

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 Aug 2025

**JESUS** said to his disciples,  
“Do not be afraid, little  
flock, for it is your  
Father’s good pleasure  
to give you the  
kingdom. Sell your  
possessions, and give  
alms.”

*Luke 12.15*

### Solemnity

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

August 15, 2025

### 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 and September 2025

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

up **registration for 2025-2026** is in the months of August and September 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

**Parish School** – **St. John XXIII Catholic School**  
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**St. Jane Frances de Chantal Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pray for us.**

“There is no danger if our prayer is without words or reflection because the good success of prayer depends neither on words nor on study.”



**“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.”** Luke 12:32

***“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.”*** Luke 12: 32

These are the words of Jesus in the Gospel reading, this 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Liturgical Year of the Church. They are words, that should give us an assurance, provoke trust in God and strengthen our faith in God who loves us.

The Letter to the Hebrews from which the second reading is taken gives us Abraham as the great example of faith! In faith, Abraham left the world and the people he knew, to pursue a promise of God, he did not know. He was promised to be a Father of a multitude of people, yet he and his wife Sarah had no offspring and were advanced in age.

When Isaac, the heir, was eventually born, the Lord challenged Abraham to offer him in Sacrifice in the Land of Moriah Abraham, in obedience to God, was to offer his only son, were it not for the voice of the Angel; ***“Abraham, Abraham, do not lay your hand on the boy, ... I know how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your beloved son. ... I swear by myself because you acted this way ... I will bless you abundantly.”*** Gen 22: 11-16

Through Abraham and his descendant, God’s Promise was fulfilled in a manner and in such a magnitude, that Abraham could not have fathomed. God, in the Person of Christ Jesus, physically entered our human history. He elevated humanity, foremost by taking our human nature and becoming one with us. Then, in completion of His Mission on earth, Jesus revealed and confirmed the Love of his Father for us by dying for us, on the Cross.

It’s after the realization of the extent of God’s Love for you and me, that we understand the urgency of a disciple’s radical response to this Love of God; ***“Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, and an unfailing treasure in Heaven.”*** Luke 12:33

As a People of faith, today, we are called to be vigilant in our faithfulness to God, as Stewards of the Gospel! We should acknowledge the privilege we are given to be able to participate in Celebration of the Eucharist. In the Eucharist we receive the life of God, in his Word and in the Breaking of the Bread. May we, in faith, be always trusting and vigilant. May the Spirit of God illumine and strengthen our Faith. Amen.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**III. The Characteristics of Faith****Faith is a grace**

**153** When St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus declared to him that this revelation did not come "from flesh and blood", but from "my Father who is in heaven".<sup>24</sup> Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. "Before this faith can be exercised, man must have the grace of God to move and assist him; he must have the interior helps of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and 'makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth.'"<sup>25</sup>

**Faith is a human act**

**154** Believing is possible only by grace and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit. But it is no less true that believing is an authentically human act. Trusting in God and cleaving to the truths he has revealed is contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason. Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions, or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another. If this is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to "yield by faith the full submission of... intellect and will to God who reveals",<sup>26</sup> and to share in an interior communion with him.

**155** In faith, the human intellect and will co-operate with divine grace: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace."<sup>27</sup>

**Faith and understanding**

**156** What moves us to believe is not the fact that revealed truths appear as true and intelligible in the light of our natural reason: we believe "because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived".<sup>28</sup> So "that the submission of our faith might nevertheless be in accordance with reason, God willed that external proofs of his Revelation should be joined to the internal helps of the Holy Spirit."<sup>29</sup> Thus the miracles of Christ and the saints, prophecies, the Church's growth and holiness, and her fruitfulness and stability "are the most certain signs of divine Revelation, adapted to the intelligence of all"; they are "motives of credibility" (motiva credibilitatis), which show that the assent of faith is "by no means a blind impulse of the mind".<sup>30</sup>

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Aug 09, 5:15PM Vigil Mass

+ Donna Martin

Aug 10 -Sun- 9:00AM + Reynaldo Pinon

12:15PM The Parishioners

5:30 PM + Roden Cortero

Aug 11-Mon,7:00 PM B-day Joseph Salumbides

Aug 12-Tue,9:00PM + Alicia Amante

Aug 13-Wed 7:00PM + Ruperto Frilles

Aug 14-Thu,9:00PM + A. KamalRaj

Aug 15-Fri,7:00PM +Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal  
+Magdalena & Tomas Quebral

