

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 13 Oct 2024

“For human it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Mark 10:27

*HAPPY FEAST DAY
St. John XXIII -
our Patron Saint*

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING DAY**

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 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

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St. Teresa of Jesus Oct 15th

Pray for us.

“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. Everything passes away except God. God alone is sufficient.”



“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” *Mark 10:17*

St. John the 23rd was known and loved by many in the World. For endearment, the World nicknamed him; “The Humble Pope,” or the “Good Pope,” in Italian “Il Papa Buono.” He was also a very humorous disciple; at vesting after he was elected Pope, when he saw himself in the mirror, he said, “this man will be a disaster on television.” He later would reveal how he felt during his first appearance before the globe; he said that he felt like “a newborn babe in swaddling clothes.”

After the long pontificate of Pope Pius XII, the Cardinals chose a man who, they presumed because of his advanced age would be a short-term Pope. They wished to choose a candidate who would do little during the new pontificate. To their surprise, Pope John the 23rd brought unforeseen excitement to the Church, calling an Ecumenical Council (Vatican Council II) a decision he announced on the 25th of January 1959. Cardinal Giovanni Montini, who later became Pope Paul VI, remarked; “This holy old boy does not realize what hornet’s nest he’s stirring up.”

The call, was right and the Second Vatican Council brought changes that reshaped the face of Catholicism: comprehensively illumining her teaching and practices to our day.

From a very tender age, St. John 23rd gave his life in a total surrender to God; later as a Pope, he would reveal the inner motivation of a disciple;

“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. Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy.”

Yes, to be happy; this is the wish of the Young Man in the Gospel reading today. This Young Man came and knelt before Jesus; a gesture of worship preserved only for Yahweh; the Lord God. The young Man asked Jesus the most fundamental question that is a concern of many; ***“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”***

First, Jesus reminded him of the commandments. The man told Jesus that he had kept all of them, since his youth. The Gospel tells us that ***“Jesus looking at him, loved him!”***

Jesus, God among his People, then set to draw this rich Man nearer to hie heart. He called him to a higher level of intimacy with God.

“There is only one thing that you lack; Jesus told him; ***“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then come follow me.”***

Scripture says, the Young Man was reduced to silence and ***“went away” “grieving”*** for he had many possessions!

This Young Man could not, reduce himself to a condition of want; total dependence and absolute surrender of himself to his Creator was too much.

Jesus then turned and focused his gaze upon his Disciples; ***“Children, how hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the KOG! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the KOG.”***

His effort to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by what he was able to control was futile; He needed God.

“The disciples were astounded and said to one another, ***“Then who can be saved?”***

Jesus looked at them and said, ***“For Humans it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”***





2024 Thanksgiving Message of
Most Rev. Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Archdiocese of Toronto a Happy and Holy Thanksgiving, and to reflect on the importance of gratitude in our life of faith.

As an integral component of the cardinal virtue of justice - whereby we pay what is due to our benefactors - the virtue of gratitude is likewise related to, but distinguished from, the virtue of religion by which we pay what is due to God, as well as the virtue of piety (especially filial) by which we pay what is due to our parents and guardians. When all is said and done, we recognize and give thanks to God Himself as the source of all good things, all blessings and all graces, directing ultimately all our gratefulness principally to Him. In addition, and as a natural consequence, part of the debt we owe to the Lord is to be paid by honouring our parents and showing gratitude to those who do good to us. The beauty of this virtue is that it is intended to perfect our capacity for acknowledging the many and varied benefits we have received.

This weekend celebration naturally leads us to ask the questions: What am I thankful for in my life? What are the “good things” from which I benefit? Who are those men and women who are channels of God’s goodness to me and who witness to the goodness of the Lord calling forth my acknowledgment and gratitude? Sometimes we stop and recognize the blessings formally around the Thanksgiving table, with each person sharing what they are thankful for in their lives. At other times it is done informally with a kind word or simple sentiment of thanks.

To continue reading....click this link [Archdiocese of Toronto - Thanksgiving Message from Archbishop Leo \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/Thanksgiving-Message-from-Archbishop-Leo)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Oct 12-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Randy Goertzen
- Oct 13- Sun 9:00AM + Ronaldo Sacop
12:15 PM + Reynaldo Mejia
5:30 PM + The Parishioners
- Oct 14 -Mon, 10 AM + Reynaldo Paraiso
For the Successful Procedure of Aurelia
- Oct 15-Tue, 9AM + Ronaldo Sacop
- Oct 16 -Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Susan Mensah
- Oct 17 -Thu, 9 AM + Chona Creencia
- Oct 18 -Fri, 7PM + _____
- Oct 19 -Sat, 9AM + Rodolfo Macapagal

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Oct 12- 18, 2024

- Sanctuary--- Healing of Fidencio Sugui
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Sally Sunga
- Chapel ---- +Teresa & Domingo Ayala

WORD OF THE WEEK

“EUCHARIST”

the word Eucharist (from the Greek noun EUCHARISTIA) means THANKSGIVING.

Jesus gave thanks before breaking the bread at the table of the Last Supper and we are giving thanks every time we celebrate the Eucharist at Mass.

The traditional Thanksgiving celebration of enjoying a plentiful meal should be shared with friends, family and loved ones with a focus on that communion.

[The meaning of thanksgiving - Catholic Courier](#)

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – October 2024 – FOR A SHARED MISSION

“We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.”



