

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 03 Aug 2025

JESUS said to the crowd,
“Take care! Be on
your guard against
all kinds of greed;
for one’s life does
not consist in the
abundance of
possessions.” *Luke 12.15*

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. John Mary Vianney Aug 4th

Pray for us.

“Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.”



“You Fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you; and the things you have prepared whose will they be?” Luke 12:20

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, Vanity of vanities! All is Vanity. Eccl. 1:2

This is the opening verse, in today's 1st Reading, from “The Book of Ecclesiastes,” written by Qoheleth, who claimed to be King of Jerusalem and the Son of David. Qoheleth claims to have experienced and studied all aspects of life and come to this simple conclusion, ***“All human endeavor and activities are Pointless;”*** They are ‘Mere Breath;’ ‘Hevel’ in Hebrew”

In Chapter 1, Verses nine to eleven we hear him repeat his refrain; *“What was, will be again what has been done, will be done again”* 28 times, to a Conclusion; ***“There's nothing new under the sun.”***

Therefore, all human strive comes to this; ***“meaningless chase after the wind.”*** *“I surveyed all that my hands have done and what I toiled to achieve, everything ‘was’ meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing ‘is’ gained under the sun.”* Eccl. 2:11

Quite clearly many people get perturbed by this book! Some question its relevance, while others say it gives a very pessimistic view of life!” Yet, in Qoheleth, we witness “a Journey of a Soul,” toward “the Only Choice;” God! Struck by the futility of life, frustrations in human love and pleasures, human labor and excessive greed injustices and eventually imminent death; Qoheleth became dissatisfied, distressed if not disillusioned with Life;

He represented the skeptical side of Israel's Wisdom. His thoughts reflect the disillusionment of a people who had returned from the exile to Babylon, to discover that all the old and certain had perished!

In today's World, Qoheleth would represent the many who go through experiences of doubts and questionings, I mean, those journeying in Life as to say through the darkness of unbelief! Qoheleth in his Life, made his journey to emerge at the end of his Book with a Firm Choice for God; *“Fear God and keep his Commandments, (He advised) for this is the duty of everyone.”* Eccl. 12:13

Qoheleth wrestled with the Wisdom of his people with an aim of providing answers, in the Gospel Reading, we encounter the Wisdom of God Incarnate. Jesus is requested by one of his listeners, to intervene in a struggle that looked genuine but He wanted nothing to do with it; *“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”*

Jesus, took the opportunity to teach about the Wisdom that governed the Kingdom of God, already present among them! He gave a Parable where a person had found refuge, not in true Wisdom leading to God but in amassed possession; *“I shall say to myself, now, as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, relax, eat, drink, be merry!”* Luke 12:19 God awoke him from “the idolatry of his created!” to remind him of the necessity of true pursuit;

“You Fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you; and the things you have prepared whose will they be?” Luke 12:20

Brothers and Sisters, St Paul in the second reading, from his Letter to the Colossians, encourages us ***“to seek the things that are above!”*** Colossian 3:1

He enumerates behaviors that are contrary to our generous response to the Love of God. St. Paul warns us against “Greed that is Idolatry.” Greed, which makes us not only worship the created but also, forget God, its Creator and ourselves. St. Paul reminds us of the Spirit of God we have received; The Spirit who illumine us, and guides us to the all Truth; God; Our Creator and Father. †



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

V. The Proliferation of Sin

1865 Sin creates a proclivity to sin; it engenders vice by repetition of the same acts. This results in perverse inclinations which cloud conscience and corrupt the concrete judgment of good and evil. Thus sin tends to reproduce itself and reinforce itself, but it cannot destroy the moral sense at its root.

1866 Vices can be classified according to the virtues they oppose, or also be linked to the capital sins which Christian experience has distinguished, following St. John Cassian and St. Gregory the Great. They are called "capital" because they engender other sins, other vices.¹³⁸ They are pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth or acedia.

1867 The catechetical tradition also recalls that there are "sins that cry to heaven": the blood of Abel,¹³⁹ The sin of the Sodomites,¹⁴⁰ The cry of the people oppressed in Egypt,¹⁴¹ The cry of the foreigner, the widow, and the orphan,¹⁴² injustice to the wage earner.¹⁴³

1868 Sin is a personal act. Moreover, we have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them:

- by participating directly and voluntarily in them;
- by ordering, advising, praising, or approving them;
- by not disclosing or not hindering them when we have an obligation to do so;
- by protecting evil-doers.

