

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 19JULY2026

**“The one who sows  
the good seed is the  
Son of Man; the field  
is the world, and good  
seed are the children  
of the kingdom; the  
weeds are the children  
of the evil one.”** Matthew 13.37

*Mission Appeal for the Catholic Diocese of  
Sunyani -Ghana , July 18-19. 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  
**August and September 2026**

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 &  
up registration for 2026 is the months of  
**August and September 2026**

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment  
**Parish School-**

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**St. Lawrence of Brindisi July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**“All things are possible for  
him who BELIEVES, more to  
him who HOPES, even more  
to him who LOVES.”**



**Lord, you are good and forgiving.** *Psalm 86.5*

## **FIRST READING (Wisdom 12.13, 16-19)**

There is no god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.

For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us, for you have power to act whenever you choose.

## **Second Reading (Romans 8.26-27)**

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## **Gospel according to Matthew 13.24-43**

Jesus put before the crowds a parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

“So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”



**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**21. What is the importance of the Old Testament for Christians? 121-123**

Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Savior of the universe.

**22. What importance does the New Testament have for Christians? 124-127, 139**

The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principal witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church.

**23. What is the unity that exists between the Old and the New Testaments? 128-130, 140**

Scripture is one insofar as the Word of God is one. God's plan of salvation is one, and the divine inspiration of both Testaments is one. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two-shed light on each other.

**24. What role does Sacred Scripture play in the life of the Church? 131-133, 141-142**

Sacred Scripture gives support and vigor to the life of the Church. For the children of the Church, it is a confirmation of the faith, food for the soul and the fount of the spiritual life. Sacred Scripture is the soul of theology and of pastoral preaching. The Psalmist says that it is "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (*Psalm 119:105*). The Church, therefore, exhorts all to read Sacred Scripture frequently because "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (Saint Jerome).

**CHAPTER THREE  
Man's Response to God**

**I Believe**

**25. How does man respond to God who reveals himself? 142-143**

Sustained by divine grace, we respond to God with the obedience of faith, which means the full surrender of ourselves to God and the acceptance of his truth insofar as it is guaranteed by the One who is Truth itself. Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Jul 18, 5:15 PM **Vigil Mass** + Sebastian Miranda  
 Jul 19- **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM + Angelina Macapagal  
 12:15 PM + The Parishioners  
 + Sylvester de Melo  
 5:30 PM +Omer & Donna Comeau  
 Jul 20, Mon,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Julieta Gonzaga  
 + Sylvester de Melo  
 Jul 21, Tues,9:00AM + Sylvester de Melo  
 Thanksgiving of Andre Garde  
 Jul 22, Wed, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Roy Marasigan  
 Thanksgiving of Magdalena Quebrata  
 Jul 23, Thu, 9:00AM + Josefa Letrondo  
 + Sylvester de Melo  
 Jul 24, Fri, 7:00PM +Lerma Glen Ayala  
 Healing of Imelda Macaraig  
 Jul 25, Sat,9:00AM + Sylvester de Melo

**7-day Vigil Lamp – July 18 - 25, 2026**

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla  
 Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla

**WORDS OF THE WEEK  
"KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"**

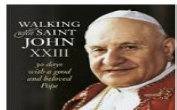
- The Catholic Church teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, representing a state of supreme, definitive happiness. CCC1024
- To live in heaven is "to be with Christ. "the elect live" in Christ," but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name.

For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom. CCC1025 Catechism of the Catholic Church -

*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...**



**"I want to throw open the windows of the Church so that we can see out and the people can see in." St. John XXIII**

### **St. Lawrence Brindisi July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Born in 1559 in the Kingdom of Naples, Cesare de Rossi was educated first by the Conventual Friars and then in Venice at the College of Saint Mark. At the age of 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Verona and took the name Lawrence. Fluent in several languages, including Hebrew, and thoroughly versed in the Bible, Lawrence worked as a diplomat for the secular powers of Europe and as a missionary. In 1602, he became minister general of his order but refused re-election in 1605, preferring preaching to administration. He died in 1619.

