

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 28 Sep 2025

“As for you, man of God; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.”

Timothy 6.11

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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. Lawrence Ruiz & companions Sep 25th

Pray for us.

*“I am a Catholic and
accept wholeheartedly
to die for God.”*



“Is there anyone poor among you, one of your brothers, in any town of yours in the land which Yahweh, your God is giving you. Do not harden your heart or close your hand against that poor brother of yours. Be open handed with Him and lend enough for his needs.” Deut. 15:7-8

Last Sunday, Prophet Amos in the 1st Reading cried out against those who exploited the needy for the sake of profit and greed.

He warned merchants who carefully abide to the Laws governing the Sabbath yet took every opportunity to manipulate weighing machines to maximize profit; The Lord had sworn by the pride of Jacob, Amos warned, never would he forget a thing they have done!

In this Sunday’s 1st Reading, Prophet Amos, warns against those who are at ease, those who feel secure; those who are not grieved over the ruin of others.

“Woe to those complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from their flock, ... They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; ... yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!” Now, they shall be the first to go to the exile!” **Amos 6:4-7**

Concern and response to neighbors’ misfortunes is the responsibility and a blessing of the one who is rich in the ways of the Lord!

In today’s Gospel Reading Jesus gives us the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. The two had lived and died; both achieved different destinies; Lazarus was blessed to be at the bosom of Abraham while the rich man was buried and in Hades.

The parable dealt with a failure to recognize what was truly good, and a failure to “awaken” and respond to the good. The rich man’s wealth made him insensitive to the demands of the law of the Covenant; It demanded sharing one’s goods with the poor; like the one, who too close to him for his notice; one who longed to be filled from what fell from his table. Lazarus was not worth much in his eyes, and the rich man had forgotten the teachings of Moses; *“Is there anyone poor among you, one of your brothers, in any town of yours in the land which Yahweh, your God is giving you. Do not harden your heart or close your hand against that poor brother of yours. Be open handed with Him and lend enough for his needs.”* **Deut. 15:7-8**

Of course, the rich man was also a child of God with inherent dignity, but that dignity didn’t come from his wealth and possessions. It came from the truth, that he had been created in the Image of God. Consequently, he could not disregard those created in the Image of God.

This rich man, was not only extravagant, he was an empty hearted man in this world and life in Hades, only brought to light the truth already present in this life.

The story would have ended then, but the rich man asked Abraham not only for a favor but also for a sign; he asked if Lazarus would be sent as a warning to his brothers.

The words of Abraham, suggest that the situation of his brothers was equally hopeless; they were equally locked into their selfishness and were as heedless as he was, in their lives on earth. They would not convert on the basis of hearing the Scripture; and they would not convert even if someone were to come back to life.

And Abraham was right; After Jesus had raised Lazarus of Bethany in St. John’s Gospel and after many people had come to believe in Christ, the Chief Priest and the Pharisees called a meeting in which they decided not only to kill Jesus but Lazarus too.

The miracle for them did not lead to faith, but to a hardening of heart.

Equally, when our Salvation was confirmed in the Resurrection of Christ, the Elders of People conspired with the soldiers;

“This is what you must say, “his disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep. And should the governor come to hear about it, we undertake to put things right with him, and see that you do not get into trouble.” **Mt 28:13-14**



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

VI Love for the Poor

2443. God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay."²³¹ It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones.²³² When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is the sign of Christ's presence.²³³

2444. "The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor.²³⁴ Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to "be able to give to those in need."²³⁵ It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty.²³⁶

2445. Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use:

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you.²³⁷

2446. St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. the goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."²³⁸ "The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity".²³⁹

When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice.²⁴⁰

[Part Three Section Two The Ten Commandments Chapter Two You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself Article](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 27, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Noel Apolinar

