

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23 AUG 2026



Jesus said to them:

“But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16.16

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 2026-2027 is in the months of **August and September 2026**

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up
registration for 2026-2027 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-

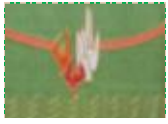
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St. Bartholomew Aug. 24th

“Here is a true child of Israel. There is no guile in him.”



Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. *Psalm 138*

First Reading (Isaiah 22.15, 19-23)

Thus says the Lord God of Hosts: Go to the steward to Shebna, who is master of the household, and say to him:

“I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post. On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

“I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to the house of his ancestors.”

Second Reading (Romans 11.33-36)

O the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?” “Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Gospel according to Matthew 16.13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of the Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**I Believe in God the Father
The Symbols of Faith**

Cont....

43. What does it mean to believe in only one God? 222-227, 229

To believe in the one and only God involves coming to know his greatness and majesty. It involves living in thanksgiving and trusting always in him, even in adversity. It involves knowing the unity and true dignity of all human beings, created in his image. It involves making good use of the things which he has created.

44. What is the central mystery of Christian faith and life? 232-237

The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

45. Can the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity be known by the light of human reason alone? 237

God has left some traces of his trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries.

46. What did Jesus Christ reveal to us about the mystery of the Father? 240-242

Jesus Christ revealed to us that God is "Father", not only insofar as he created the universe and the mankind, but above all because he eternally generated in his bosom the Son who is his Word, "the radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature" (Hebrews 1:3).

47. Who is the Holy Spirit revealed to us by Jesus Christ? 243-248

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He "proceeds from the Father" (John 15:26) who is the principle without a principle and the origin of all trinitarian life. He proceeds also from the Son (*Filioque*) by the eternal Gift which the Father makes of him to the Son. Sent by the Father and the Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church "to know all truth" (John 16:13).

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 22, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** + Helmut Bruckmuller
+ Julian Garcia

Aug 23- **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM + Dennis Edquiban
12:15 PM + Joseph Rival Cruz
5:30 PM + The Parishioners

Aug 24, Mon, 7:0015 + Emilia and Crispulo Sunga

Aug 25, Tues, 9:00AM + Mary Anne Gregory

Aug 26, Wed, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Olivia Benn
+ All Souls in Purgatory

Aug 27, Thu, 9:00AM Thanksgiving of Fely Lazaga

Aug 28, Fri, 7:00PM + Belle Dujua

Aug 29, Sat, 9:00AM Intention of CWL

7-day Vigil Lamp – August 22-28, 2026

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

WORD OF THE WEEK

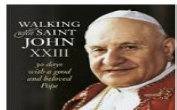
"CHRIST"

The word "Christ" comes from Greek translation of the Hebrew Messiah, which means "*Anointed*". It became the name proper to Jesus only because he accomplished perfectly the divine mission that "Christ" signifies. In effect, in Israel those consecrated to God for a mission that he gave were anointed in his name. This was the case for kings, for priests and, in rare instances, for prophets. The angel announced to the shepherds, "To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is *Christ the Lord*." CCC 436-437

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. Bartholomew Aug 24th

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and the Acts of the Apostles count Bartholomew as one of the 12 apostles, associating his name with Philip. John's Gospel links the name Nathaniel with Philip and never mentions Bartholomew. Apart from that, we know little about him.

Some scholars identify the apostle Bartholomew with Nathaniel, a solution supported by the fact that Bartholomew could be a surname ('bar Tolomai,' son of Tolomai) and Nathaniel a given name; Nathaniel Bartholomew, if so, then Nathaniel was the man in whom the Lord saw 'no guile' and one who was among the apostles when the risen Lord appeared by the Sea of Galilee.

What is certain is that Bartholomew left everything to follow Jesus, becoming his disciple, friend and an apostle entrusted with the continuation of his mission.

(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 Leo XIV: In age of AI, the family is the first school of humanity

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo XIV: In age of AI, the family is the first school of humanity - Vatican News](#)



HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL FRANK LEO SPEAKS TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

Wednesday, August 19, 2026



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

<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;**
- ✚ **If you have Mass Intention, you can email the office to book your intention and your preferred date;**
- ✚ **If you are new to the parish or a parishioner who have not register, we encourage your to register. The registration form is available in the foyer, fill it up and submit to the Office.**

≈ Did you know??? ≈

The **ORDER OF MASS** (continuation)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

• 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.

- 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. Dialogue of praise with "Holy, Holy, Holy"

-Epiclesis:

Invocation of the Holy Spirit to transform the gifts.

-Institution of Narrative and Consecration:

The priest recites Jesus' words at the Last Supper; the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ (**Transubstantiation**).

-Anamnesis and Offering:

Memorial of Christ's Passion and Resurrection, offering the sacrifice for the living and dead. The Mystery of Faith is recited at this point.

-Intercessions and Doxology:

Concluding prayers lifting the gifts to God, ending with the Great Amen.

• Communion Rite

-The Lord's Prayer: recited communally as preparation

-Sign of Peace: Symbolic Exchange emphasizing reconciliation

-Lamb of God: Lamb of God sung as the bread is broken

-Communion: Faithful receive Christ's Body, responding "AMEN"

-Prayers after Communion: Gratitude and petition that Eucharist bears fruit in daily life.

To be continued.....

[To read more click this link](#) [Order of Mass | USCCB](#)
[The Complete Guide to the Catholic Mass: Every Part](#)

Homily of His Holiness John Paul II for the
 inauguration of his Pontificate, St. Peter's Sq, Sunday,
 22 October 1978

1. **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16).** These words were spoken by Simon, son of Jonah, in the district of Caesarea Philippi. Yes, he spoke them with his own tongue, with a deeply lived and experienced conviction—but it is not in him that they find their source, their origin: "...because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven" (Mt 16:17). They were the words of Faith.

These words mark the beginning of Peter's mission in the history of salvation, in the history of the People of God. From that moment, from that confession of Faith, the sacred history of salvation and of the People of God was bound to take on a new dimension: to express itself in the historical dimension of the Church.

This ecclesial dimension of the history of the People of God takes its origin, in fact is born, from these words of faith, and is linked to the man who uttered them: "You are Peter—the rock—and on you, as on a rock, I will build my Church."

2. *On this day and in this place these same words must again be uttered and listened to:* "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yes, Brothers and sons and daughters, these words first of all.

Their content reveals to our eyes the mystery of the living God, the mystery to which the Son has brought us close. Nobody, in fact, has brought the living God as close to men and revealed him as he alone did. In our knowledge of God, in our journey towards God, we are totally linked to the power of these words: "He who sees me sees the Father." He who is infinite, inscrutable, ineffable, has come close to us in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary in the stable at Bethlehem.

[Click this to read more-](#) [Pope St. John Paul II Inaugural Homily \(Sunday, 22 October 1978\) | Heirs of Peter](#)