

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16 AUG 2026



Jesus answered her:
“Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” Matthew 15.28

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-

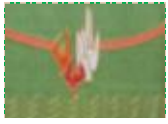
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St. Pius X Aug 21st

**“Holy communion is the
shortest and safest way
to Heaven.”**



Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

Psalms 67

First Reading (Isaiah 56.1-7)

Thus says the Lord: “Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Second Reading (Romans 11.13-15-29-32)

Brothers and sisters: Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an Apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own flesh and blood jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel according to Matthew 15.21-28

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from the at region came out, and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

But the woman came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

I Believe in God the Father

The Symbols of Faith

Cont...

38. With what name does God reveal Himself? 203-209, 230-231

God revealed himself to Moses as the living God, “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (*Exodus* 3:6). God also revealed to Moses his mysterious name “I Am Who I Am (YHWH)”. Already in Old Testament times this ineffable name of God was replaced by the divine title *Lord*. Thus in the New Testament, Jesus who was called *Lord* is seen as true God.

39. Is God the only One who "is"? 212-213

Since creatures have received everything they are and have from God, only God in himself *is* the fullness of being and of every perfection. God is “He who is” without origin and without end. Jesus also reveals that he bears the divine name “I Am” (*John* 8:28).

40. Why is the revelation of God's name important? 206-213

In revealing his name, God makes known the riches contained in the ineffable mystery of his being. He alone is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the One who transcends the world and history. It is he who made heaven and earth. He is the faithful God, always close to his people, in order to save them. He is the highest holiness, "rich in mercy" (*Ephesians 2:4*), always ready to forgive. He is the One who is spiritual, transcendent, omnipotent, eternal, personal, and perfect. He is truth and love.

"God is the infinitely perfect being who is the most Holy Trinity." (Saint Turibius of Montenegro)

41. In what way is God the truth? 214-217, 231

God is Truth itself and as such he can neither deceive nor be deceived. He is "light, and in him there is no darkness" (1 *John* 1:5). The eternal Son of God, the incarnation of wisdom, was sent into the world "to bear witness to the Truth" (*John* 18:37).

42. In what way does God reveal that he is love? 218-221

God revealed himself to Israel as the One who has a stronger love than that of parents for their children or of husbands and wives for their spouses. God in himself “is love” (1 John 4: 8.16), who gives himself completely and gratuitously, who “so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:16-17). By sending his Son and the Holy Spirit, God reveals that he himself is an eternal exchange of love.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 15, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Omer & Donna Martin

Aug 16- SUNDAY 9:00 AM +Magdalena & Tomas Q.
12:15 PM + The Parishioners
5:30 PM + Mariano Cayetano

Aug 17, Mon, 7:0015M + Arcadio & Luz de Guia

Aug 18, Tues, 9:00AM + Teresa Cayetano

Aug 19, Wed, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Mary Ylagan
+ Edwin Azur

Aug 20, Thu, 9:00AM Thanksgiving-Alvin Hernandez

Aug 21, Fri, 7:00PM + Sebastian Ardon

Aug 22, Sat, 9:00AM + Sylvester de Melo

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7-day Vigil Lamp – August 15-21, 2026

Sanctuary--- +Sylvester de Melo

Virgin Mary- Intention of Danna Q.

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WORDS OF THE WEEK

“MERCY”

In Catholicism, mercy is the loving kindness and compassion of God expressed through forgiveness, care for the suffering, and the call for humans to act mercifully toward others.

Mercy, from the Latin *misericordia* (meaning “*heart for the wretched*”), is understood as compassion or pity that moves one to help those in need. St. Thomas Aquinas describes mercy “In itself, mercy takes precedence over other virtues, for it belongs to mercy to be bountiful to others, and, what is more, to succour others in their wants, which pertains chiefly to one who stands above. Hence mercy is accounted as being proper to God: and therein his omnipotence is revealed to the highest degree” (STh II-II, q. 30, a. 4) **What exactly is**

*Pope's Prayer Intention-**AUGUST** 2026- For Evangelization in Cities*

***Pray for creative ways to proclaim the Gospel in urban areas,
building community despite anonymity and loneliness***

Our Patron Saint...