Aug 16 -Sat,9:00am + Luding Jimenez

**7-day Vigil Lamp Intention**

**Aug 09-15, 2025**

Sanctuary--- + Donna Martin

Virgin Mary- + Donna Martin

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**WORD OF THE WEEK****FAITH**

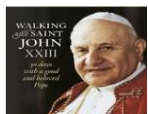
Is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. *Hebrews 11.1*

Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature.<sup>17</sup>  
*CCC 150*

*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."**





**"Love the truth sincerely to attain that peace and harmony on which depends all real prosperity."** *St. John XXIII*

### St. Jane Frances de Chantal Aug 12<sup>th</sup>

Saint Jane Frances Fremiot was born at Dijon, France, in 1572. She and her husband had six children; in 1601, her husband died in an accident. After overcoming her depression, Jan Frances sought the spiritual dimension of her suffering. With her spiritual advisor, Francis de Sales, she founded the Congregation of the Visitation for women who wished to live a religious life but could not endure the austerity of the existing religious orders. Committed to working with the sick and the poor, she died in 1641, having established about 85 monasteries.

*Living with Christ -Aug 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 Leo welcomes Venetian inmates on Jubilee pilgrimage

To read more, click this link >>> ['Pope Leo welcomes Venetian inmates on Jubilee pilgrimage' - Vatican News](#)



### CCCB RELEASES PASTORAL LETTER ON DEBT FORGIVENESS IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

Friday, August 01, 2025



### POPE LEO XIV PRAYS FOR PEACE AFTER HORRIFIC ATTACK ON CONGOLESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tuesday, July 29, 2025



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

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

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

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

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## Announcements!!!

■ **On August 13 this Wednesday, 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 &ndash; Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Survey](#)



## OUR FAITH

### Sacraments

#### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

By this beautiful Sacrament God gives all sinful members of His Church, "a direct, human, and personal encounter with the mercy of God" as found in the Gospel. [1] (CCC: 1446) In this encounter "God, the Father of mercies" pardons His faithful for post-baptism sins that they confessed to the bishop or his priests. (CCC: 1448-1449). In the liturgical actions of this sacrament, especially in the formula of absolution, Jesus Christ reaches out to us in the depth of our soul and mind to lift us to our feet, and restores us to be more perfectly what we are: His saints, the reconciled children of God. He does so "to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life" (Luke 1.73).[2]

The essential elements of the sacrament of Reconciliation are two: the acts of the penitent who comes to repentance through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the absolution of the priest who in the name of Christ grants forgiveness and determines the ways of making satisfaction. 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).[1] Thomas Cardinal Collins, Cornerstones of Faith. Reconciliation, Eucharist and Stewardship (Toronto, Canada: Novalis, 2013), p. 14.

[2] Cf. the Canticle of Zechariah, adopted by the Liturgy of the Hours.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When is it necessary for me to go Confession?** Generally speaking, besides the obligation of annual Confession (*Code of Canon Law*, c. 989), the Church encourages its faithful to make use of the sacrament frequently and regularly.

Specifically, one should confess all his/her sins, and especially mortal sins which destroy the sanctifying grace in the soul. While Confession of venial sins is not always necessary, one must confess mortal sins.

Mortal sin is (1) a grave matter that turned one away from God in (2) full knowledge of the evil of the act, and with (3) full consent of the will. All three conditions must be met for a sin to be mortal. (CCC: 1855, 1857)

Venial sins do not destroy the sanctifying grace in the soul, but it diminishes and wounds it (CCC: 1855). Venial sin injures one's relationship with God or with the neighbour or with oneself, in lesser matters of the moral law, or in grave matters acting without full knowledge or complete consent (CCC: 1862).

2. **What if after receiving the Holy Eucharist I became aware of some sins that I failed to confess?** You must go to Confession at your earliest opportunity.
3. **Can a priest reveal what has heard to others?** No. "It is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason." This is called "confessional seal". (*Code of Canon Law*: c. 983 § 1.)

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

