

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 20 July 2025

**JESUS** answered her:  
“Martha, Martha, you  
are worried and  
distracted by many  
things; there is need of  
only one thing. Mary  
has chosen the better  
part, which will not be  
taken away from her.”

*Luke 10.42*

### *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 August, September and October 2025

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 &

up **registration for 2025** is in the months of September, October and November 2025

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

**Pray for us.**

“Grace and love are nothing without faith, since without faith it is impossible to please God. And faith is not conceived unless the word of God is preached. Faith comes through hearing, and what is heard is the word of Christ.”



**“You are worried and distracted by many things, there’s need (however) of only One thing. Mary has chosen the better part.”** Luke 10:42

***“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained Angels without knowing.”*** Hebrew 13:2

Today’s 1<sup>st</sup> and Gospel readings are linked by the themes of hospitality. In the First Reading Abraham extends the hospitality of his camp to three Strangers; In the Gospel Reading, Martha, Mary and supposedly Lazarus, their brother opened their home to Jesus.

These generous human beings, not only entertained visitors in their homes but also were honored with an extraordinary presence; They hosted God, the Almighty; God came to them and even shared a meal with them.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Abraham, seated at the entrance of his tent by the Oaks of Mamre, in the heat of the day, raised his eyes and saw three Men standing before him. In his generosity, he ran from the tent’s entrance to them, and bowed down to the ground.

***“If I find favor with you, My Lord, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on.”*** In his generosity, Abraham’s little bread, became cakes made from three measures of choice flour and veal from a whole calf.

Bible scholars go by what Abraham acknowledged, that it was the Lord who visited him. And going further in their interpretation, hinted “intimations” of the Holy Trinity; These Men were three yet, Abraham addressed them in singular “My Lord.” And the Men though three addressed Abraham as one. The Icon by Andrey Rub/Lev (the greatest Medieval Russian Painter of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century) representing the Holy Trinity is based on this Episode. The Lord confirmed his Presence to Abraham by blessing him and Sarah with the fulfillment of the Promise; ***“At the appointed time, about this time next year, I will return to you and Sarah will have a Son.”*** Gen 18:14

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus was enjoying the hospitality of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Martha, over-burdened with the usual activities of ensuring that the guests were well fed and comfortable; noticed what siblings always do; that her Sister Mary was dogging her responsibilities! So, she did what siblings do; Complain! ***“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me///by myself to do the serving?”*** ***“Martha, Martha,”*** Jesus replied, ***“You are worried and distracted by many things, there’s need (however)of only One thing. Mary has chosen the better part.”***

The Question then arises; What is the one thing? What is the better part that Mary chose? To answer this question, we have to go back to our origins and to the Garden of Eden, where we have to acknowledge what we lost after the sin of Adam and Eve. Yes, we lost free and generous provision; Yes, we lost peace and serenity; we lost the joy of being carefree. But more seriously we lost the very presence of God.

It is true that what Martha was doing was excellent in itself, but it was limiting her in the unhindered experience of being in the very presence of God, in person of Christ Jesus. Mary, on the other hand, was consumed by the fullness of God, Present in the Person of Christ Jesus. This is “the Only Thing” that mattered!

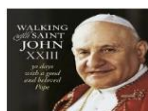
As disciples of Christ, sons or daughters of God, we should bask in the joy and peace that comes from being in the Presence of God! In Mass, Christ meets us, in His Word and in the Eucharist. We commune with Him, who comes to live in us. In the Mass, we have chosen the better part, that will not be taken away from us!

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**"I live by the mercy of Jesus, to whom I owe everything and from whom I expect everything."** St. John XXIII

### St. Lawrence of Brindisi Jul 21<sup>st</sup>

Born in 1559 in the Kingdom of Naples, Caesare de Rossi was educated first by the Conventual Friars and then in Venice at the College of St. 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 beatification became convinced that Lawrence deserved to be named a Doctor of the Church in 1959.

*Living with Christ, July 2025 edition*

### 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 calls for ceasefire in Gaza during phone call with Israeli PM Netanyahu

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo calls for ceasefire in Gaza during phone call with Israeli PM Netanyahu - Vatican News](#)



### POPE LEO XIV RENEWS CALL FOR CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

Thursday, July 17, 2025



### TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATIONS TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

Friday, July 11, 2025



### POPE LEO XIV'S MESSAGE AND MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Tuesday, July 08, 2025

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

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



## Announcements!!!

✠ On September 13, 2025 at 10:00am at St. Michael's Cathedral, our very own Matthew Tulio will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, all are welcome to attend;

✠ 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

### 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

### 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*

**To Register:** Click the link below-

[Archdiocesan of Toronto &ndash; Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Survey](#)



# OUR FAITH

## POLICIES

### Celebration of Holy Mass Outside of a Sacred Space Protocol

The public celebration of Holy Mass outside of a sacred space requires the permission of the Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, as follows:

1. **Permission to celebrate a Mass outside of a sacred space will be considered based on the following criteria:**
  - a. *Location:* is there a church in the local area where the Mass is planned to take place?
  - b. *Number of faithful attending:* is there a local church that can accommodate the number of faithful expected to be attending the Mass?
  - c. *Scheduling:* is there a local church that is able to accommodate the Mass for the planned event in its schedule?
2. **Letter of Request:** A letter of request is to be sent to the Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs outlining the pastoral reason for the Mass to be celebrated outside of a sacred space, detailing the following items:
  - a. The occasion for which the Mass is being celebrated.
  - b. The reason that the Mass cannot be celebrated in a local church (using the criteria noted in n. 1 above).
  - c. The alternate location (non-sacred space) where the Mass will be celebrated.
  - d. The date and time that the Mass will be celebrated.
  - e. The name of the priest who will celebrate the Mass.
  - f. The number of people that are expected to attend the Mass.
3. **Visiting Clergy Protocol:** If the celebrant is not from the Archdiocese of Toronto he must follow the directives of the *Visiting Clergy Protocol*.
4. **Parameters for the Celebration:** Once the above prerequisites have been provided, a response will be sent to the identified celebrant of the Mass. If permission to celebrate the Mass is granted, the norms identified in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* are to be followed.

Please contact the Office of Spiritual Affairs for further information.

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