

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 18 OCT 2026



**Jesus said “Give
therefore to Caesar
the things that are
Caesars, and to God
the things that are
God’s.”** *Mt 22.21*

100 years World Mission Sunday
One in Christ united in Mission



**Year-long activities in celebrating
the 50th Anniversary of our parish.**

See in page 6

Message of Frank Cardinal Leo re: Election *in page 8*

Fr. Allan Thank you note to all Parishioners – in page 7

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. Allan



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. Allan** after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation – for Grade 7 & up
registration for 2026 is in the months of
August and September 2026

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 &
up registration for 2026 is the months of
August and September 2026

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment
Parish School-

St. John XXIII Catholic School

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St. Ignatius of Antioch

Oct 17th

**“Faith and love are all in all,
and nothing is preferred
before them.”**



Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. *Psalm 96*

First Reading (Isaiah 45.1, 4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed:

“For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god, I arm you, though you do not know me, so that all may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab)

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father you work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the Gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel according to Matthew 22.15-21

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God
"And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord"

Cont...

82. Why is Jesus called "Christ"? 436-440, 453

“Christ” in Greek, “Messiah” in Hebrew, means the “anointed one”. Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah but he made the meaning of the term clear: “come down from heaven” (*John* 3:13), crucified and then risen, he is the Suffering Servant “who gives his life as a ransom for the many” (*Matthew* 20:28). From the name Christ comes our name of *Christian*.

83. In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God? 441-445, 454

Jesus is the Son of God in a unique and perfect way. At the time of his Baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice of the Father designated Jesus as his “beloved Son”. In presenting himself as the Son who “knows the Father” (*Matthew 11:27*), Jesus affirmed his singular and eternal relationship with God his Father. He is “the Only Begotten Son of God” (*1 John 4:9*), the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the central figure of apostolic preaching. The apostles saw “his glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father” (*John 1:14*).

84. What is the meaning of the title "Lord"? 446-451,455

In the Bible this title regularly designates God as Sovereign. Jesus ascribed this title to himself and revealed his divine sovereignty by his power over nature, over demons, over sin, and over death, above all by his own Resurrection. The first Christian creeds proclaimed that the power, the honor, and the glory that are due to God the Father also belong to Jesus: God “has given him the name which is above every other name” (*Philippians 2:9*). He is the Lord of the world and of history, the only One to whom we must completely submit our personal freedom.

To read more click this link [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 17, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Donna & Omer Comeau

Oct 18, **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM

+ Juana & Pelayo Alzate

+ Rodolfo Macapagal

12:15 PM + Dennis Edquiban

5:30 PM The Parishioners

35th Wedding Ann Mary & Luis Jr. Carreon

Oct 19, Mon, 7:00PM --no mass--

Oct 20, Tues, 9:00AM -no mass---

Oct 21, Wed, 7:00PM —no mass---

Oct 22, Thu, 9:00AM -no mass--

Oct 23, Fri, 7:00PM + Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal

Oct 24, Sat, 9:00AM + Remedios Martinez

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7-day Vigil Lamp— October 17-23, 2026

Sanctuary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

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WORD OF THE WEEK

“DENARIUS”

It is an ancient Roman silver coin,
originally worth ten asses.

- a unit weight equal to that of a silver denarius.
- an ancient Roman gold coin worth 25 silver denarii.

DENARIUS Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster

It is a small silver disc with a god, an emperor, or Roma herself staring back at them. The Roman denarius was the everyday coin of soldiers, merchants, tax collectors, and politicians. It paid wages, bought food, and funded wars. It also spread Roman culture across the empire.

Roman Denarius: Meaning, Value, Price & History of the Silver

Pope's Prayer Intention-OCTOBER 2026- For Mental Health Ministry

For the establishment of mental-health ministries throughout the Church to overcome stigma and discrimination

Our Patron Saint...



