

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 17 Aug 2025



JESUS said to his disciples,
“I came to bring
fire to the earth,
and how I wish it
were already
kindled!”

Luke 12.49

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. Pius X Aug 21st

Pray for us.

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



"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you but rather division." "From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two, and two against three." Luke 12:51-52

Jesus Said to his Disciples: ***"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindred! I have a Baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed."***

What is the fire that Jesus is talking about? And what is the Baptism?

Ever since the Sin of Adam, human beings have been caught up in a strong tag of war; We are call to prefer God before all else, but we are involved in a relenting urge for the self and thirst for the created. The fire refers to this anguish, in which an individual goes through, as he or she makes the "fundamental choice for God." Human beings responding to God, with all their hearts, with all their mind, with all their Soul and with all their strength.

Jesus, in the chapters of St Luke, we've been reading is resolutely focused on Jerusalem, where his final self-giving sacrifice to the Father would win us back to God.

Jesus, called this "self-giving sacrifice, "His Baptism;" Remember his question to James and John, the sons of Zebedee; ***"Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"*** Jesus calls his passion, death and resurrection, his Baptism. This is God's act to rescue us and to save us.

For Jesus like Jeremiah in the first reading, his choice is God and he is determined to be faithful to His Mission; As disciples of Christ, focused to the Mission given by God, our choice for God can never be popular; Standing for the values of the Kingdom of God challenges others and may even disturb their peace. Jesus predicts disunity even in households; ***"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you but rather division." "From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two, and two against three."***

Two Sundays ago, in the parable of the Rich Man, we witnessed how quickly a human being, in an egoistic concern for the self, can eliminate God and neighbor from his world view. In Christ Jesus we witness the generosity of God at work; He is Emanuel; the very Presence of God among his people.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

480. What does the Lord ask of every person in regard to peace? ²³⁰²⁻²³⁰³ The Lord proclaimed “Blessed are the peacemakers” (Matthew 5:9). He called for peace of heart and denounced the immorality of anger which is a desire for revenge for some evil suffered. He also denounced hatred which leads one to wish evil on one’s neighbor. These attitudes, if voluntary and consented to in matters of great importance, are mortal sins against charity.

481. What is peace in this world? ²³⁰⁴⁻²³⁰⁵ Peace in this world, which is required for the respect and development of human life, is not simply the absence of war or a balance of power between adversaries. It is “the tranquility of order” (Saint Augustine), “the work of justice” (Isaiah 32:17) and the effect of charity. Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ.

482. What is required for earthly peace? ^{2304, 2307-2308} Earthly peace requires the equal distribution and safeguarding of the goods of persons, free communication among human beings, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of justice and fraternity.

483. When is it morally permitted to use military force? ²³⁰⁷⁻²³¹⁰ The use of military force is morally justified when the following conditions are simultaneously present:

- the suffering inflicted by the aggressor must be lasting, grave and certain;
- all other peaceful means must have been shown to be ineffective;
- there are well founded prospects of success;
- the use of arms, especially given the power of modern weapons of mass destruction, must not produce evils graver than the evil to be eliminated.

484. In danger of war, who has the responsibility for the rigorous evaluation of these conditions? ²³⁰⁹ This responsibility belongs to the prudential judgment of government officials who also have the right to impose on citizens the obligation of national defense. The personal right to conscientious objection makes an exception to this obligation which should then be carried out by another form of service to the human community.

[To read more click the link-- Compendium of the Catechism of the](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 16, 5:15PM Vigil Mass

