

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 26JULY2026

“The kingdom of heaven is like *treasure hidden* in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Matthew 13.44

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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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

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St. Anne & St. Joachim July 26th

“Good parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grandparents of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, when life seems barren, help us to trust in God’s mercy. When we are confused, help us to find the way to God.”



Lord, how I love your law. *Psalm 119*

FIRST READING (1Kings 3.35-12)

At Gebeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

“And now, O Lord my God, you have made you servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people?”

Second Reading (Romans 8.28-30)

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

And those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gospel according to Matthew 13.44-52

Jesus spoke to the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

“So it will be at the end of the age. The Angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” †



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE

Man's Response to God

I Believe

Cont...

26. Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures? 144-149

There are many such witnesses, two in particular: One is *Abraham* who when put to the test “believed in God” (*Romans 4:3*) and always obeyed his call. For this reason, he is called “the Father of all who believe” (*Romans 4:11-18*). The other is the *Virgin Mary* who, throughout her entire life, embodied in a perfect way the obedience of faith: “*Let it be done to me according to your word*” (*Luke 1:38*).

27. What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God? 150-152, 1786-178

It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

28. What are the characteristics of faith? 153-165, 179-180, 183-184

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is *necessary* for salvation. It is a *free gift* of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is *a human act*, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also *certain* because it is founded on the Word of God; it *works* "through charity" (*Galatians* 5:6); and it *continually grows* through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a *foretaste* of the joys of heaven.

29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science? 159

Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith.

"I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." (Saint Augustine)

To read more, click this link- [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 25, 5:15 PM **Vigil Mass** + Sylvestre de Melo

Jul 26- **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM + Pelayo Alzate

+ Herberto & Simeona Manzanilla

12:15 PM + Antonio Brequillo

5:30 PM + The Parishioners

Jul 27, Mon,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Judith Labrador

+ Jeane Egana

Jul 28, Tues, 9:00AM + All Souls in Purgatory

+ Joey Camus

Jul 29, Wed, 7:00PM Thanksgiving-Tristan Pasiderio

Thanksgiving of Aurelia Arebado

Jul 30, Thu, 9:00AM + Sylvestre de Melo

Jul 31, Fri, 7:00PM +Judith & Abelardo Acalain

Aug 01, Sat, 9:00AM + Sylvester de Melo

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7-day Vigil Lamp – July 25 - 31, 2026

Sanctuary--- Healing of Jenny Quebral

Virgin Mary- + Isaias Porte

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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.

- 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. Anne & St. Joachim July 26th

The gospels are bereft of details regarding Mary's parents – Jesus' grandparents- not even offering their names. What we do know comes from writings excluded from the canon of Scripture, in particular the Protogospel of James. Nevertheless, the cult of St. Anne existed in the 6th century in the Church of Constantinople and early in the 8th century in Rome. In the 13th and 14th centuries, popular devotion to Anne increased, as seen by the number of churches bearing her name. At the request of some English bishops petitioned by parishioners, Pope Urban VI made her feast an annual celebration. Joachim has been honoured in the East from earliest days, but in the West only since the 16th century. Their names were entered into the Roman calendar in 1854

(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 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 !!!



File photo of Pope Leo's visit to the Quirinale Palace. (ANSA)

Castel Gandolfo to host concert in honor of Pope Leo XIV

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope thanks Italian President for his support of the Church](#)
- Vatican News



CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNOUNCES EXPANDED \$700,000 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM FOR 2026
Friday, July 17, 2026



ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY HOSTS SEMINAR ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION
Tuesday, July 14, 2026



CARDINAL LEO PRESIDES AT MISSIONING OF UNITY HEALTH TORONTO CEO
Friday, July 10, 2026

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

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



Announcements!!!

- ✠ In the month of August, there will be the installation and investiture of our Altar Servers. Thank you, parents for allowing your children to serve;
- ✠ 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 ORDER OF MASS

In the Roman Rite, the Mass is made up of two principal parts: **Liturgy of the Word** and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. It begins with the **Introductory Rites** and ends with the **Concluding Rites**.

Introductory Rites

- Entrance
- Greeting
- Penitential Act
- Glory to God
- Collect

Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading (on Sundays & solemnities)
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel
- Homily
- Profession of Faith (on Sundays, solemnities & special occasions)
- Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar
- Prayer over the Offerings
- Eucharistic Prayer
 - Preface
 - Holy, Holy, Holy
 - First half of prayer, including Consecration
 - Mystery of Faith
 - Second half of Prayer, ending with Doxology
- The Lord's Prayer
- Sign of Peace
- Lamb of God
- Communion
- Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

- Optional Announcements
- Greeting and Blessings
- Dismissal

To read more click this link [Order of Mass | USCCB](#)

Pope John Paul II: "Heaven"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

1. When the form of this world has passed away, those who have welcomed God into their lives and have sincerely opened themselves to his love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human life.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "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 fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (n. 1024). Today we will try to understand the biblical meaning of "heaven", in order to have a better understanding of the reality to which this expression refers.

2. In biblical language "heaven", when it is joined to the "earth", indicates part of the universe. Scripture says about creation: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gn 1:1).

Metaphorically speaking, heaven is understood as the dwelling-place of God, who is thus distinguished from human beings (cf. *Ps* 104:2f.; 115:16; *Is* 66:1). He sees and judges from the heights of heaven (cf. *Ps* 113:4-9) and comes down when he is called upon (cf. *Ps* 18:9, 10; 144:5). However, the biblical metaphor makes it clear that God does not identify himself with heaven, nor can he be contained in it (cf. *1 Kgs* 8:27); and this is true, even though in some passages of the First Book of the Maccabees "Heaven" is simply one of God's names (*1 Mc* 3:18, 19, 50, 60; 4:24, 55).

The depiction of heaven as the transcendent dwelling-place of the living God is joined with that of the place to which believers, through grace, can also ascend, as we see in the Old Testament accounts of Enoch (cf. *Gn* 5:24) and Elijah ...

Click this to read more [21 July 1999](#)

A Child's Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God, please bless my grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents
and for the life, they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I
give thanks.
For the ways, they love me no matter what, I rejoice.
For the ways, they have paved the road
that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.
Let them find peace and rest from their work.
Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.
And let them see with their own eyes your glory
and the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

- *Author Unknown*

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-grandparent>

