

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 27 SEP 2026



**“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.”**

John 10.27

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World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Life Chain of Campaign for Life on October 4th at 2-3pm

Join us at Overlea Blvd and Thorncliffe Drive near Food Basics

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-

St. John XXIII Catholic School

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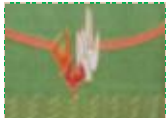
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St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions

Sep 28th

**“If I have a thousand lives....I
will still give them all to God.”**



Lord, be mindful of your mercy. *Psalm 25*

First Reading (Ezekiel 18.25-28)

Thus says the Lord: “You object, O House of Israel! You say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

“When the righteous person turns away from their righteousness and commits iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

“Again, when the wicked person turns from their wickedness they have committed and does what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because that person considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.”

Second Reading (Philippians 2.1-11)

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy then make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Gospel according to Matthew 21.28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I am going, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going in to the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

I Believe in God the Father

The Symbols of Faith

Cont...

68. Why does the human race form a unity? 360-361

All people form the unity of the human race by reason of the common origin which they have from God. God has made “from one ancestor all the nations of men” (Acts 17:26). All have but one Savior and are called to share in the eternal happiness of God.

69. How do the soul and body form a unity in the human being? 362-365 382

The human person is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. In man spirit and matter form one nature. This unity is so profound that, thanks to the spiritual principle which is the soul, the body which is material, becomes a living human body and participates in the dignity of the image of God.

70. Where does the soul come from? 366-368, 382

The spiritual soul does not come from one's parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.

71. What relationship has God established between man and woman? 369-373, 383

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. At the same time, they have been created in a reciprocal complementarity insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one *for* the other to form a communion of persons. They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony “one flesh” (*Genesis 2:24*). They are likewise called to subdue the earth as “stewards” of God.

72. What was the original condition of the human person according to the plan of God? 374-379, 384

In creating man and woman God had given them a special participation in his own divine life in holiness and justice. In the plan of God they would not have had to suffer or die. Furthermore, a perfect harmony held sway within the human person, a harmony between creature and Creator, between man and woman, as well as between the first human couple and all of creation.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 26, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** + The Parishioners

Sep 27, **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM + Sofia Tuanquin

12:15 PM + Noel Apolinar

Thanksgiving & Intention of SVdP Group

5:30 PM + Alfredo & Ethelda Puncion

Sep 28, Mon, 7:00PM + Eugenia T. Porte

+ Presentacion A. Badiang

Sep 29, Tues. 9:00AM +Tomas & Silvestra Decena

+ Cesar Mescallado

Sep 30, Wed, 7:00PM +Espie Intoy & + Lino Miguel

Oct 01, Thu, 9:00AM Thanksgiving of Sally Sunga

Oct 02, Fri, 7:00PM + Efil Adlie Fernandes

+Sebastian & Leopoldina Miranda

Oct 03, Sat,9:00AM Thanksgiving of Mary Chun Taite

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7-day Vigil Lamp— Sep 26-Oct 02, 2026

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

WORD OF THE WEEK

“KINGDOM OF GOD”

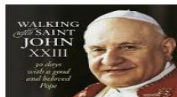
Kingdom of God (in Matthew, generally, KINGDOM OF HEAVEN). - In this expression the innermost teaching of the Old Testament is summed up, but it should be noted that the work kingdom means ruling as well; thus, it signifies not so much the actual kingdom as the sway of the king-
cf. the Chaldaic Hebrew: MLKVCH Dan., iv, 28-29. **To read more click this link:** [Kingdom of God | Catholic Answers Encyclopedia](#)

Church Father, Origen (1) wrote. “Those who pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God pray without any doubt for the Kingdom of God that they contain in themselves, and they pray that this kingdom might bear fruit and attain its fullness.” [What is the Kingdom of God? | Catholic](#)

Pope's Prayer Intention-SEPTEMBER 2026- For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Our Patron Saint...



"Before everything else, fidelity to the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Jesus did not found several churches, but one single Church." John XXIII

St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions Sep28th

Between 1633 and 1637, Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and 15 companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. Most of the 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 2026 ed.)

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope: May France remain a champion of peace and multilateralism

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope: May France remain a champion of peace and multilateralism - Vatican News](#)



ARCHDIOCESE TO SUPPORT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF IN NEPAL AND COLOMBIA

Tuesday, September 01, 2026



CANADA'S BISHOPS GATHER IN MONTREAL FOR ANNUAL PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, September 23, 2026



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

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

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

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCT 11th at the 12:00 nn MASS

- **Launching of the Year-long preparation for the 50th Foundation Anniversary of St. John XXIII Parish**
- **Installation of the New Pastor – Fr. Allan to be officiated by Bishop Kasun**

Announcements!!!

- ✠ Registration for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation is on going. Registration forms are available at the parish office;
- ✠ Novena in preparation for the feast day of St. John XXIII on October 11th starts on October 2nd. Join us it is recited before the Mass;
- ✠ If you are a parishioner and have not register or new to the parish, we encourage you to register. The registration form is available in the foyer. Submit it to the Office or give to Fr. Allan next time you come to church.



≈ Did you know??? ≈

The ORDER OF MASS *(continuation)*

Q&A on the MASS

361. What are the purposes for which the Mass is offered?

The purposes for which the Mass is offered are: first, to adore God as our Creator and Lord; second, to thank God for His many favors; third, to ask God to bestow His blessings on all men; fourth, to satisfy the justice of God for the sins committed against Him.

