

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 02 AUG 2026



**Jesus said to them:**

**“They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and 2 fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.”** Matthew 13.44

### *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-**

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

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**St. Alphonsus Ligouri** Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

**“He that loves Jesus  
Christ desires nothing  
but Jesus Christ.”**



**You open your hand to feed us, Lord, and satisfy our needs.**

*Psalm 145*

## **First Reading (Isaiah 55.1-3)**

Thus says the Lord:

“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

“Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

## **Second Reading (Romans 8.35, 37-39)**

Brothers and sisters: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor Angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Gospel according to Matthew 14.13-21**

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

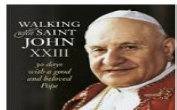
Then Jesus ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples. And the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”





**Our Patron Saint...**



**"Just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul." John XXIII**

**St. Alphonsus Ligouri Aug 1<sup>st</sup>**

The life of St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) spanned the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Born in Naples, he was ordained in 1726. He soon won a reputation in Naples as a preacher and became widely sought as a confessor. He was committed to preaching sermons that were simple to understand and structured to hold the listener's attention. In 1732 he went to Scala and founded an order of mission priests that became the Redemptorists. His Moral Theology was published in 1748.

Alphonsus Ligouri was known for his great kindness and concern for others. Made a bishop in 1762, he retired in 1775. He was canonized in 1839 and in 1871 was named a Doctor of the Church. He is a patron of moral theologians and confessors.

*(Living with Christ Aug 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's August prayer intention: 'for evangelization in the city'**

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope's August prayer intention: 'for evangelization in the city' - Vatican News](#)



**SHARELIFE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING MASS**  
Thursday, July 30, 2026



**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

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>  
**\*\*click the link above to read the full text of the news\*\***

**Announcements!!!**

- ✚ August 7<sup>th</sup> is first Friday of the month there will be a Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm followed by the celebration of the Mass;
- ✚ Registration for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation is now open. Registration forms are available at the parish office;
- ✚ Annual Mass for the departed will be celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> of August at 7pm in all catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Toronto;
- ✚ The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on August 15<sup>th</sup>.



≈ Did you know??? ≈

The **ORDER OF MASS** *(continuation)*

## Introductory Rites

- **Entrance –**

The Mass begins with the entrance chant/song. The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a bow and/or a kiss. The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence.

- **Greeting**

All make the Sign of the Cross and the celebrant extends a greeting to the gathered people in words taken from Scripture.

- **Penitential Act**

The Penitential Act follows the greeting. At the very beginning of the Mass, the faithful recall their sins and place their trust in God's abiding mercy. The Penitential Act includes the Kyrie Eleison, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy." This litany recalls God's merciful actions throughout history. On Sunday, especially in Easter Time, in place of the customary Penitential Act, from time to time the blessing sprinkling of water to recall Baptism may take place.

- **Glory to God**

On Sundays, solemnities, and feasts, the Gloria follows the Penitential Act. The Gloria begins by echoing the proclamation of the angels at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest!" In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs in offering praise and adoration to the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

- **Collect**

The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the **Collect**. The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence, proclaims the prayer of the day. The Collect gathers the prayers of all into one and disposes all to hear the Word of God in the context of the celebration.

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

## Pope Francis: "Mercy as the instrument of Communion"

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

Today we wish to reflect upon the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. At the beginning of the narrative given by Matthew (cf. 14:13-21), Jesus has just received word of the death of John the Baptist, and he crosses the lake by boat in search of a "lonely place apart" (v. 13). The people understand, however, and precede him on foot and thus, "as he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick" (v. 14). That's how Jesus is: always compassionate, always thinking of others. The determination of the people — who fear being left alone, as if abandoned — is striking. John the Baptist, the charismatic prophet, is dead; [the crowd] trusts in Jesus, about whom John had said: "he who is coming after me is mightier than I" (Mt 3:11). Thus the crowd follows him everywhere, to listen to him and to bring him the sick. And seeing this, Jesus is moved. Jesus is not cold, he does not have a cold heart. Jesus is capable of being moved. On the one hand, he feels a bond with this crowd and does not want them to leave; on the other, he needs a moment of solitude, of prayer, with the Father. Often he spends the night praying to his Father.

Thus, that day too, the Master attends to the people. His compassion is not a vague sentiment; instead he shows all the strength of his will to be close to us and to save us. Jesus loves us so much and wants to be close to us.

As evening falls, Jesus is concerned about feeding all those tired and hungry people, and looks after those who follow him. He wants his disciples to be involved in this. Indeed he says to them: "*you give them something to eat*" (Mt 14:16). He shows them that the few loaves and fish that they have, by the power of faith and of prayer, can be shared with all of those people. Jesus works a miracle, but it is the miracle of faith, of prayer, created by compassion and love. [Click this to read more](#) [General Audience of 17 August 2016: 26. Mercy as the instrument of Communion \(cf](#)