+ Emilia Sunga

Aug 17 -Sun- 9:00AM + Arcadio & Luz de Guia

12:15PM + Miroslaw Dutczak

5:30 PM No Mass

Aug 18-Mon,7:00 PM +Francesca & Pietro Gulli
Thanksgiving of Mary Ylagan

Aug 19-Tue,9:00PM Thanksgiving of Rhoel Patag
Safe travel of Aurelia Arevado

Aug 20-Wed 7:00PM + Julie Costales
Thanksgiving of Hernandez Family

Aug 21-Thu,9:00PM + A. KamalRaj

Aug 22-Fri,7:00PM + Julie Costales

Aug 23 -Sat,9:00am + Avelina Molina

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention

Aug 16–22, 2025

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

WORD OF THE WEEK

Peace

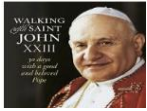
“Peace” is a biblical term. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for peace is shalom. Literally, it means “to be complete or whole” (Mauro Rodriguez, New Catholic Encyclopedia, 11, 37). Shalom is used in many different ways in the Old Testament. It can mean general prosperity or well-being (Gen. 15:15; Ps. 4:8), safety or success (2 Sam. 11:7; 18:29), harmony among friends and family members (Zech. 6:13); and harmony among nations (1 Kgs. 4:24; 5:12). When used as a greeting or as a blessing (as it was and is used by Hebrew speakers) it conveys the notion that one is wishing all good things to the person addressed (2 Sam 15:9).

A Primer on Peace | Catholic Answers Magazine

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."





"A peaceful man does more good than a learned one."

St. 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 preparations for children and instruction in catechism for everyone. In his concern 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.

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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 !!!



Pope: Stop war in Ukraine and hunger in Gaza, may hostages be freed

To read more, click this link >>> ['Pope: Stop war in Ukraine and hunger in Gaza, may hostages be freed - Vatican News](#)



FRANK CARDINAL LEO AWARDED KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL
Monday, August 11, 2025



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

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

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

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Announcements!!!

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

✠ Reminders for Parents with Grade 2 child to register in the First Holy Communion and Grade 7 and up for Confirmation;

✠ On September 13th, Matthew Tulio will be ordained as Transitional Diaconate at St. Michael Cathedral. Remember him in your prayers;





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

MASS (Eucharist)

First Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

The three Sacraments of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist—together form the process of sacramental initiation into the Church. If this will be your First Holy Communion, it will mark your wonderful beginning of sharing at the table of the Lord with the whole Church at your local parish.

Our parishes offer our families sacramental preparation that prepares them for First Holy Communion. The preparation process takes place usually around seven years of age or otherwise as determined by the pastor. Whether or not their children attend a Catholic school, the parents are to register their family for the preparation at their parish.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **My child attends a Catholic school. My family goes to Mass at our local parish. Who is responsible for preparing my child for First Communion, the school or the parish?** **The parents and the parish are responsible for your child's preparation for the First Holy Communion, with help from our Catholic schools. To prepare for First Holy Communion you are to register your family in your local parish.**

If you are not attending a parish currently, we warmly invite you to participate in the Mass on Sundays with one of our many parish families.

2. **Why is this preparation held in the parish and not the school?**

The immediate preparation for the celebration of the sacraments is the responsibility of the parents and the parish.

3. **Why are parents involved in the process?**

Children to the faith of the parents are like sponges to water. At baptism the point about the parents' and godparents' responsibility to pass on the faith of the Church is clear as day in the symbol of the lighting of the candle from the paschal candle at Baptism. The Church involves parents in the faith of their family from the start, because parents are called to be "the first preachers of the faith" to their children.[1]

The parents "are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their off-spring",[2] as St. Augustine once said that parents are called "not only to bring children into the world but also to bring them to God".[3] For this reason the Church calls the Christian family "the domestic church" (CCC: 1655-1658; Compendium: 350), as Pope John Paul II reminds us in the words of Pope Paul VI:[4]

"The family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. In a family which is conscious of this mission, all the members evangelize and are evangelized. The parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but from their children they can themselves receive the same Gospel as deeply lived by them. And such a family becomes the evangelizer of many other families, and of the neighbourhood of which it forms a part."

4. **Why is there a cost associated with this preparation?** While there is absolutely no fee associated with the Sacrament of Eucharist, our parish families help cover such expenses as program materials, refreshments, and so on, through voluntary donations. **To read more click this link [Archdiocese of Toronto - Sacraments & Sacramentals - Home](#)**