1869 Thus sin makes men accomplices of one another and causes concupiscence, violence, and injustice to reign among them. Sins give rise to social situations and institutions that are contrary to the divine goodness. "Structures of sin" are the expression and effect of personal sins. They lead their victims to do evil in their turn. In an analogous sense, they constitute a "social sin."¹⁴⁴

Click to read more ----- [Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 02, 5:15PM Vigil Mass

+ Pedro Garcia

Aug 03 -Sun- 9:00AM The Parishioners

12:15PM + Jess Mapili

5:30 PM + Sabrina Raj

Aug 04-Mon,10:00 AM B-day Joseph Labrador

Aug 05-Tue,9:00PM + Edilberto Farinas

Aug 06-Wed 7:00PM + Michael Angelo Vinas

Aug 07-Thu,9:00PM + A. KamalRaj

Aug 08-Fri,7:00PM + Victoria Estera

Aug 09 -Sat,9:00am + Nida Donado

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention

Aug 02-08, 2025

Sanctuary--- + Lerma Ayala

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Mary Ylagan

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WORDs OF THE WEEK

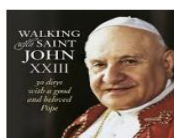
Capital Sins

According to the Catholic Catechism, capital sins are
Pride, Greed, Envy,
Wrath, Lust, Gluttony and
Sloth- CCC 1866

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

"Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons."





"Born poor, but of honored and humble people, I am particularly proud to die poor." *St. John XXIII*

St. John Mary Vianney *Aug 4th*

The name of this French priest may be unfamiliar to many, but his title is known around the world: the Cure of Ars. He was born in 1786 near Lyons, France. At age 20, he enrolled in school but found studying difficult. Having learned the rudiments of theology, John was ordained in 1815.

In 1818, John became the parish priest of the little village of Ars-en-Dombes, where most of the people were not interested in religion or God. He spent the rest of his life serving the parishioners of this village.

A renowned confessor, he was visited by hundreds of pilgrims every day, hearing confessions for 12 to 16 hours daily. When he walked from the confessional to the rectory, pilgrims would cut pieces from his clothing and his hair. For 30 years he served all who came to him: people were healed and converted, and many were given appropriate words of wisdom or advice even before they had explained their predicament. When he died in 1859 at the age of 73, John Vianney already had the reputation of being a saint. He was canonized in 1925 and is a patron of parish priest.

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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 !!!



St John Henry Newman set to become newest Doctor of the Church

To read more, click this link >>> [St John Henry Newman set to become newest Doctor of the Church - Vatican News](#)



SISTER OF LIFE WITH TORONTO CONNECTION TO PROFESS FINAL VOWS THIS SUMMER

Tuesday, July 29, 2025



YOUNG CANADIANS TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE OF YOUTH IN ROME

Friday, July 18, 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;**

- **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

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 – Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Survey](#)

OUR FAITH

Sacraments

BAPTISM

Baptism is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church; frequently called the "first sacrament" as it is the gateway to the rest of the sacraments.

Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of the mystical body of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word. (CCC: 1213)"

In the Western or Latin Church, Baptism is usually conferred by an authorized minister by pouring water three times on the recipient's head, while reciting the baptismal formula: "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (cf. Matthew 28:19).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Who may baptize?** The ordinary minister of Baptism is a bishop, priest, or deacon. In the case of an emergency, any person may baptize, even if not baptized him/herself. This person must intend what the Church intends, and baptize the child with water, using the Trinitarian formula: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
2. **May a child be baptized if only one parent requests it?** The consent of at least one of the parents, or the person who lawfully takes their place, is required for the baptism of a child.
3. **How long after the birth of a child should the Baptism take place?** As soon as possible after the birth: Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, parents are to go to the parish to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared for it properly (*Code of Canon Law*, c. 867 § 1). An infant in danger of death is to be baptized without any delay (*Code of Canon Law*, c. 867 § 2). See question #1 above.
4. **Can our child be baptized in a parish if we do not live within the parish boundaries?** Baptism, like all of the sacraments, is a celebration of a living relationship with God and with the local believing community, the parish. The sacraments are celebrations of our Church and, as such, are normally celebrated in the parish where the family resides or is registered and normally worships.
5. **How do we arrange to have our child baptized in a parish other than the one where we normally worship?** If, for a good pastoral reason (for example, so extended family may attend), parents wish to have their child baptized in another parish, they need to approach the Pastor of that parish to ask if he is willing to baptize their child. A letter of permission to have the baby baptized elsewhere must be obtained from the Pastor of the parish where the family usually worships. Normally, Baptism preparation may take place in either of the parishes.
6. **Must we give our child the name of a saint to be baptized?** A baptismal name that is offensive to Christians is not permitted; a saint's name is encouraged, but not necessary.
7. **Does my Parish Church keep a record of my Baptism?** Yes. The basic entry includes: name; date and place of birth of the baptized; minister of the sacrament; parents (including mother's maiden name); godparent(s), and Christian witness (if any); date and place of the conferred baptism (*Code of Canon Law*, c. 877). To read more click this link [Archdiocese of Toronto - Sacraments & Sacramentals - Home](#)

