

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 29 Sep 2024

**“Bless the Lord,
all you his angels,
mighty in power,
fulfilling his word,
and heeding his
voice.”**
Psalm 103 (102) 9:38



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 is in the months of September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

Parish School-

St. John XXIII Catholic School

175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7

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World Day of Migrants and Refugees

**We are to respond with both justice
and fair treatment.**

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

St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Sep 29th

Pray for us.

**“Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.”**



“What are the angels, then? They are spirits who serve God and are sent by him to help those who are to receive salvation.” Hebrews 1:14



The three Archangel Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only Angels named in the Sacred Scripture and all these three have important roles in the History of our Salvation.

St. Michael is the Prince of the Heavenly Host, the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for **“Who is like God?”** and was the battle cry of the good angels against Lucifer and his followers when they rebelled against God. He is mentioned four times in the Bible; In the book of Daniel chapter ten and twelve, in the Letter of Jude, and the Book of Revelation. Michael, whose forces cast down Lucifer and the evil spirit into hell, is invoked for the protection against Satan and all evil. Pope Leo XIII, in 1899, having had a prophetic vision of the evil that would be inflicted upon the Church and the world in the 20th Century, instituted a prayer asking for St. Michael’s protection to be said at the end of every Mass.

The Catholic Church has four distinct roles for Archangel Michael; He is the Supreme enemy of Satan and the fallen angels. He is the Christian Angel of death; at the hour of death, St Michael descends and gives every soul the chance to redeem itself before passing. The third role of Archangel Michael is that of weighing souls in his perfect balanced scale on judgement day.

St. Michael is the Guardian of the Church.

“I am Gabriel, who stand before God.” (Luke 1, 19) Archangel Gabriel, whose name means **“God’s Strength,”** is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel’s two mentions in the New Testament; to announce the Birth of John the Baptist to his Father Zacharias, and the most important at the peak of Human History was to announce the Incarnation of the Son of God in the womb of Mary. Tradition suggests that, it is Gabriel who also appeared to St. Joseph and to the Shepherds of Bethlehem. He is also said to be the one who strengthen Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

“I am Raphael, one of the Seven, who stand before the Lord,” (Tobit 12:15) Archangel Raphael, whose name means **“God has healed”** is the Angel of God’s Healing Power and act of mercy. His role is derived from his healing of Tobias’ blindness in the Book of Tobit. Raphael is mentioned only in the Book of Tobit.

The Church encourages devotion to the Angels. And one of the sons of the Church, who had great devotion to Angels was St Francis of Assisi. He had great love for Archangel Michael and would fast for forty days, from the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to this Feast in Honour of Archangel Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on September 29th.

Like, St Francis, let us pray that Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael may intercede on our behalf; Amen.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPTER THREE

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

136. What does the Church mean when she confesses: “I believe in the Holy Spirit”? 683-686 To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess faith in the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity who proceeds from the Father and the Son and “is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son”. The Spirit is “sent into our hearts” (Galatians 4:6) so that we might receive new life as sons of God.

137. Why are the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit inseparable? 687-690, 742-743 In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Spirit are distinct but inseparable. From the very beginning until the end of time, when the Father sends his Son he also sends his Spirit who unites us to Christ in faith so that as adopted sons we can call God “Father” (Romans 8:15). The Spirit is invisible but we know him through his actions, when he reveals the Word to us and when he acts in the Church.

138. What are the names of the Holy Spirit? 691-693 “The Holy Spirit” is the proper name of the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus also called him the Paraclete (Consoler or Advocate) and the Spirit of Truth. The New Testament also refers to him as the Spirit of Christ, of the Lord, of God - the Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of the Promise.

139. What symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit? 694-701 There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit: living water which springs from the wounded Heart of Christ and which quenches the thirst of the baptized; anointing with oil, which is the sacramental sign of Confirmation; fire which transforms what it touches; the cloud, dark or luminous, in which the divine glory is revealed; the imposition of hands by which the Holy Spirit is given; the dove which descended on Christ at his baptism and remained with him.

141. What did the Holy Spirit accomplish in John the Baptist? 717-720 The Spirit filled John the Baptist, who was the last prophet of the Old Testament. Under his inspiration John was sent to “prepare for the Lord a people well disposed” (Luke 1:17). He was to proclaim the coming of Christ, the Son of God, upon whom he saw the Spirit descend and remain, the one who “baptizes with the Spirit” (John 1:33).