- (a) In every Mass adoration, praise, and thanksgiving are given to God, and reparation is made to Him.
- (b) Besides the purpose for which the Mass is offered and the effects that it produces, there are also special fruits of the Mass. The fruits Of the Mass are the blessings that God bestows through the Mass upon the celebrant, upon those who serve or assist at it, upon the person or persons for whom it is offered, and also upon all mankind, especially the members of the Church and the souls in purgatory.
- (c) The measure of these blessings depends especially on the dispositions of those to whom they are given.

362. Is there any difference between the sacrifice of the cross and the Sacrifice of the Mass?

The manner in which the sacrifice is offered is different. On the cross Christ physically shed His blood and was physically slain, while in the Mass there is no physical shedding of blood nor physical death, because Christ can die no more; on the cross Christ gained merit and satisfied for us, while in the Mass He applies to us the merits and satisfaction of His death on the cross.

(a) On the cross Christ was offered in a bloody manner; in the Mass He is offered in an unbloody manner. On the cross Christ alone offered Himself directly; in the Mass He offers Himself through the priest, who is the secondary but true minister, dependent upon Christ. **To be continued.....**

[To read more click the link below: Q&A on the Mass | EWTN](#)

Pope Francis

St. Peter's Square

Sunday, 27 September 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In my land we say: “A good face in bad weather”. With this “good face” I say Good Morning to you. With his preaching on the Kingdom of God, Jesus opposes a religiosity that does not involve human life, that does not question the conscience and its responsibility in the face of good and evil. He also demonstrates this with the parable of the two sons, which is offered to us in the Gospel of Matthew (cf. 21:28-32). To the father’s invitation to go and work in the vineyard, the first son impulsively responds “no, I’m not going”, but then he repents and goes; instead the second son, who immediately replies “yes, yes dad”, does not actually do so; he doesn’t go. Obedience does not consist in saying “yes” or “no”, but always in taking action, in cultivating the vineyard, in bringing about the Kingdom of God, in doing good. With this simple example, Jesus wants to go beyond a religion understood only as an external and habitual practice, which does not affect people’s lives and attitudes, a superficial religiosity, merely “ritual”, in the ugly sense of the word.

The exponents of this “façade” of religiosity, of which Jesus disapproves, in that time were “the chief priests and the elders of the people” (Mt 21:23), who, according to the Lord’s admonition, will be preceded in the Kingdom of God by “tax collectors and prostitutes” (cf. v. 31). Jesus tells them: “the tax collectors, meaning the sinners, and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you”. This affirmation must not lead us to think that those who do not follow God’s commandments, those who do not follow morality, saying, “In any case, those who go to Church are worse than us”, do well. No, this is not Jesus’ teaching. [Click this link to read more- Angelus, 27 September 2020](#)



**Message on the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel
27 September 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

I am writing to you today in anticipation of our Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Readings for the Mass of St. Michael, *Michaelmas*, include the Book of Revelation, which presents us with a striking image of a battle between the Archangel and his angels against the dragon (Rev 12:7-12). At first glance, this celestial battle may seem removed from our daily lives, but in reality, it names a truth all too familiar; that is, wherever people live and work together, and especially those who belong to Christ through faith, there are forces that seek to divide, distort, and unsettle.

St. Michael's witness reminds us that peace, unity and harmony are not automatic. They require vigilance and cooperation with God's grace. We are called to resist quick judgments, refuse the temptation to reduce others to their faults and remain committed to what is true even when it is not easy. We recognize the "authority of His Anointed" and give "testimony" to His love with our lives (Rev 12:10-11).

The name "Michael," which means "Who is like God?", is a declaration of a fundamental and foundational truth, a reminder that God is the measure of all things. We are challenged to tune out the various noises — competing voices, opinions and ideologies — and intentionally discern the things of God. Our discernment is not a process of simply collecting perspectives or negotiating outcomes. It is needed for growth. We know that not every voice leads to truth. Not every spirit leads to God (cf. CCC 2847). The truth of the Gospel is something we receive, not something we create, it forms our identity and marks our destiny.

We do not invent our own path all alone but rather discern it in fidelity, in community and walk along it in hope. In this regard, St. Michael stands as our guardian not only of the Church's safety (cf. Dan 12:1), but of her very identity. We journey through life together as a community of faith, under the protection of the heavenly hosts, sustained by grace, guided by the Holy Spirit and defended against all that would seek to fracture our unity.

St. Michael is often depicted as restoring order against chaos. I invite us to consider how we might work together to do the same in our lives — at home, at work, indeed wherever we find ourselves. Our feast offers both clarity and encouragement, reminding us that the life we share is shaped by more than circumstance; it is part of a larger spiritual reality that calls for humility before God, fidelity to what is true and a steadfast commitment to God and one another.

I would like to renew my invitation once again this year to join me in praying the Novena to St. Michael with a special intention: the fruitfulness and successful implementation of the new Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan, which begins to unfold this fall so that we may be ever more faithful, attentive, generous and giving to the Lord and to others according to the vocation we have received and after the manner of Our Lady of Cana.

St. Michael the Archangel, our patron saint, pray for us.

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