Our Patron Saint...



"We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike." Pope John XXIII

St. Teresa of Jesus Oct 15th

Teresa was born in Avila, Spain, on March 28, 1515, and died in 1582. Of the many women who have exercised leadership roles in the Church, Teresa must surely be considered among the greatest.

When she entered the Carmelite convent, some thought Teresa was a spoiled young woman with an unremarkable prayer life but she soon advanced in prayer, experiencing visions and hearing voices. Dissatisfied with the laxity she perceived among religious, she determined to institute reforms and established St Joseph's Convent where enclosure and a strict rule prevailed. With the assistance of Peter of Alcantara and John of the Cross, Teresa succeeded in founding the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite orders of nuns and friars.

Teresa wrote several works considered classics of spiritual literature, including The Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle. A great mystic and a strong, intelligent and active leader, Teresa was canonized in 1622 and in 1970 became the first woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is a patron of Spain.

Living with Christ, Oct 2024 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 at Audience: The Holy Spirit expands and unites the Church

[Pope at Audience: The Holy Spirit expands and unites the Church - Vatican News](#)



POPE FRANCIS ELEVATES ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS
Sunday, October 06, 2024



THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO
Tuesday, October 08, 2024



CANADIAN BISHOPS INVITE FAITHFUL TO PRAY AND FAST FOR PEACE
Monday, October 07, 2024

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

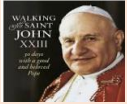
****click the link to read the full text of the news****

Announcements!!!

- ✚ **This Monday October 14 is a Thanksgiving Day, the Mass will be at 10am & no evening Mass;**
- ✚ **Registration for Confirmation is now open for Grade 7 and Grade 2 and up who have not received the First Holy Communion please approach Fr. David after any of the Sunday Mass;**
- **Meeting of all registered 2025 FHC candidates and parents is on Oct 19th at 11am; Meeting of all registered 2025 Confirmation Candidates and Parents will be on Oct 26th, 2024 at 11am.**



Feast Day of St. John XXIII, our Patron Saint



Saint John XXIII (born November 25, 1881, Sotto il Monte, Italy – died June 3, 1963, Rome; beatified September 3, 2000 canonized April 27, 2014; feast day October 11) was one of the most popular popes of all time (reigned 1958-63), who inaugurated a new era in the history of the Roman Catholic Church by his openness to change (*aggrionamento*), shown especially in his convoking of the **Second Vatican Council**. He wrote several socially important encyclicals, most notably *Pacem in Terris*.

Angelo was one of 13 children born to Giovanni Roncalli, a tenant farmer of Sotto il Monte, a tiny village 7 miles (11 km) from the Lombard city of Bergamo. The Roncallis were poor but not nearly as destitute as some later legends would have it. “We had the necessities of life,” the pope used to say testily, “and we were strong and healthy.” Though Angelo, the third child and oldest son of the family, went off to prepare for the priesthood as a child of 11, he continued to spend vacations with his family and remained close to them throughout his life.

No matter how powerful he became, however, he never helped any of the other Roncallis to advance in the world. “The world is only interested in making money...,” he wrote to his brother Xaverio after becoming pope. “A great honour has come to our family,” he acknowledged, but he urged Xaverio and the others to remain humble, seek no honours or preferments, and take no material advantage of their relationship to the pope. “At my own death,” he concluded, “I shall not be denied the praise which did so much honour to the holiness of Pius X: born poor, he died poor.” In his last will he bequeathed each of the living members of the family a legacy of less than \$20—his total personal fortune.

Angelo the churchman, however, was destined to spend most of his life among the powerful and cultivated. Inevitably, that set him apart from the other Roncallis almost from the beginning. While still a seminarian, he was already beginning to feel out of place in Sotto il Monte, where he was charged with priggishness and “putting on airs.” “Only three days of the holidays have passed and already I am weary of them,” he recorded in the diary that he allowed to be published after his death. He was eager, he wrote, to return to Bergamo, with its orderly life of study, prayer, and genteel fellowship, and to escape from the petty gossip, suspicion, and jealousies of the village.

Roncalli was not an especially brilliant student. He did well enough, however, to be sent to Rome for theological studies in 1900. After only one year at the Seminario Romano, his education was interrupted when he was drafted into military service and assigned to an infantry company conveniently stationed at Bergamo. Later, as a priest, he returned to the army during World War I. Again, he served in Bergamo, first as a hospital orderly and later as a military chaplain with the rank of lieutenant.

Even with the time out for military service, he was not yet 23 when he was ordained a priest in Rome on August 10, 1904. The next day he said his first mass at St. Peter’s Basilica. After a visit to his family in Sotto il Monte, he returned to the Seminario Romano for further study. Eventually he received a doctorate in canon law.

As a graduate student in Rome, Roncalli took the first step that was to lead to the papacy a half century later. Simply because he was a priest of Bergamo, he was asked by the reigning pope, Pius X, to assist in the ceremony of consecration for a new bishop, Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi, who had been appointed to take over the diocese of Bergamo. The new bishop, a member of the Italian nobility, was much taken by the young priest and asked him to serve as his secretary.




To continue reading click this link [Saint John XXIII | Pope & Vatican Reformer | Britannica \(https://www.britannica.com\)](https://www.britannica.com)

ARCHDIOCESES 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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