

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 07 Sep 2025

JESUS said to them,



**“Whoever does
not carry their
cross and follow
me cannot be my
disciple.”**

Luke 14.25

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

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St. Peter Claver Sep 9th

Pray for us.

**“Seek God in all things and
you shall find God by your
side.”**



“If anyone comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters; even his own Life, he cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:25

“For who can learn the Counsel of God?” “Or who can discern what the Lord wills?” ... “Who has learned his counsel, unless given Wisdom by him and sent his Holy Spirit from on high?”

This Sunday, the author of the book of Wisdom, again, is calling on the people of God, to a realization of how blessed they were to have, the knowledge of the One True God. The author, reflects on God’s own revelation to his people and acknowledged the limitations of a Soul. He exalts, in the realization of being given the power by God, who is his Creator and Father; ***“And thus, the paths of those on earth are set right and people are taught what pleases Him, and are saved.”***

The Power in God’s wisdom is always present in all ages and times. This Power has a single purpose of illumining people, as they encounter God, in His Generous Revelation of Himself to humanity. Listen to the words of our Catholic Catechism. reminding us of the finality of God’s Revelation; # 65 ***“In many and various ways God spoke of old to our Fathers by the Prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son.”*** (Heb. 1:1-3)

Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father’s one, perfect, and unsurpassable Word. In him, God has said everything; and there will be no other word than this one.

St. John of the Cross, among others, commenting on this says, *“In giving us his Son, his only Word, for he possesses no other, he spoke everything to us at once in this single Word ... and he has no more to say ... because what he spoke before to the Prophets in part, he has now spoken all at once by giving us “the All,” who is His Son.*

The Saint continues, any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behavior but also of offending him, by not fixing his eyes entirely upon Jesus.” Christ Jesus is the mediator and fullness of God’s Revelation, and every disciple is called to accept him.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus teaches his disciples on the cost of discipleship; The cost of following him! ***“If anyone comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters; even his own Life, he cannot be my disciple.”***

The call is for “The Choice of God;” The call demands detachment, in order to fully embrace God. This is the wisdom of the wise planner, who has weighed in, the cost and made resolve to pursue building a tower with a firm foundation; His choice is God, who is all in all; and pursues him, with all his heart, with his soul, with all his mind and with all his strength.

Our choice for God, many times, like in the case of Christ, may mean a cross. We need God’s strength to do his Will. **Let us pray with St. Neumann; “Dear Lord, flood my Soul with your Spirit and Life. Penetrate and possess my whole being. Shine through me, that others may feel your Presence in my Soul. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shiniest.” Amen.**



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

II THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

1812. The human virtues are rooted in the theological virtues, which adapt man's faculties for participation in the divine nature:⁷⁶ for the theological virtues relate directly to God. They dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. They have the One and Triune God for their origin, motive, and object.

1813. The theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity.⁷⁷

Faith

1814. Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself. By faith "man freely commits his entire self to God."⁷⁸ For this reason the believer seeks to know and do God's will. "The righteous shall live by faith." Living faith "work(s) through charity."⁷⁹

1815. The gift of faith remains in one who has not sinned against it.⁸⁰ But "faith apart from works is dead":⁸¹ when it is deprived of hope and love, faith does not fully unite the believer to Christ and does not make him a living member of his Body.

1816. The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: "All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks."⁸² Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: "So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."⁸³

To read more click the link-- Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 06, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** + Julie Costales

Sep 07 -Sun- 9:00AM + Rodolfo Rojas Sr.

12:15PM The Parishioners

5:30 PM + Alfred & Ethelda Puncion

Sep 08-Mon, 10:00 AM + Stephen Josep

Thanksgiving of Mary Ylagan

Sep 09-Tue,9:00PM Intention of Tess Garcia for
Chloe Claveria

Sep 10-Wed 7:00PM + Glicerio delos Santos

Sep 11-Thu,9:00PM + A. KamalRaj

Sep 12-Fri,7:00PM + Julie Costales

Intention of Marieta for the B-day- Jasmine Labrador

Sep 13-Sat,9:00AM Thanksgiving of Pamintuan Fam

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention

Sep 6-12, 2025

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Gemma Cabungcal
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Mary Ylagan

WORD OF THE WEEK

Disciple

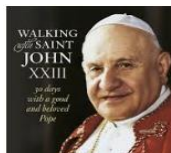
A personal follower of Jesus during his life, especially on the twelve Apostles.

