

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 26 Oct 2025

‘God, be
merciful to
me,
a sinner!’

Luke 18.13

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. Simon & St. Jude, Oct 28th

Pray for us!

“The golden age is before us,
not behind us.” **Simon the Zealot**



“The Lord Stood by me and gave me strength, so through me the proclamation of Gospel might be completed ... the Lord rescued me from the lion’s mouth and from every evil. He will bring me safe to His heavenly kingdom. ... to him be glory forever and ever, Amen.”

2Timothy 4.16-18

The Book of Sirach today, announces a truth, about the justice of God; God judges us with no partiality; He has no favorites. Yet, although God shows no partiality, there are prayers, Sirach tells us, that God is sure to respond to; *“The Lord will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.”*

Another set of prayers, God listen to, are those from a sincere and humble heart: the prayers of those who admit their unworthiness before him; *“These Prayers Pierce the clouds and reach the Lord; He will not desist until the Most High visits them.”*

In the Gospel reading Jesus addresses a Parable to those who were convinced of their righteousness and despised everyone else.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collectors went to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee prayed thus, *“God, I thank you that I am not like other people.”* The Pharisee went not to pray for help but to remind God of his self-acquired goodness. He manifested no sense of dependence on God. He was too full of himself that he did not recognize his own emptiness! Jesus says, *“He spoke this prayer to himself!”* The Pharisee went further; he assumed the role of God, as a judge; not only does he enumerate his own claims of being just, but also reminds God, in case he had not noticed, of the deficiency of the tax-collector.

In contrast, the tax-collector required God’s righteousness because he did not have his own. He was considered a sinner, beyond God’s Mercy and forgiveness, because he was exploiting his own people for Rome and for his personal gain. The tax collector slipped into the temple and sincerely sought God’s forgiveness! Unable even, to raise his eyes to heaven, he beat his breast and prayed; *“God, be Merciful to me a sinner!”*

The Tax Collector was acquitted at God’s court of justice; He had recognized his need of God’s Mercy and had shown sorrow for his sins.

In our pilgrimage through life, we, the disciples of Christ, depend on the provision of God, and should recognize Him as the source of all. Our attitude should be like that of St Paul who, in the second reading, recognize God as source of his strength;

“The Lord Stood by me and gave me strength, so through me the proclamation of Gospel might be completed ... the Lord rescued me from the lion’s mouth and from every evil. He will bring me safe to His heavenly kingdom. ... to him be glory forever and ever, Amen.”



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART FOUR: CHRISTIAN PRAYER

SECTION ONE

PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

2558 "Great is the mystery of the faith!"

The Church professes this mystery in the Apostles' Creed (Part One) and celebrates it in the sacramental liturgy (Part Two), so that the life of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father (Part Three).

This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer.

Prayer as God's gift

2559 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."² But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart?³ He who humbles himself will be exalted;⁴ humility is the foundation of prayer, Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought,"⁵ are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."⁶

2560 "If you knew the gift of God!"⁷

The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.⁸

2561 "You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."⁹

Paradoxically our prayer of petition is a response to the plea of the living God:

"They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water!"^{[10](#)}

Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation and also a response of love to the thirst of the only Son of God.¹¹

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 25, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Robert McNaney
+Charles Hendrick

Oct 26 -Sun- 9:00AM The Parishioners
12:15PM + Eduardo D. Perlas

5:30 PM + Leslie Brown

Oct 27-Mon, 9:00 AM + Lydia Casana
Intention for Carmen Zarate

Oct 28-Tue,9:00PM + Eduviges & Bernardino A.

Oct 29-Wed 7:00PM Thanksgiving-Vladimir & Leah

Oct 30- Thu,9:00PM +A. KAMAL RAJ
+Concepcion Humarang

Oct 31-Fri,7:00PM + Luding Jimenez

Nov 01-Sat,9:00AM + Lerma & Isagani Ayala

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Oct 25-31, 2025

Sanctuary---	Healing & recovery of Fynnian
Virgin Mary-	Healing & recovery of Fynnian

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Prayer

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy. *St Therese of Lisieux* CCC 2558

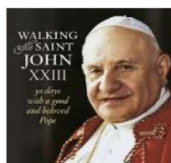
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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention -

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 take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behaviour; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself."

St. John XXIII

St. Simon & St. Jude Oct 28th

The names of Simon & Jude appear in New Testament lists of the apostles but little else is known about either. Since there are two apostles named Simon and two named Judas (Luke 6.14-16 & Acts 1.13), these are distinguished as Simon the Zealot and Judas the son (or the brother) of James, the other others being Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot.

Simon is surnamed the Cananaean or the Zealot, names which refer to his zeal for the Law. Jude (Judas) is also called Thaddeus (Matthew 10.4 and Mark 3.18); the one mention of him outside of the lists is in John (14.22-23) where he is referred to as "Judas (not Iscariot)."

Traditionally, both these apostles suffered martyrdom. In a later tradition, Jude became a patron saint of so-called hopeless causes.

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](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/2025-10/pope-to-russian-pilgrims-each-of-us-is-a-living-stone-in-the-building-of-the-church)



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!!!

- November 1st is All Saints Day and it is a day of obligation. The Mass is at 9am;**
- November 2nd is All Souls Day, in the 9:00am Mass we will have a Memorial Mass for our 6 parishioners who passed away this year. Their families are invited to attend;**
- The Book of Life will be on the Altar and we will remember the names written on it in all Masses in the month of November.**
- Next Meeting of the Confirmation Candidates will be on November 8th at 11am**



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

Anointing of the Sick

In the love of God His Father, Jesus Christ has come to heal the whole human person, soul and body. He continues to show his faithfulness and compassion and solidarity towards the sick: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." (CCC: 1505) As St. James says, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14-15). The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick confers a special grace of the Holy Spirit on Christians who are suffering from serious illness, and not exclusively on the faithful who are at the point of death (CCC: 1514).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What do Catholics believe about the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

In solidarity with the sick, the Church believes and confesses "the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies" in this "sacred anointing" (CCC: 1509; 1511). "But even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses." (CCC: 1508) The liturgical actions signify what grace the sacrament confers upon the sick: (i.) a gift of the Holy Spirit who grants fortitude and renewal of trust and faith in God especially against the temptations of the evil one; (ii.) union with Christ in His redemptive suffering and death; (iii.) the restoration of health if it is conducive to their salvation; (iv.) an ecclesial grace sanctifying the Church on earth; (v.) sacramentum exeuntium that completes all the holy anointings that mark the whole Christian life and prepares the final journey of those who are at the point of departing this life.

The sacrament is connected to divine absolution through the Church: as administered by the priest, the anointing has effects of "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance".

(CCC: 1520-1523; 1532)

2. Is the Sacrament called the "Last Rites"?

No. The Church believes and teaches that the sacrament is not a sacrament only for those who are at the point of death but for those among the faithful, including children reaching the age of reason, who "begin to be in danger of death from sickness or old age". (CCC: 1514)

.....to be continued

To read more click this link [Archdiocese of Toronto - Anointing of the Sick](#)