"See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little." John XXIII

St. Ignatius of Antioch Oct 17th

Ignatius is believed to have been a convert to Christianity and a disciple of John the Evangelist. Bishop of Antioch for 40 years, he was arrested during the persecution under Trajan, condemned for confessing Christ and taken in chains to Rome. The ship in which he was sent travelled along the coast of Asia Minor and at every port crowd of Christians would greet him. While on this journey, Ignatius dictated seven letters on the Church, now counted among the treasures of early Christianity. Ignatius arrived in Rome about the year 107 and was taken directly to the amphitheatre, where lions devoured him.

(Living with Christ Oct 2026 ed.)

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Leo's postoperative recovery 'progressing normally'

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo's postoperative recovery 'progressing normally' - Vatican News](#)



CARDINAL LEO ENCOURAGES CATHOLICS TO PARTICIPATE IN OCTOBER 26 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
Tuesday, October 13, 2026



CARDINAL LEO INVITES PRAYERS FOR POPE LEO XIV
Tuesday, October 13, 2026



CANADA'S CATHOLIC BISHOPS OFFER PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY FATHER
Wednesday, October 14, 2026



EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AT 2026 INVESTITURE
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

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

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



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
- Youth Group
- 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

Announcements!!!

- ✠ Meeting of all Confirmation candidates on October 24th at 9.:35 AM;
- ✠ Next Sunday, there will be second collection for the World Mission to support our Missionaries;
- ✠ October 31st at 6:30pm- we will have a Living Rosary participated by the kids and Youth of St. John 23rd;
- ✠ If you are new to the parish, we encourage you to register as parishioners. Registration forms are at foyer.

≈ Did you know??? ≈

The **ORDER OF MASS** *(continuation)*

Q&A on the MASS

364. What is the best method of assisting at Mass?

The best method of assisting at Mass is to unite with the priest in offering the Holy Sacrifice, and to receive Holy Communion.

(a) It is evident from the words of the priest himself that we do unite with him in offering up the Holy Sacrifice. After the Offertory he turns to the people and says: "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty." In the second commemoration of the Canon of the Mass he says: "Remember, O Lord, Thy servants . . . for whom we offer, or who offer up to Thee, this sacrifice of praise."

365. Who said the first Mass?

Our divine Savior said the first Mass, at the Last Supper, the night before He died.

(a) There are different ways of assisting at Mass devoutly: using the missal to follow the priest, saying the Mass prayers as found in a prayer book; singing hymns; and the like. [Click the link to read more: Q&A on the Mass | EWTN](#)

What are the Liturgical Objects?

Liturgical objects are all the **material items used in the celebration of the sacraments, especially Holy Mass**. They are created, blessed, and set apart exclusively for **divine worship**. Their function is not merely practical: **each possesses symbolic and spiritual value that helps express the mystery of faith**.

At Mass, these objects are not simple utensils; they are **visible signs of an invisible reality**. The chalice, paten, corporal, or monstrance, for example, are directly connected to the Eucharist and are therefore treated with special reverence.

Through them, **the Church teaches us that material things can be sanctified when placed in God's service**. The noble materials, beautiful forms, and rules governing their use are not meant to impress but to **manifest the dignity of the mystery they contain and to beautify the liturgy, which is "the work of God par excellence."** *To be continued.....*

[Liturgical Objects: the Complete Guide - Catholic Mass Times](#)

Homily of Pope Francis

*Closing Mass of the Extraordinary Synod on the Family & Beatification of Paul VI
St. Peter's Square, Sunday, 19 October 2014*

We have just heard one of the most famous phrases in the entire Gospel: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mt 22:21).

