from St. Wolfgang of Regensburg kindled in Henry a lifelong interest in ecclesiastical affairs, which merged with his secular power. He created the See of Bamberg in 1006, built its cathedral, and supported the reforms initiated by the monks at the great monastery of Cluny in France. Known as Henry the Good, he was renowned as a just and clement ruler, a man of prayer and a humble ascetic. He was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III and is a patron of Benedictine oblates, childless people, dukes, kings, and the physically challenged. *(Living with Christ, July*

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's lunch with the poor: fragility as a source of strength for communities

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope's lunch with the poor: fragility as a source of strength for communities - Vatican News](#)



IN CELEBRATION OF CATECHISTS

Monday, July 06, 2026



CARDINAL LEO APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF THE VATICAN'S DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION

Tuesday, June 30, 2026



VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF – DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Monday, June 29, 2026

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

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

Announcements!!!

- ✠ Next weekend, there will be a Mission appeal speaker from Ghana and we'll have second collection for this appeal;
- ✠ If you want to offer a Mass intention of Thanksgiving, Healing, for the soul 7 etc., you can email the parish office;
- ✠ 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 out and submit to the office.



≈ Did you know??? ≈

Roman Missal (Latin: *Missale Romanum*)— is the primary book used in the celebration of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Mass. It contains the texts of prayers, the order of the Mass, chants, and rubrics (instructions) that guide the celebrant in performing the liturgy correctly and consistently across the Church. Its purpose is to ensure uniformity and authenticity in the celebration of the Mass while accommodating local translations and pastoral needs. (USCCB)

What is the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) is the detailed document governing the celebration of Mass of the ordinary form of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church.

The General Instruction is arranged in nine chapters, preceded by a preamble. The chapter headings are:

1. The Importance and Dignity of the Eucharistic Celebration
2. The Structure of the Mass, Its Elements and Its Parts
3. The Duties and Ministries in the Mass
4. The Different Forms of Celebrating Mass
5. The Arrangement and Furnishing of Churches for the Celebration of the Eucharist
6. The Requisites for the Celebration of Mass
7. The Choice of the Mass and Its Parts
8. Masses and Prayers for Various Circumstances and Masses for the Dead
9. Adaptations within the Competence of Bishops and Bishops' Conferences

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Pope Francis : The Parable of the Sower

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

Today, the Gospel presents us with the parable of the sower (cf. *Mt 13:1-23*). "Sowing" is a very beautiful image, and Jesus uses it to describe the gift of his Word. Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes fruit-bearing plants grow. The Word of God is like this: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within everyone's reach, that produces new life in those who receive it. Thus, if the Word is the seed, we are the soil: we can receive it or not. But Jesus, the "good sower", *does not tire of sowing it generously*. He knows our terrain, he knows that the stones of our inconstancy and the thorns of our vices (cf. vv. 21-22) can suffocate the Word, yet he hopes, he always hopes that we can bear abundant fruit (cf. v. 8).

This is what the Lord does, and this is what we too are called to do: to sow *tirelessly*. But how can one do this, sow continually without tiring? Let us take a few examples.

Firstly, parents: they sow goodness and faith in their children, and they are called to do so without being discouraged if at times they seem not to understand or to appreciate their teachings, or if the mentality of the world is against them. The good seed remains. This is what counts, and it will take root in due time. But if, giving in to mistrust, they give up sowing and leave their children at the mercy of trends and mobile phones, without dedicating time to them, without educating them, then the fertile soil will be filled with weeds. Parents, never grow tired of sowing in your children!

Let us look, then, at the young: they too can sow the Gospel in the furrows of everyday life; for example, with prayer: it is a small seed that you cannot see, but with which you entrust all your experiences to Jesus, and then he can make it ripen.

To read more click [this Angelus, 16 July 2023](#)

Catholic Diocese of Sunyani- Ghana

ABOUT THE DIOCESE

The Catholic Diocese of Sunyani was established on 30 March 1973 by Pope Paul VI, serving the then Bono Ahafo Region of Ghana with Most Rev. James Kwadow Owusu as the First Bishop. Now, led by Bishop Matthew Kwasi Gyamfi — President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference — the Diocese covers the Bono Region and has over 220,000 Catholics, 137 diocesan priests, and 50+ parishes across 7 deaneries, with numerous schools, hospitals, and clinics.

SEMINARIANS OF THE DIOCESE

For the 2025/2026 Academic Year, the Diocese has 89 major seminarians — 2 in Rome and 87 in Ghana at four major seminaries. They are formed spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally. Key support needs include:

- Tuition, books, food, and shelter
- Healthcare and spiritual guidance resources
- Retreat and formation program funding



ORDINATIONS — DECEMBER 2025

On 5th December 2025, Bishop Gyamfi ordained 9 deacons to the priesthood at Faaman, bringing total diocesan priests to 137. On 28th December, 8 transitional deacons were ordained at St. John Catholic Church, Kabile — marking continued growth in priestly vocations.



CATECHISTS FORMATION

Since June 2025, the Diocese has formed and commissioned 240 catechists through a 3-year program in theology, liturgy, pastoral ministry, and community leadership. Led by a Rome-trained priest, the Catechetical Office currently lacks resources — particularly a vehicle — to reach remote parishes.



Building New Churches and Rectories



YEAR OF THE YOUTH 2026



Support Seminarians by helping train priests for the Universal Church. Help build new Churches/Rectories	Youth Formation through PMS – Empower young people in faith and service.	Catechist Training – Strengthen those who teach the faith to our communities.	Healthcare and Outreach for the Poor/Needy– Provide Food, Sanitation and Educational Support
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For Further Information, contact:

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