

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 12 Oct 2025

Jesus asked, “*Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?*” Luke 17.18



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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Happy Feast Day!!!!

St. John XXIII

-----our patron saint-----



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**Message for Thanksgiving
13 October 2025
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of our upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations, I am reaching out to wish you all Happy Thanksgiving. This holiday offers us a sacred time and unique opportunity to rediscover the spirituality of gratitude and renew our commitment to living a life rooted in thanksgiving. When viewed in the light of the Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving becomes more than a familial or cultural celebration, it becomes a profound expression of our relationship with God, the giver of all good gifts.

At its heart, Catholic spirituality is Eucharistic. The very word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek *eucharistein* or *eulogein*, meaning “thanksgiving,” which recalls an ancient blessing that praised God’s works of creation, redemption and sanctification (cf. CCC 1328). In the Old Testament, bread and wine “were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits” in gratitude to God (CCC 1334). When we celebrate the Eucharist each week, indeed each day, we participate in the supreme act of praise and thanksgiving in which the Church unites herself to Christ’s perfect offering of gratitude to the Father (cf. *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 8). In this way, the Eucharist not only sustains us but also teaches us how to live with hearts attuned to God’s blessings and shaped by gratitude. Thanksgiving, then, is not simply a once-a-year holiday, but the very posture of the Christian soul (cf. Basil the Great, *Homily V. In martyrem Julittam*).

A spirituality of gratitude and thanksgiving pushes us deeper, to give thanks not only for material blessings but also for the gift of faith, for the communion of the Church, for the forgiveness of sins, and for the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Gratitude is a way of perceiving the world: we see creation as a gift, history as salvation unfolding, and our lives as entrusted with the precious mission of Jesus Christ. Regarding our mission, the word “Mass” comes from the Latin word *missio* which means “mission”, thereby uniting the Eucharist as an act of thanksgiving with our Christian vocation and mission (cf. CCC 1332).

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we have been invited “to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence” (*Spes non Confundit*, 7). To discern God’s grace present and at work in the world today and in our past is no small task, but it is absolutely crucial in the spiritual life; our Christian walk of faith (cf. Augustine, *Confessions*, Book VIII). The thankful heart remembers God’s past fidelity and so finds strength to believe in his future blessings. Just as Israel gave thanks for liberation from Egypt and for entrance into the Promised Land, the Church today gives thanks for Christ’s victory over sin and death and looks forward to the fullness of the Kingdom (cf. John Cassian, *The Conferences*, IX, ix-xiv). Gratitude roots us in the memory of salvation, while the theological virtue of Hope stretches us toward its fulfillment.

I am reminded of the words of St. Paul, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thes 5:16-18). During this Thanksgiving Weekend, I encourage those who gather together to begin their time by prayerfully recalling what they are grateful for in their lives. After each person’s remembrance, we can conclude with the response: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever” (Ps. 136). In our parishes, I would like to invite communities to celebrate the liturgical setting of Thanksgiving Day Mass on the Monday of Thanksgiving weekend. During this liturgy we are reminded that God’s gifts are limitless. We also pray for the grace to treasure all that God gives, to help us share his gifts with others, and to use them for his glory (cf. CCCB, *Roman Missal: Thanksgiving Day Mass*). Finally, I am inviting you to cultivate grateful hearts that extend beyond a single day or weekend and that do not depend on circumstances but flow, rather, from the knowledge that “every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above” (Jas 1:17) and we simply share in God’s love and generosity.

In this Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving is more than tradition - it is a sacramental reminder of God’s love that finds its fullest expression in the Sunday Eucharist. May God bless you and your family and friends on this Thanksgiving weekend. Know that I give thanks to God for all of you, for the wonderful People of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I am grateful for the generous ministry of our priests and deacons; for the prophetic witness of those women and men in consecrated life; for the strong and committed faith life of our families; for the dynamic and life-giving outreach of our social and healthcare institutions; for the fidelity and loyalty to the Gospel and Church teaching of our educational institutes; for the fruitful cooperation with civil and governmental agencies and; for the beauty, truth and goodness of the Catholic faith seen and expressed in a myriad of ways throughout our blessed archdiocese. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us and make us truly grateful disciples of your Son.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

V. The Sacramental Sacrifice Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

1356. If from the beginning Christians have celebrated the Eucharist and in a form whose substance has not changed despite the great diversity of times and liturgies, it is because we know ourselves to be bound by the command the Lord gave on the eve of his Passion: "Do this in remembrance of me."¹⁸¹

1357. We carry out this command of the Lord by celebrating the memorial of his sacrifice. In so doing, we offer to the Father what he has himself given us: the gifts of his creation, bread and wine which, by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the words of Christ, have become the body and blood of Christ. Christ is thus really and mysteriously made present.

1358. We must therefore consider the Eucharist as: -
thanksgiving and praise to the Father;
- the sacrificial memorial of Christ and his Body;
- the presence of Christ by the power of his word and of his Spirit.

