

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 27 July 2025

**JESUS** says to you:  
“Ask, and it will be  
given you; search,  
and you will find;  
knock, and the  
door will be opened  
for you.” *Luke 11.9*

**World day for Grandparents and  
the Elderly!**

### *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 2025-2026** is in the months of August, September and October 2025

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

up **registration for 2025-2026** is in the months of September, October and November 2025

**Wedding** – talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday Masses

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday Masses

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**St. Peter Chrysologus** July 30<sup>th</sup>

**Pray for us.**

**“Anyone who wishes to frolic with  
the devil cannot rejoice with  
Christ.”**



*“Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.” Luke 11.2*

***When you pray, do not babble like pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” Mt. 6:7***

While Matthew introduces the Our Father with a short catechesis on prayer, Luke the Evangelist, from whom the Gospel Reading of today is taken, prefers the context of Jesus himself in prayer. The Disciples notice Jesus praying and asks him to teach them how to pray. He responded; When you pray, say; ***“Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.”***

I always wondered why Jesus as the Son of God needed to pray and what He said in his prayers! Questioning, as I do, means that I am still on the journey to understand what prayer is and the purpose of it. What is prayer?

St Therese of Avila defines prayer as nothing else than being in terms of friendship with God.” St Theresa of Lisieux writes; “Prayer is a surge of a Heart, it is a simple look, turned toward Heaven. It’s a cry of recognition and love.” St John Damascene defines prayer as “the raising of one’s mind and heart to God.” St Augustine of Hippo would write; “Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with us. God thirst, that we may thirst for him.”

The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** (Paragraph 2558) states ***“Prayer is a Vital and Personal relationship with the Living and true God.”*** The Catechism calls ***“The Lord’s Prayer”*** the ***“Summary of the Whole Gospel;”*** And, explains it in 100 articles, (2765 – 2865). I would recommend reading through the explanation.

The Lord’s Prayer begins with great consolation: we are allowed to call God – “Father.” Listen, to what was sung in the Gospel Acclamation; ***“You have received a Spirit of adoption through which we cry, Abba (Dad) Father.” Rm 8:15bc***

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, for the richness she found in just the name “Father,” She would go no further! St Teresa would sink into contemplation as she got absorbed in the joy of being in a relationship with God, as a beloved daughter. She was privileged to experience an interior union with the Lord that enabled her, descend into depths beyond mere words. The name “Father,” necessarily invokes a relationship that invokes intimacy that is deep and consuming; a relationship that is self-giving, self-emptying, nourishing and life-giving. As good Father gets consumed progressively in a desire to uplift a son or daughter in Love, the son and daughter, get a fulfillment that brings absolute joy; heavenly joy.

In Our relationship with God, when we invoke Him, with name, “Father,” “Our Father,” God floods us with that which is necessary; the gift of Himself. Prayer is essentially efficacious for this Truth.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Article 4 THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

### Paragraph 1. THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN

**1422** "Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion."<sup>4</sup>

#### I. What is This Sacrament Called?

**1423** It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father<sup>5</sup> from whom one has strayed by sin. It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

**1424** It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man. It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."<sup>6</sup> It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God."<sup>7</sup> He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."<sup>8</sup>

#### II. Why a Sacrament of Reconciliation after Baptism?

**1425** "YOU were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."<sup>9</sup> One must appreciate the magnitude of the gift God has given us in the sacraments of Christian initiation in order to grasp the degree to which sin is excluded for him who has "put on Christ."<sup>10</sup> But the apostle John also says: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."<sup>11</sup> and the Lord himself taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses,"<sup>12</sup> linking our forgiveness of one another's offenses to the forgiveness of our sins that God will grant us. *Click to read more -----* [Catechism of the Catholic](#)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 26, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +The Parishioners  
+Reynaldo Paraiso  
Jul 27 -Sun- 9:00AM + Roger de Juan  
12:15PM + Ruperto Frilles  
5:30 PM + Leoncio & Conchita Ayala  
Jul 28-Mon,7:00 PM + Loretta de Silva  
Jul 29-Tue,9:00PM *Thanksgiving B-day Tristan P.*  
*Thanksgiving of Aurelia Arevado*  
Jul 30-Wed 7:00PM  
+ Teresa Cayetano  
Jul 31-Thu,9:00PM + Mariano Cayetano  
+ A. KamalRaj  
Aug 01-Fri,7:00PM *Thanksgiving of Nelia Alzate*  
Aug 02 -Sat,9:00am *Thanksgiving of Mary Ylagan*  
7-day Vigil Lamp Intention July26-Aug 1, 2025  
Sanctuary--- *Thanksgiving of Hayde*  
Virgin Mary- *Thanksgiving of Mary Ylagan*  
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## WORDs OF THE WEEK

### God's Mercy

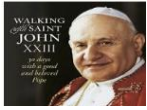
-The loving kindness, compassion, or forbearance shown to one who offends (e.g., the mercy of God to us sinners). CCC 1422,1829

### *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."*







**"The moral order has no existence except in God; cut off from God it must necessarily disintegrate."** St. John XXIII

### St. Peter Chrysologus Jul 30<sup>th</sup>

Peter, born in Italy around 406, became Archbishop of Ravenna about 439. When he arrived in his diocese, he found a strong influence and many lapsed faithful. Through his labours paganism was eradicated and the faith revived. He was a concerned pastor and preacher and earned the title Chrysologus ("of golden words") because of his inspirational homilies, many of which are still extant. He died around 450 and was made a Doctor of the Church in 1729.

*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: Migrants are "witnesses of hope" in a devastated world

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope: Migrants are "witnesses of hope" in a devastated world - Vatican News](#)



**YOUNG CANADIANS TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE OF YOUTH IN ROME**  
Friday, July 18, 2025



**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

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

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



## Announcements!!!

■ **On August 13, there will be Masses in all Catholic Cemeteries at 7:00pm.**

**Click this link for details** [Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed – Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. | Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto - TORONTO ON](#)

■ **Join us in our Parish Pilgrimage to the Martyrs Shrine at Midland, Ontario, save your seat. Please stand by for the details;**

■ **This Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> is First Friday we will have the Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Looking forward to see you all!!**





## 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

### 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*

### 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 &ndash; Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Survey](#)



# OUR FAITH

## Sacraments & Sacramentals

### Sacraments

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the sacraments as "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions." (CCC: 1131)

The Catholic Church teaches that the sacraments are seven. The Catholic Church understands the word "sacrament" as referring not only to the seven sacraments considered here, but also to Christ and the Church.

### Sacramentals

Our crucifix, icons, holy water and other articles are examples of what we call sacramentals. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and to sanctify different circumstances of our lives. (CCC: 1677)

Practically speaking, the myriad of little things that are sacramentals are the parts of catholicity that jostle against us in our everyday life, those little extras that often tell others we are Catholic. They are the images, actions and blessings that are unique to our faith; those sometimes humble reminders of what the Catholic faith is all about, like the crucifix on our wall.

To read more click this link ..... [Archdiocese of Toronto - Sacraments & Sacramentals - Home](#)