To find more click the link below- https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 28-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Noel Apolinar
 Sep 29- Sun 9:00AM + The Parishioners
 12:15 PM + Luding Jimenez
 5:30 PM + Amparo Obsequio
 Sep 30 -Mon, 7PM Thanksgiving Bday Espie Intoy
 Oct 01-Tue, 9AM Thanksgiving n Honor- St Therese
 Oct 02 -Wed, 7 PM + Soledad J. Singson
 Oct 03 -Thu, 9 AM + Teresa Ayala
 Oct 04 -Fri, 7PM Healing of the sick CWL member
 Oct 05 -Sat, 9AM + Domingo Ayala

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Sep 28-Oct 4, 2024

Sanctuary--- + Leoncio & Conchita Ayala
 Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
 Chapel ---- + Isaias & Eugenia Porte

WORDS OF THE WEEK

“PROPHETS & PROPHECIES”

Prophets- means those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the Prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfillment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament. CCCC 687-688-702-716, 743

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – September 2024 – FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

“Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit.”



Our Patron Saint...



"The social progress, order, security and peace of each country are necessarily connected with the social progress, order, security, and peace of all other countries." Pope John XXIII

St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Sep 29th

O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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 begins Apostolic Journey to Luxembourg and Belgium

[Pope begins Apostolic Journey to Luxembourg and Belgium - Vatican News](#)



ARCHBISHOP LEO INVITES THE FAITHFUL TO JOIN NOVENA FOR SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
Sunday, September 08, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
Thursday, September 26, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL ON NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND
Friday, September 20, 2024

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

click the link to read the full text of the news

Announcements!!!

- ✚ Novena for our patron saint St. John XXIII will begin on October 3rd before each Mass. The feast day will be on October 13th Sunday before Thanksgiving Day;
- ✚ Registration for Confirmation is now open for Grade 7 and up, please approach Fr. David after any of the Sunday Mass;
- ✚ Calling Grade 2 and up who have not received the First Holy Communion registration is now open;
- ✚ New to the Parish? Please register, fill up a Parish Registration Form and submit to the Office or to Fr. David;



Novena in preparation for the Feast Day of St. John XXIII, our Patron Saint

Day 1-Oct 3rd- St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote: **“Only for today, I will seek to live the long day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.”**
By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, the gift of Hope that I may experience the Blessed Comforter’s presence.
Pray for me during this novena especially for (your personal intention)
Recite the following prayers- Our Father.... & Hail Mary& Glory Be....
Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

Day 2- Oct 4th - St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote: **“Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.”**
By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, a feeling of revulsion whenever I judge my neighbor.
Pray for me during this novena especially for (your personal intention)
Recite the following prayers- Our Father.... & Hail Mary& Glory Be....
Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

Day 3 -Oct 5th - St. John XXIII in your decalogue you wrote: **“Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world bur also in this one.”**
By your intercession, obtain for me, this day, happiness and joy in Jesus who takes delight in me.
Pray for me during this novena especially for (your personal intention)
Recite the following prayers- Our Father.... & Hail Mary& Glory Be....
Lastly, pray the “O Mary”. (see below)

O Mary

O Mary, your name has been on my lips and in my heart from my early infancy.
When I was a child, I learned to love you as a Mother,
turn to you in danger, and trust your intercession.
You see in my heart the desire to know the truth, to practice virtue,
to be prudent and just, strong and patient, a brother to all.
O Mary, help me to keep to my purpose of living as a faithful disciple of Jesus,
for the building up of the Christian society and the joy of the holy Catholic Church.
I greet you, Mother, morning and evening; I pray to you as I go on my way;
from you I hope for the inspiration and encouragement that will enable me
to fulfill the sacred promises of my earthly vocation, give glory to God,
and win eternal salvation.
O Mary!
Like you in Bethlehem and on Golgotha, I too wish to stay always close to Jesus.
He is the eternal King of all ages and all peoples.
Amen






Archdiocese Office of Catholic Youth –
Announcements!!!!

JULY 23, 2025 - AUGUST 5, 2025

JUBILEE OF YOUTH

Join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time! All young adults (ages 19 - 39) are invited.



RENEW Toronto is back!

Join us on **Saturday, November 23rd** and **Sunday, November 24th** for an unforgettable experience at our annual conference for young adults aged 19 - 39! This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple, or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something special for you!

Our theme this year is Isaiah 40:31: **"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary."** Come be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic vendors and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life.

Don't miss out! Save your spot today by registering on our website renewtoronto.org.



Annual Young Adult (19 - 39) Catholic Conference

 **Nov 23 - Nov 24, 2024**

 **Canada Event Centre**
300 Water St, Whitby

 www.renewtoronto.org



Re: Lay Pastoral Visitors Training – Registration Now Open

From: Saulina Amaral, Diocesan Coordinator, Ministries of Care and Ministry with Maturing Adults

Please add the following announcement to your parish bulletin and share with your lay pastoral visitors:

The annual archdiocesan training for Lay Pastoral Visitors will be offered online on **Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend.

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2024> by Oct. 22, 2024.

DOWNLOAD POSTER: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-PosterOctNov2024>

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