Thanksgiving and praise to the Father

1359. The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity.

1360. The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving."

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 11, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** +Julius Arevalo
Oct 12 -Sun- 9:00AM + Conception Humarang
12:15PM + Omer Comeau
5:30 PM + The Parishioners
Oct 13-Mon, 10:00 AM + Jesus Labrador
Thanksgiving of Rose Gomez Family
Oct 14-Tue,9:00PM + Joy Sebastian Fernando
Oct 15-Wed 7:00PM + Teresa Ayala
+ Ruperto Frilles
Oct 16- Thu,9:00PM + Roberto Cruz
+A. KAMAL RAJ
Oct 17-Fri,7:00PM + Rosita Aloran
+ Francesca & Pietro Gulli
Oct 18-Sat,9:00AM + Rodolfo Macapagal
7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Oct 11-17, 2025
Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Gemma Cabungcal
Virgin Mary- + Teresa Ayala

WORD OF THE WEEK

Thanksgiving

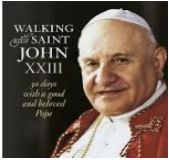
In the Bible, thanksgiving refers to the act of expressing gratitude to God for His blessings, provision, and grace. It emphasizes recognizing God's goodness and responding with joy and gratitude.

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."





"Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world." St. John XXIII

St. John XXIII Oct 11th

Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in 1881. In 1904 he was ordained a priest and served as a secretary to the Bishop of Bergamo, then a seminary teacher, sergeant in the medical corps, military chaplain, spiritual director, and Apostolic Visitor before being appointed Bishop in 1925. In 1953 he was created a Cardinal and sent to Venice as Patriarch.

At the death of Pius XII he was elected Pope on October 28, 1958, taking the name John XXIII. His pontificate, which lasted less than five years, presented him to the entire world as an authentic image of the Good Shepherd. Meek and gentle, enterprising and courageous, simple and active, he carried out the Christian duties of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: visiting the imprisoned and the sick, welcoming those of every nation and faith, bestowing on all his exquisite fatherly care. His social magisterium in the *Encyclicals Pacem in terris* and *Mater et Magistra* was deeply appreciated.

He convoked the Roman Synod, established the Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law and summoned the Second Vatican Council. He was present as Bishop in his Diocese of Rome through his visitation of the parishes, especially those in the new suburbs. The faithful saw in him a reflection of the goodness of God and called him "the good Pope". He was sustained by a profound spirit of prayer. He launched an extensive renewal of the Church, while radiating the peace of one who always trusted in the Lord. Pope John XXIII died on the evening June 3, 1963, in a spirit of profound trust in Jesus and of longing for his embrace. He was canonized April 27, 2014 along with St. John Paul II. *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

Announcements!!!

Reminders for Parents to submit the Confirmation registration form;

**Mass on October 13th is at 10 AM;
Next week is World Mission Sunday, there will be a second Collection to support the spreading of the Gospel in all the world.**



Pope Leo: Faith cannot be separated from love for the poor

[Click the link to read more....Pope Leo: Faith cannot be separated from love for the poor - Vatican News](#)



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MARKS 113 YEARS
Thursday, October 09, 2025



LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CARDINAL LEO RE: CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE
Wednesday, October 08, 2025

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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

St. John XXIII Parish Community Pilgrimage Martyrs Shrine, Midland, ON October 4th, 2025



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 Questionscontinuation...

- 11. Could we get permission to marry outside the Catholic Church, for example, at a Banquet Hall?** A parish church is the ordinary place for the celebration of a marriage involving two Catholics or a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic. Since the marriage of two baptized persons is a sacrament, it is not merely a private or familial celebration but also an ecclesial event. The spouses declare their consent before God and the Church and live out that commitment in and with the support of the local ecclesial community. Therefore, this celebration should take place in the parish church. Exceptions are only made when there is a grave and urgent cause such as illness or danger of death.
- 12. I am Roman Catholic but my spouse-to-be is a non-Christian. To satisfy the wishes of both our families, we would like to have two wedding ceremonies, one at the Roman Catholic Church, and another ceremony to follow or precede, in the non-Christian Church. Is this allowed?**
Canon 1127 §3 of the *Code of Canon Law* forbids a double celebration of the same marriage for the purpose of giving or renewing matrimonial consent.
- 13. I have been married before in the Catholic Church. I have made arrangements to get married in two months. Can a Catholic Priest marry us as scheduled?** We cannot guarantee that a Catholic priest can officiate your wedding. Generally speaking, betrothed couples are advised to make arrangement with their local Pastor at least one year before their tentatively planned date of marriage. If either of you were previously married, you must disclose that information to your parish priest who will consult the [Marriage Tribunal](#) about your situation: the Church maintains that the new union cannot be recognized as valid if the first marriage is valid. In addition, a special second marriage preparation course by [Catholic Family Services of Toronto](#) is mandatory.
- 14. Can we use Banns or do we have to be married by Marriage Licence?** A couple must be married by Marriage Licence. It is our policy to not publish Banns in the Archdiocese of Toronto.
- 15. e would like to have our wedding on a Sunday to accommodate our relatives who will be travelling from out of town for our wedding?** According to the particular law of the Archdiocese of Toronto (promulgated since 1971), weddings in the Catholic Church are not allowed to be celebrated on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation (January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ).

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

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