Sep 28 -Sun- 9:00AM + The Parishioners

12:15PM + Hermigilda Culig

5:30 PM + Editha Pan Delloro

Sep 29-Mon, 7:00 PM + Mariano Cayetano

Sep 30-Tue,9:00PM + Khatun Amarshi

Healing for Jennifer W. Reyes

Oct 01-Wed 7:00PM Thanksgiving for successful Surgery of Cora de Villa

Oct 02- Thu,9:00PM + A. Kamalraj

Oct 03-Fri,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Nelia Alzate

Oct 04-Sat,9:00AM Thanksgiving- Mary Ngui Taite

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Sep27-Oct 3,2025

Sanctuary--- + Conchita & Leoncio Ayala

Virgin Mary- + Nida Donado

WORDs OF THE WEEK

Poor in Spirit

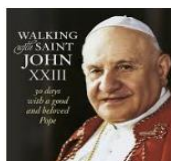
Someone poor in spirit is someone who lives in his spiritual life the way a man who is poor in body lives in his physical life. The physically poor man works each day to receive his bread. The spiritual poor man prays each day to receive spiritual nourishment from the Lord: "Give us this day our daily bread." The physically poor man does not have time for unnecessary distractions.

[What Does It Mean to Be Poor in Spirit? | Catholic Answers Magazine](#)

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."





"We must always remember that the social and economic conditions of the people are closely connected with the moral and spiritual conditions of the people." St. John XXIII

St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions *Sep 28th*

Between 1633 & 1637, St. Lorenzo Ruiz and 15 companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. Most group were members or associates of the Dominicans. Lorenzo, a husband and father, was a native of the Philippines. The group spent several years working as missionaries in the Philippines, Formosa (Taiwan) and Japan. Lorenzo Ruiz and his companions were canonized in 1987.

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 Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October - Vatican News](#)



CARDINAL LEO'S LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL ON NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND



CARDINAL FRANK LEO'S MESSAGE ON THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Thursday, September 18, 2025



IN CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
Thursday, September 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!!!

- 📅 Our Parish Pilgrimage to the Martyrs Shrine at Midland, Ontario is this coming Saturday, October 4th. Those who signed up the departure time is at 7AM;
- 📅 Reminders for Parents to submit the First Holy Communion and Confirmation form;
- 📅 Feast of St. Michael is on September 29th. The Novena is on going.
- 📅 Novena for the feast day of St. John XXIII starts October 2nd.





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

Departure Time from St. John XXIII Parish- 7am

Bring your snack and lunch

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, Omer Comeau

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



OUR FAITH

Sacraments

MARRIAGE

Sacrament of Matrimony

The liturgy of the Sacrament of Marriage in the Church is full of beautiful symbols and blessings. Discerning this sacrament as a divine calling for you is more crucial than one's consideration of many well-known social benefits of marriage. The Church believes and teaches marriage as "a special sacrament" for "the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity" [1] and "mutual help and service" between a baptized man and a baptized woman in the unique, life-long partnership of total and mutual self-giving love. Marriage and married love are by their nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring, so that a man and a woman by their union in Christ are "no longer two, but one flesh" (Matt. 19ff).[2]

[1] *Liturgy of the Sacrament of Marriage*.

[2] *Gaudium et Spes*, 48.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. We just got engaged! What should we do to get married in the Catholic Church?

Congratulations! The first step is to contact your local Catholic parish. If both of you are Catholic, you may contact either one of your parish priests. Your pastor will schedule a series of interviews with you both in order to prepare you pastorally for marriage.

2. Is completion of an approved marriage preparation program a requirement for getting married in the Catholic Church?

If you planned to be married in a parish within the Archdiocese of Toronto, yes, it is a requirement to complete an approved marriage preparation program.

3. How far in advance should the couple intending to be married speak to the pastor about their anticipated wedding date?

Couples should speak to their pastor at least twelve months in advance.

4. Is the celebration different if the bride or the groom isn't Catholic?

To maintain consistency across the Archdiocese of Toronto, it is a policy that no Eucharist be celebrated for marriages between a Catholic and a non-baptized person. The celebration of the Eucharist at marriages between a Catholic and a validly baptized non-Catholic is discouraged.

5. Can ministers of non-Catholic Christian communities take part in a Catholic wedding?

Yes, and you must consult your priest for the arrangement.

To read more click the link.... [Archdiocese of Toronto - Marriage](#)

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