

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 05 Oct 2025

**“If you had faith
the size of a
mustard seed, you
could say to this
mulberry tree, ‘Be
uprooted and
planted in the sea,’
and it would obey
you.”** *Luke 17.5*

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. Bruno of Cologne **Oct 6th**

Pray for us.

*“While the world changes,
the CROSS stands firm.”*



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Habakkuk, from whom our 1st Reading is taken, was not simply troubled by the lawlessness that he saw around him, but also, the strong unwillingness, and seemingly inability of Israel’s God, to restore some semblance of justice and order! This revealed the burning theological issue of the time; “would God, and indeed, could God, remain faithful to the promise, He graciously made with Israel, even in the face of the overwhelming power and arrogance of the great empires?” (Jerome p. 262)

Habakkuk wanted an immediate intervention, which he thought was overdue. He wanted God to break his silence and respond to his call. God did respond! But his immediate response, further caused dismay in Habakkuk! Instead of the expected words of comfort or promise of rescue, God revealed the rise of another power: The Babylonian. This power, God revealed, would result, not in a time of peace and tranquility but of fear and suffering. Judah and Jerusalem would be ravaged and its people taken exile.

With this response, Habakkuk complained, a second time and with this, God responded with the second part of our 1st Reading today; ***“The Vision has its time, it presses on to its fulfillment, and will not disappoint.”*** God revealed to Habakkuk that He intervenes but only, on his own terms!

How many times, we, disciples of Christ, prayed and wished God’s quick intervention on issues we considered urgent! We are called to a life of faith, but in moments, when things turn rough, our faith, like that of Habakkuk may become wanting.

Jesus, in the Gospel reading today, is on his final journey to Jerusalem; where his Exodus to the Father would be complete. He was to die for us, in obedience to the Will of his Father. On the way, he was teaching his disciples about himself, the kingdom of God and what it meant, to follow him. The demands on his disciples were mounting!

In the verses preceding what we read today, Jesus had been instructing his Disciples about fraternal correction; ***“If your brother does something wrong, rebuke him, if he is sorry, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times a day and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I am sorry,’ you must forgive him.”*** (Luke 17:3-4)

To carry out the demands of following Jesus on the Way, the disciples realized, required an increase of faith, so they prayed; ***“Lord increase our Faith!”***

We need faith, to courageously carry out the demands of discipleship. We need the kind of Faith exemplified by St. Paul in the second reading; a faith based on a deep trust and confidence in God. It is in such faith, that we acknowledge our place as creatures, aware of the power of God working through us. It is then, when we humbly recognize our unworthiness to immensity of divine support; ***“we are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done.”*** (Luke 17:10)



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

II. "I Know Whom I have Believed"

To believe in God Alone

150. Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature.¹⁷

To believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God

151. For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his "beloved Son", in whom the Father is "well pleased"; God tells us to listen to him.¹⁸ The Lord himself said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me."¹⁹ We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh: "No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known."²⁰ Because he "has seen the Father", Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him.²¹

To believe in the Holy Spirit

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152. One cannot believe in Jesus Christ without sharing in his Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to men who Jesus is. For "no one can say "Jesus is Lord", except by the Holy Spirit",²² who "searches everything, even the depths of God. . No one comprehends the thoughts of God, except the Spirit of God."²³ Only God knows God completely: we believe in the Holy Spirit because he is God.

[Click the link to read more..... Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 4, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Efren Raymundo

Oct 5 -Sun- 9:00AM + Julie Costales

12:15PM + The Parishioners

5:30 PM + Florentino Sunga

Oct 6-Mon, 7:00 PM + Nancy Goertzen

Oct 7-Tue,9:00PM + Larian D'Souza

Oct 8-Wed 7:00PM Thanksgiving- Imelda Macaraig

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

Thanksgiving of Zachary Ryder Garcia

Oct 10-Fri,7:00PM + Estelita Labrador

Oct 11-Sat,9:00AM +Mercedes & Leonardo Sr. Alon

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Oct 4-10,2025

Sanctuary--- + Nida Donado

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Mary Ylagan

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Faith

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. It was by their faith that people of ancient times won God's approval.

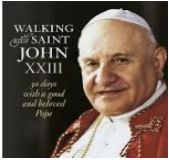
[Hebrews 12.1-2](#)

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention -

October 2025 - [For collaboration between different religious traditions](#)

"Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity."





"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." **St. John XXIII**

St. Bruno Oct 6th

Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order, was born in Cologne, Germany, about 1030. He studied at Rheims and was invited back to teach theology and grammar. During his 18 years at Rheims he taught many eminent scholars and was chancellor of the diocese. When the archbishop died in 1068, his replacement was highly unsuitable and the objections of Bruno and other canons were met with persecution, which forced them to flee the city. Eventually that archbishop was deposed.