Those who examined his writings in the process of his beautification became convinced that Lawrence deserved to be named a Doctor of the Church in 1959.

*(Living with Christ, July 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](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 in Castel Gandolfo. (ANSA)

### **Castel Gandolfo to host concert in honor of Pope Leo XIV**

To read more, click this link >>> [Castel Gandolfo to host concert in honor of Pope Leo XIV - Vatican News](#)



### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNOUNCES EXPANDED \$700,000 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM FOR 2026**

Friday, July 17, 2026



### **CARDINAL LEO PRESIDES AT MISSIONING OF UNITY HEALTH TORONTO CEO**

Friday, July 10, 2026



### **IN CELEBRATION OF CATECHISTS Monday, July 06, 2026**

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

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

## **Announcements!!!**

- ✠ Thank you for your donation for the Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Sunyani-Ghana;
- ✠ If you want to offer a Mass intention of Thanksgiving, Healing, for the soul 7 etc., you can email the parish office;
- ✠ For those who have been away, our new Pastor is **Fr. Allan Lapay** effective June 24, 2026. If you have not welcome him in the parish, please do so next time you see him. While **Fr. David** moved to St. John the Evangelist Parish in Weston as pastor.



## ≈ Did you know??? ≈

**The Catholic Mass is the central act of worship, commemorating the Eucharist, where believers gather to celebrate the presence of Christ in the Sacrament.**

### CHRIST'S Action

**The Holy Mass is the holiest thing we have here on earth.**

**Why?** Because it is the action of Christ. The main thing in the Mass is not what is read from the Holy Scriptures, even though this is the word of God and should be listened to as such. The main thing in the Mass is not what the priest preaches in his sermon nor what the people do or sing.

**The main thing is what Christ does.**

**And what does Christ do in the Holy Mass?**

- He offers himself for us, as he offered himself on the Cross.
- He sacrifices himself for us. That is why we say that the Mass is the same Sacrifice as that of the Cross renewed in an unbloody manner on the altar.
- On the altar just on the Cross, *Christ offers his body and blood for us*. The difference is that on the Cross his body and blood were visible to the eyes of those who were present, while in the Mass they are hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. But they are really present. This is the great fact. In each Mass, Christ is really present and renews the Sacrifice of the Cross.

To read more click the link [The Mass Explained – CERC](#)

### Pope Benedict XVI: The Kingdom of Heaven

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

The Gospel parables are brief accounts that Jesus uses to proclaim the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Using imagery from situations of daily life, the Lord “wants to show us the real ground of all things.... He shows us... the God who acts, who intervenes in our lives, and wants to take us by the hand” (*Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*, English edition, Doubleday, 2007, p. 192).

With this kind of discourse, the divine Teacher invites us to recognize first of all the primacy of God the Father: Wherever he is absent, nothing can be good. He is a crucial priority for all things. Kingdom of Heaven means, in fact, lordship of God and this means that his will must be adopted as the guiding criterion of our existence.

The subject of this Sunday's Gospel is, precisely, the Kingdom of Heaven. “Heaven” should not be understood only in the sense that it towers above us, because this infinite space also takes the form of human interiority. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field of wheat to enable us to understand that something small and hidden has been sown within us which, nevertheless, has an irrepressible vital force. In spite of all obstacles, the seed will develop and the fruit will ripen. This fruit will only be good if the terrain of life is cultivated in accordance with the divine will.

For this reason, in the Parable of the Weeds [tares] among the good Wheat (Mt 13:24-30). Jesus warns us that, after the owner had scattered the seed, “while men were sleeping, his enemy” intervened and sowed weeds among the wheat. This means that we must be ready to preserve the grace received from the day of our Baptism, continuing to nourish faith in the Lord that prevents evil from taking root. St Augustine commenting on the parable noted “many are at first tares but then become good grain”, and he added: “if these, when they are wicked, [Click this to read more Angelus, 17 July 2011](#)

**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**



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| 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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