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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention - September 2025 - For our relationship with all of creation

"Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."





"Christ's flock is made up of sheep that not only listen to their shepherd, but are also able to recognize his voice, to follow him, faithfully and with full awareness, on the pastures of eternal life." **St. John XXIII**

St. Peter Claver Sep 9th

Born near Barcelona, Spain, 1580, St. Peter Claver joined the Jesuits in 1600. Inspired by St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, Peter resolved to work in the missions in the New World and was sent to Cartagena in South America, then the center of the slave trade. There, Peter tended to newly arrived Africans with food, water and medicine. For nearly 40 years, he ministered tirelessly to the slaves and pleaded for their humane treatment. In 1654, ill and neglected by his religious brothers, Peter Claver died. He was canonized in 1888. He is a patron of Colombia and of all missions of black peoples.

Living with Christ -Sep 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 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 to Israeli President: Urgent ceasefire and aid for Gaza

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope to Israeli President: Urgent ceasefire and aid for Gaza](#)
- Vatican News



A CALL TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Monday, September 01, 2025



FRANK CARDINAL LEO APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF VATICAN'S DICASTERY FOR THE CLERGY

Thursday, August 28, 2025



CLOSE TO 4,000 JOIN ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE

Monday, August 25, 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;
- ✚ 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



Martyrs' Shrine

St. John XXIII Parish Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

All Parishioners are invited to join our
Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

on October 4th, 2025 to
Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ontario

Email the parish office to sign up:

Departure Time from St. John XXIII Parish- **7am**

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



Prayers for our parishioners who died recently:

**Cristina Soriano, Antonio Dequito,
Elenida Donado,
Frank Pinto, Julieta Costales**

May their souls rest in peace and share the heavenly banquet.



OUR FAITH

Sacraments

MASS (Eucharist)

In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ, the Risen Saviour, meets us visibly and personally in the power of the Holy Spirit. Cardinal Collins puts it this way:

Frequently Asked Questions*continuation*

6. Why are members of other ecclesial communities not invited to receive the Eucharist?

Eucharistic communion is reserved to those who are in the fullness of ecclesial communion with the Catholic Church since we cannot separate the mystery of the Church from the mystery of the Eucharist.

We earnestly pray to the Lord for complete unity among all God's faithful, and we thank God for bringing you to our midst.

7. Does watching The Sunday Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation? No. The Church obliges the faithful to be present and take part in the Mass on Sundays whether or not the faithful receive the Most Holy Sacrament. (CCC: 1389) For those who wish to receive Communion and cannot be present at Mass due to sickness or otherwise, they may request a priest or deacon or an extraordinary minister to bring Communion to them at their homes.[4]

8. Can I have a Mass in a park or in my home or a place not in the Church? The Archdiocese of Toronto does not endorse Masses celebrated in a private home. "The celebration of the Eucharist is to be carried out in a sacred place, unless in a particular case necessity requires otherwise. In this case the celebration must be in a decent place." (Code of Canon Law, c.932) Note that "it is never lawful for a priest to celebrate in a temple or sacred place of any non-Christian religion".[5] For more detail please consult [Celebration of Holy Mass Outside of a Sacred Space Protocol](#).

9. My organization is holding a picnic and would like permission to have a Mass celebrated in the park before the picnic starts. The public celebration of Holy Mass outside of a sacred space (i.e. Church or Chapel) requires the permission of the Archbishop of Toronto in all cases. Please refer to the [Protocol](#).

10. Why do we stand, sit, and kneel at various times in the Mass? In the Mass the Church is at prayer. Prayer involves our entire being. We can pray through our actions such as our gesture and body position.[6] Kneeling and standing, for example, carry profound meanings in worship.[7]

11. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist? Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles. (Compendium, 272)

12. What is the meaning of transubstantiation? A wonderful change of the ordinary bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ takes place during the Church's eucharistic prayer through the efficacious word of Christ and by the action of the Holy Spirit. (Compendium, 283) This is a mystery of faith. "Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity." (CCC: 1413)

13. I have celiac disease? What do I do?

In consultation with your parish priest and your physician, there are at least two options: 1. you may receive a "low-gluten" host if available, or 2. you may receive Holy Communion from the chalice, instead of the host. Make sure that you refrain from drinking from the priest's chalice because of the small amount of the host in the wine under the fraction rite.

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