"Never Hesitate to hold out your hand; never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another." John XXIII

St. Pius X Aug 21st

Giuseppe Sarto was born in Riese, Italy, in 1835. His mother was a seamstress and his father a parish clerk who died when Giuseppe was 16, leaving the family in financial straits. His mother insisted that the boy continue his education and fulfill his desire to become a priest. Ordained at 23, he was involved in pastoral ministry for 17 years. He became a bishop in 1884, a cardinal in 1892 and was elected pope in 1903. He died in 1914, soon after the outbreak of World War I.

His recommendations and encyclicals reflect his pastoral background: he advocated frequent communion for adults, sacramental preparation for children and instruction in catechism for everyone. In his concern for his for the church in a rapidly changing world, he issued a decree against writers holding modernist ideas in philosophy and theology and wrote an encyclical condemning modernism in all its manifestations. He was canonized in 1954.

(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 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 names new members to the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope names new members to the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences - 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!!!

- ✠ Registration for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation is now open. Registration forms are available at the parish office;
- ✠ August 16, Sunday after the 12:15pm Mass, CWL is inviting all parishioners to join them in their Picnic;
- ✠ If you live around the area of Flemingdon Park and attending Mass at St. John XXIII Parish and have not registered as parishioner, we encourage you to register. Registration form is available in the foyer.



≈ Did you know??? ≈

The **ORDER OF MASS** (continuation)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. As the ministers prepare the altar, representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for these gifts and places them on the altar, the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice. In addition to the bread and wine, monetary gifts for the support of the Church and the care of the poor may be brought forward. The Prayer over the Offerings concludes this preparation and disposes all for the Eucharistic Prayer.

- **Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar**
- **Prayer over the Offerings**
- **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this prayer, the celebrant acts in the person of Christ as head of his body, the Church. He gathers not only the bread and the wine, but the substance of our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.

- Preface

The introductory dialogue, establishes that this prayer of the baptized and ordained, is offered in the presence of God, and has thanksgiving as its central focus. Following this dialogue, the celebrant begins the Preface.

To be continued.....

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

Pope Francis: "Jesus and the Canaanite woman."

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

This Sunday's Gospel (see Mt 15:21-28) describes the meeting between Jesus and the Canaanite woman. Jesus is to the north of Galilee, in foreign territory. The woman was not Jewish, she was Canaanite. Jesus is there to spend some time with His disciples away from the crowds, from the crowds whose numbers are always growing. And behold, a woman approached Him seeking help for her sick daughter: "Have mercy on me, Lord!" (v. 22). It is the cry that is born out of a life marked by suffering, from the sense of the helplessness of a mamma who sees her daughter tormented by evil who cannot be healed; she cannot heal her. Jesus initially ignores her, but this mother insists; she insists, even when the Master says to the disciples that His mission is directed only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24) and not to the pagans. She continues to beg Him, and at that point, He puts her to the test, citing a proverb. It's a bit...this seems almost a bit cruel, but she puts her to the test: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs" (v. 26). And right away, the woman, quick, anguished, responds: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (v. 27).

And with these words, that mother shows that she has perceived the goodness of the Most High God present in Jesus who is open to any of His creatures necessities. And this wisdom, filled with trust, touches Jesus's heart and provokes words of admiration: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (v. 28). What type of faith is great? Great faith is that which brings its own story, marked even by wounds, and brings it to the Lord's feet asking Him to heal them, to give them meaning. Each one of us has our own story and it is not always a story "of export", it is not always a clean story... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain, many misfortunes and many sins. What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" **Click this to read more-** [https:// www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2020/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20200816.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2020/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20200816.html)