

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 19 Oct 2025

*The word of God
is living and
active; it judges
the thoughts and
intentions of the
heart.* Hebrews 4.12

World Mission Sunday

Lord, protect all missionaries spreading the Good News throughout the world.

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. Hedwig, Oct 20th

Pray for us!

“I TRUST IN YOU, JESUS.”



“Though I have no fear of God and do not respect for any human being, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.” Luke: 18:4-5

“Our help is from the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth”

The Prayer of a confident Soul; The Psalmist sings, *“The Lord will not let your foot be moved ... The Lord is your keeper; ... The Lord will keep you from all evil; ... He will keep your life.”*

The readings today, present us, with two people in prayer, Moses in the book of Exodus and the Widow in the Parable of the Gospel.

In Exodus, the Israelites were in a fight of their life, against the Amalekites and Moses knowing that their real defender is Yahweh, the God of Israel, decided to consult with Him, in a prayer of intervention, to save his people. This he did, while Joshua and his men were tackling their adversaries on the battlefield. Moses, standing on a hilltop, lifted his hands in prayer. God was with his people, but to grant victory, he needed Moses' uplifted hands as a condition for his intervention.

Yes, incredible as it sounds, God needed the raised hands of his servant Moses to save his people. Pope Benedict XVI would write in his homily on the 21st of October 2007; Moses raised hands were foreshadowing of the Arms of Jesus on the Cross. The outspread, nailed arms with which the Redeemer won the crucial battle against the infernal enemy.

The Widow, in the Parable of the Gospel, makes us admire her determination in Faith; her tenacity in hope, that the corrupt judge would solve her problem. Without much thought, of her disadvantaged position, she fought on, overcoming every adversity. Her persistence paid and she got her victory. ***“Though I have no fear of God and do not respect for any human being, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”*** (Luke: 18:4-5)

Jesus alerts us, ***“Listen to what the unjust judge says.”***

Faith and Persistence gave this poor Widow a response to her request! In a Gospel reading these past weeks, in Luke Chapter 11, verse 13, Jesus, in conclusion to on teaching in prayer, reasoned with his listeners; ***“So if you who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*** ***“Ask and you will receive, Seek and you will find, knock and the door shall be opened.”*** (Mt 7:7)

Jesus, at the ending of the Gospel, this Sunday, asks us a very disturbing question; ***“When the Son of man comes, will he find Faith on earth?”***

What answer do you give, in response, to this question?



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

III. The Characteristics of Faith

Faith is a grace

153 When St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus declared to him that this revelation did not come "from flesh and blood", but from "my Father who is in heaven".²⁴ Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. "Before this faith can be exercised, man must have the grace of God to move and assist him; he must have the interior helps of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and 'makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth.'"²⁵

Faith is a human act

154 Believing is possible only by grace and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit. But it is no less true that believing is an authentically human act. Trusting in God and cleaving to the truths he has revealed is contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason. Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions, or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another. If this is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to "yield by faith the full submission of... intellect and will to God who reveals",²⁶ and to share in an interior communion with him.

155 In faith, the human intellect and will co-operate with divine grace: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace."²⁷

Faith and understanding

156 What moves us to believe is not the fact that revealed truths appear as true and intelligible in the light of our natural reason: we believe "because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived".²⁸ So "that the submission of our faith might nevertheless be in accordance with reason, God willed that external proofs of his Revelation should be joined to the internal helps of the Holy Spirit."²⁹ Thus the miracles of Christ and the saints, prophecies, the Church's growth and holiness, and her fruitfulness and stability "are the most certain signs of divine Revelation, adapted to the intelligence of all"; they are "motives of credibility" (motiva credibilitatis), which show that the assent of faith is "by no means a blind impulse of the mind".³⁰

[To read more click the link-- Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 18, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Ricardo Balatbat
The Parishioners

Oct 19 -Sun- 9:00AM + Jose Albufera
12:15PM + Marilyn Baldemor
5:30 PM + Moises Aglipay

Oct 20-Mon, 9:00 AM
Thanksgiving 34th Wed Anniv. Mary & Luis Jr.

