St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 16th 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.

<u>Confession</u> every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

<u>Confirmation</u> - for Grade 7 & up <u>registration for 2025</u> is in the months of August, September and October 2025

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up <u>registration for 2025</u> is in the months of September, October and November 2025

 $\underline{\textbf{Wedding}} - \text{call the office for appointment}$

Anyone who wants to become

<u>Catholic</u> – call the office for appointment Parish School-

St. John XXIII Catholic School 175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7 Tel. 416-393-5348

Archdiocese of Toronto-

Tel. 416-934-0606 * www.archtoronto.org

St. Lawrence of Brindisi July 21st
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."

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"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 1st and Gospel readings are linked by the <u>themes of hospitality</u>. 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 1st 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 yeal 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 14th 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 <u>His Word</u> and <u>in the Eucharist.</u> 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!



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE

Paragraph 1. THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN

752 In Christian usage, the word "church" designates the liturgical assembly, 141 but also the local community 142 or the whole universal community of believers. 143 These three meanings are inseparable. "The Church" is the People that God gathers in the whole world. She exists in local communities and is made real as a liturgical, above all a Eucharistic, assembly. She draws her life from the word and the Body of Christ and so herself becomes Christ's

Symbols of the Church

753 In Scripture, we find a host of interrelated images and figures through which Revelation speaks of the inexhaustible mystery of the Church. the images taken from the Old Testament are variations on a profound theme: the People of God. In the New Testament, all these images find a new center because Christ has become the head of this people, which henceforth is his Body. 144 Around this center are grouped images taken "from the life of the shepherd or from cultivation of the land, from the art of building or from family life and marriage." 145

754 "The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep. 146

755 "The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing. 147

Click to read more ----- Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText

MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 19, 5:15PM Vigil Mass

+Sebastian Miranda

Jul 20 -Sun- 9:00AM + Jessie Nacua

12:15PM + Antonio Brequillo

5:30 PM + The Parishioners

Jul 21-Mon,7:00 PM + Francesca & Pietro Gulli

Jul 22-Tue,9:00PM Thanksgiving B-day of

Magdalena Quebrata, Andre Garde, Roy Marasigan

Jul 23-Wed 7:00PM

Thanksgiving B-day Gloria Patag

Jul 24-Thu,9:00PM + Claude D'Souza

+ A.KamalRaj

Jul 25-Fri,7:00PM B-day of Juditha Labrador

Jul 26 -Sat,9:00am+ Simeona & Herberto Manzanilla + Aurora Edquiban

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention July 19 – 25, 2025

Sanctuary--- + Isagani Ayala

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

WORD OF THE WEEK

CHURCH

-means a convocation or an assembly. It designates the assemblies of the people, usually for a religious Purpose. From Latin word ecclesia, from the Greek ek-ka-lein, to "call out of". CCC 751

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of July 2025

"Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."



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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

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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

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Leo calls for ceasefire in Gaza during phone call with Israeli PM Netanvahu

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

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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!!!

- **1** 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.





JUBILLE 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,

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

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



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





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:

- Permission to celebrate a Mass outside of a sacred space will be considered based on the following criteria:
 - Location: is there a church in the local area where the Mass is planned to take place?
 - 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?
- 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:
 - 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).
 - The alternate location (non-sacred space) where the Mass will be celebrated.
 - The date and time that the Mass will be celebrated.
 - The name of the priest who will celebrate the Mass.
 - The number of people that are expected to attend the Mass.
- Visiting Clergy Protocol: If the celebrant is <u>not</u> from the Archdiocese of Toronto he must follow the directives of the Visiting Clergy Protocol.
- 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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