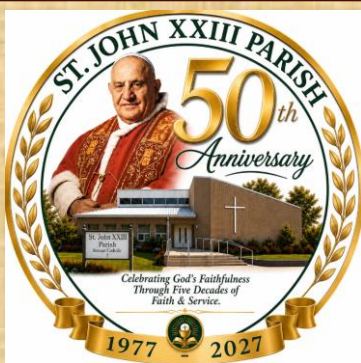
Goaded by the Pharisees who wanted, as it were, to give him an exam in religion and catch him in error, Jesus gives this ironic and brilliant reply. It is a striking phrase which the Lord has bequeathed to all those who experience qualms of conscience, particularly when their comfort, their wealth, their prestige, their power and their reputation are in question. This happens all the time; it always has.

Certainly Jesus puts the stress on the second part of the phrase: "and [render] to God the things that are God's". This calls for acknowledging and professing – in the face of any sort of power – that God alone is the Lord of mankind, that there is no other. This is the perennial newness to be discovered each day, and it requires mastering the fear which we often feel at God's surprises.

God is not afraid of new things! That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts and guiding us in unexpected ways. He renews us: he constantly makes us "new". A Christian who lives the Gospel is "God's newness" in the Church and in the world. How much God loves this "newness"!

"Rendering to God the things that are God's" means being docile to his will, devoting our lives to him and working for his kingdom of mercy, love and peace.

Here is where our true strength is found; here is the leaven which makes it grow and the salt which gives flavour to all our efforts to combat the prevalent pessimism which the world proposes to us. Here too is where our hope is found, for when we put our hope in God we are neither fleeing from reality nor seeking an alibi: instead, we are striving to render to God what is God's. [Click the link to read more- Closing Mass of the Extraordinary Synod on the Family and Beatification of the Servant of God Paul VI \(19 October 2014\)](#)



Monthly Activities

October 2026- October 2027

October 11- 31, 2026 in all weekend Masses

- Recitation of the Holy Rosary to be led by the Altar Servers and Parents

October 31st at 6:30PM – Living Rosary- with the kids & youth of SJ23rd

November 15, 2026 in the 9:00AM Mass

- A Memorial Mass for all the deceased parishioners specially those who had their funeral Mass here at St. John XXIII Church. Their families are invited to attend.

December 13, 2026 in the 9:00AM Mass

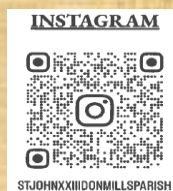
- Mass for all children and adults who have been baptized & confirmed at St. John XXIII and listed in the Sacramental Register. They are all invited to attend the Mass.

Support the fund-raising campaign for the anniversary

Additional activities will be posted in the bulletin board as well as in the Parish Weekly Bulletin.

St. John 23rd Parish Social Media

Follow us on



“With the help of God, we will.”

The Installation of a Pastor in the Catholic Church: Its Significance

Allow me first to express my deepest gratitude to all of you who have attended my installation as Pastor of this parish last Sunday, October 11th, as well as to all who extended best wishes, congratulations and prayers. I would like to thank also the many parishioners who have shared their resources, their time and talent in preparing to make the occasion a success. As the event was also the launching of our year-long preparation for the 50th Anniversary next year, many of you have walked the extra mile of seeing to it that everything came out as planned. I will not mention names but Kudos to all who contributed a dish or two for the potluck lunch and the servers, those who spent time cleaning and decorating the church, the unselfish effort of those who provide for the printing of our anniversary logo, those who spent for the flowers in the church and outside, those generous souls who lent us canopies for the potluck, our altar servers, the parish choir and their accompanying pianist and violinist who were highly acknowledged for the excellent job, those who use their own vehicles in transporting people and stuff needed for the occasion, those involved in the liturgical activity on that day, those who contributed financially for the purchase of things needed for the occasion, everyone who in one way or another have shared, and to all our guests who honoured us with their presence.

Parish records show that that was the 7th Installation of a Pastor that was held here in the parish for the past 49 years. So, for many of you who have witnessed installation ceremonies in the past, what happened last Sunday was just routine. In the olden days, the Rite of Installation of a Pastor was a simple and private event. In many cases, the Bishop would just send his representative, most of the time the Chancellor, who would come to the rectory and the new pastor would make his Profession of Faith and sign the documents.