Oct 21-Tue,9:00PM + Eufrocina Agpay
+ Efren Cristobal Sr.

Oct 22-Wed 7:00PM + Rosita Aloran

Oct 23- Thu,9:00PM + A. KAMAL RAJ
Healing & Speedy recovery of Fynnian Cook

Oct 24-Fri,7:00PM + Claude D'Souza

Oct 25-Sat,9:00AM + Josefina Erandio
Thanksgiving of Romeo & Decie Casana

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Oct 18-24, 2025

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla

WORD OF THE WEEK

Faith

Is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. *Hebrews 11.1*

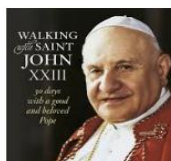
Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust 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
CCC 150

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 seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once."

St. John XXIII

St. Hedwig Oct 20th

Hedwig was born in Bavaria about the year 1174. At the age of 12 she married 18-year-old Henry, Duke of Silesia. In 1202 Henry succeeded his father, and the duke and duchess began their first project, building the great Cistercian monastery for women at Trebnitz near Breslau. This was followed by many more foundations of different orders, and included two hospitals. From 1209 Hedwig's principal residence was near Trebnitz, where she live a life of extreme austerity, helping the poor and prisoners and often spending time in the monastery, following its rule. Henry died in 1238 and Hedwig in 1243, having outlived all her seven children but one who became abbess at Trebnitz. *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 to Russian pilgrims: Each of us is a living stone in the building of the Church

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope to Russian pilgrims: Each of us is a living stone in the building of the Church - Vatican News](#)



2025 FORUM FOR CATHOLIC MOVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS: "JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

Friday, October 17, 2025



FINDING HOPE AT THE TRI-ANNUAL REUNION OF PERMANENT DEACONS

Friday, October 10, 2025



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION DILEXI TE ISSUED BY POPE LEO XIV

Thursday, October 09, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS POPE LEO XIV

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

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

Announcements!!!

RCIA Candidates the first meeting will be on October 19th at 10am;

Mass on October 20th is at 9 AM;

Today October 19th is World Mission Sunday, there will be a second Collection to support the spreading of the Gospel in all the world;

Next Meeting of the FHC is on November 15th at 11:00am.



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

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



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

HOLY ORDERS

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Risen Christ continues to lead His flock here on earth through the ministerial priesthood ordained for this purpose through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. This particular sacrament is called 'orders' because there are three participatory degrees to this sacrament, all 'ordered' to one another. The three orders are bishop, priest and deacon; all ordered to serve in distinct yet interconnected ways. We are all by our baptism part of the common priesthood of Jesus Christ, but from among the faithful some are chosen for the ministerial priesthood and 'ordered' in a special way to be at service of the common priesthood. The ordained priesthood is a means by which Jesus Christ builds up and leads His Church here on earth (CCC 1544-1547).

Fr. Chris Lemieux, former Director of Vocations for the archdiocese offers this:

Priests are men specially chosen from among the People of God and the faithful to proclaim the 'Good News' of salvation to all the world, as Jesus Christ gave this mission to the Apostles and disciples in a special way and commissioned them to continue this part of the mission. The mission is given to all of us through our baptism, but the priest serves and leads us in this mission. By the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the Power of the Holy Spirit, priests gather with the people and lead them in worship, celebrating for us all the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, the Holy Mass. Priests are given the task of reaching out to "the scattered" those who have left or feel rejected in their faith. They build up the Body of Christ by welcoming new members through baptism. Priests are given healing powers; to forgive sins in the name of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and anointing the sick. In general, the priest allows the people a direct and personal encounter with Jesus Christ at the most important moments of their lives through the Sacraments.

Resources

To learn more about vocations through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, these resources may help:

- [Office of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto](#)
- [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) (1536-1600)
- [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Holy Orders](#) (321-336)
- [Code of Canon Law](#) (cc. 232-293)

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