Clerical corruption left Bruno wanting to live a contemplative life. In 1080 he gave up his riches and, with six companions, began to live as a hermit. In 1084, the group was granted land in the Chartreuse Mountains. This was the beginning of the Carthusian Order and of the great abbey that is its motherhouse.

In recognition of his great learning, Bruno was called to Rome in 1090 to assist the pope, a former pupil. It was soon obvious that Bruno was not suited to court life and he was permitted to found a second monastery in Calabria, close enough to be available to the Holy See. He died there in 1101, leaving no rule, but a spirit of prayerful simplicity which lives on.

Living with Christ - Oct 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 calls for global action on migration crisis

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope calls for global action on migration crisis - Vatican News](#)



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

CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MICHAEL

Tuesday, September 30, 2025







FORUM ON CONSECRATED LIFE
Friday, September 26, 2025

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

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

Announcements!!!

-  **Reminders for Parents to submit the Confirmation registration form;**
-  **Meeting of First Holy Communion candidates and Parents on October 11th at 11am;**
-  **Novena for the feast day of St. John XXIII is on going and the feast day is on October 12th.**
-  **Senior's Breakfast this coming Thursday.**





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,
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

How to Make a Jubilee Pilgrimage or Visit a Jubilee Parish

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

Frank Cardinal Leo's Message on World Day for Migrants and Refugees

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you on the occasion of the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Our observance of this important day takes on an extra special significance as it takes place on 4-5 October 2025 coinciding with the Jubilee of Migrants and the Missionary World in Rome. This shift situates the event directly within the heart of the Jubilee Year of Hope, underscoring the Church's desire to embrace migrants and refugees as central participants in this time of grace.

The theme chosen this year - "*Migrants, Missionaries of Hope*" - places migrants not only at the centre of pastoral concern but also recognizes their spiritual witness. Pope Leo comments, "Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue. Each time the Church gives in to the temptation of "sedentarization" and ceases to be a *civitas peregrina*, God's people journeying towards the heavenly homeland (cf. Augustine, *De Civitate Dei*, Books XIV-XVI), she ceases to be "in the world" and becomes "of the world" (cf. *Jn 15:19*)" (Pope Leo XIV, *Message: World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, 25 July 2025). Migrants and refugees are often seen only through the lens of suffering and loss, but this year's theme transforms the narrative reminding everyone that they are not passive recipients of charity but active protagonists of the Church's mission. In their journeys, they embody the perseverance of Abraham who "set out not knowing where he was going" (*Heb 11:8*), trusting only in God's promise.

During this Holy Year of Jubilee we have continually reflected on Christian hope, not as mere optimism, but the conviction that God's promises endure even in the darkest nights, and that his grace is present everywhere. Migrants, through their very existence, remind the Church of this truth. The plight of migrants and refugees who are transformed into missionaries of hope, highlights how people forced from their homes through war, injustice, climate crisis, or poverty can embody and convey hope. Their resilience, trust in God, and capacity to rebuild lives in new lands make them not only recipients, but bearers of hope for entire communities (cf. *Spes non Confundit*, 13). There are countless stories that are marked by loss yet animated by faith. These testimonies inspire us to rediscover solidarity, mercy, and fraternity. I am reminded of the sage question: "How can you love a God whom you cannot see, if you cannot love your brother and sister whom you do see?" (*1 Jn 4:20*).

To read more click this link [Archdiocese of Toronto - Cardinal Leo's Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#)



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 Questionscontinuation...

6. **Do Bible readings have to be part of the wedding liturgy?** Yes. There are many beautiful passages and themes from the list of the readings for the couple to consider together. Their priest will be able to help them find appropriate readings.
7. **We have prepared our own vows and would like to use the ones we prepared, at the exchange of vows ceremony. Is this allowed?**
No. There are many places for creative choice in the ceremony, but the content of the vows is for the validity of the act of entering marriage and therefore we ask that the given formula be carefully observed.
8. **We have selected some well-known and meaningful pieces of music for our wedding. However, our Pastor will not allow us to use them.** In planning your wedding, you must consult the Pastor and the existing policy about music and the securing of musicians on your music selection. The Church has a rich repertoire of beautiful and suitable music and hymns. We are confident that with your Pastor's help, you will find meaningful pieces of music for such a sacred event as your wedding celebration. Celebrating Matrimony takes place within the context of a liturgical ceremony, which is regulated by the Church.
9. **Is it true that the Church doesn't recommend that the bride's father give her away?** Culture and family are very much part of the discussion in terms of the details of the celebration. Your priest will be able to speak to your particular situation.
10. **We would like to be married in a Catholic Church in another country. How do we go about it?** The procedure to get married in a Catholic Church in another country or Diocese is similar to getting married locally. Please contact your local Pastor who will prepare you for marriage and instruct you to take the Marriage Preparation Course. The Marriage documents are then 'transferred' to the Parish of marriage in the other country via the Chancery offices of the respective Dioceses involved or by being handed back to you to send to the Diocese which you will be married in, months in advance of your wedding.

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

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