Nowadays, it has become a public ceremony and done within the celebration of the Mass. And the first “official act” of the pastor is to lead the congregation in the Profession of Faith by reciting together the Nicene Creed. Following the Creed, the new pastor makes an Oath of Fidelity to the Church and its Teachings before the Bishop. It was a touching moment for me reminiscent of the day when I was ordained a priest. Let me quote once more some parts of the oath:

“With firm faith, I believe as well everything contained in God’s word, written or handed down in tradition and professed by the Church—whether in solemn judgment or in the ordinary and Universal Magisterium—as divinely revealed and calling for faith. I also firmly accept and hold each and everything that is proposed by that same Church definitively with regard to teaching concerning faith or morals. Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff with the College of Bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic Magisterium, even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive.”

With these words, the Bishop of the Diocese is assured that the bonds of Unity are strengthened between the parish to the Diocese or Archdiocese, and to the Universal Church. This means that the pastor never acts alone. Everything he does in the parish is to be done in union with the Bishop, who is in union with the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. The Oath of Fidelity reinforces that bond and serves a fitting reminder of what was already promised by the priest on the day of his ordination to the Priesthood. And so, even though the new pastor has already pledged obedience to his Bishop twice- at his ordination as a deacon and as a priest- at his installation,

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the pastor once again reaffirms that what he does in the parish will be in union with and in collaboration with the heart and mind of his Bishop, and ultimately the Supreme Pontiff.

Then, the new pastor is led by the Bishop to key places in the Church- the Baptistry, the Confessional, the Ambry, the Ambo, the Altar, and the Presider's Chair- in every place, asking him and the congregation to be faithful to the different responsibilities of parish life. In particular, the Installation aims to bring about the following:

1. **Spiritual Leadership:** It formally marks the beginning of a new chapter in the parish's spiritual leadership.
 2. **Unity and Support:** It gives the community a chance to welcome their new pastor and pray for him publicly.
 3. **Accountability:** It reminds both the priest and the faithful of their shared mission—to grow in faith and holiness together.
 4. **Continuity:** It honours the tradition of apostolic succession and the Church's structure of leadership.
- In short, an Installation of a new pastor isn't just ceremonial—it's a moment of grace, responsibility, and unity for the parish and its new shepherd.

But it is important also to understand that the Installation of a new Pastor does not serve as personal validation of the excellent personality, character, and capability of the pastor (if he ever possesses one). It rather serves as a recognition of the entire parish community's acceptance of the challenges to live the gospel precepts, and to grow in its faith in the Lord. While the newly appointed pastor is formally installed and officially assumes leadership, the parish community is thereby enjoined to journey with him, accompany him, live with him, laugh and cry with him, in facing the many challenges ahead. That is why our common response to the challenge is **"With the help of God, we will"**.

-Fr. Allan

Cardinal Leo Encourages Catholics to Participate in October 26 Municipal Elections

Posted : Oct-13-2026

Ahead of municipal elections on Monday, October 26, 2026, Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, has released a short video, encouraging Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto to learn more about the candidates, prayerfully form their conscience and cast an informed ballot.

In the video below, Cardinal Leo reflects on our responsibility to contribute to the common good and the important role of Catholic school board trustees in safeguarding the faith and identity of our Catholic schools.

Catholic voters are reminded to ensure that they are registered to vote as a Catholic separate school supporter. To learn more about this process and to ensure you are eligible to cast a vote for Catholic School Board Trustee in the upcoming collection, click [here](#).

We pray for all those seeking election and for those who will lead our municipalities and serve as school board trustees over the next four years.

Frank Cardinal Leo message---Click the link [Archdiocese of Toronto - Cardinal Leo Encourages Catholics to Participate in October 26 Municipal Elections](#)