

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 25 OCT 2026

*1. You shall love the Lord
your God with all your
heart, and with all
your soul, and with all
your mind.*

*2. You shall love your
neighbour as yourself.*

Matthew 22.34-40



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

See in page 6

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-

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St. Simon & St. Jude

Oct 28th

**“May mercy, peace, and
love be multiplied to you.”**



I love you, O Lord, my strength. *Psalm 18*

First Reading (Exodus 22.21-27)

Thus says the Lord: “You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

“If you lend money to my people, to the poor one among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbour’s cloak in pawn, you shall restore it to that person before the sun goes down; for it may be their only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if that person cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.”

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10)

Brothers and sisters: You know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel according to Matthew 22.34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?”

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment.

“And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary"

Cont....

85. Why did the Son of God become man? 456-460

For us men and for our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God's infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

86. What does the word "Incarnation" mean? 461-463, 483

The Church calls the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one divine Person of the Word the "Incarnation". To bring about our salvation the Son of God was made "flesh" (John 1:14) and became truly man. Faith in the Incarnation is a distinctive sign of the Christian faith.

87. In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man? 464-467, 469

Jesus is inseparably true God and true man in the unity of his divine Person. As the Son of God, who is "begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father," he was made true man, our brother, without ceasing to be God, our Lord.

88. What does the Council of Chalcedon (in the year 451) teach in this regard? 467

The Council of Chalcedon teaches us to confess "one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect in his humanity, true God and true man, composed of rational soul and body, consubstantial with the Father by his divinity, and consubstantial with us by his humanity, 'like us in all things but sin' (Hebrews 4:15), begotten from the Father before all ages as to his divinity, and in these last days, for us and for our salvation, born of Mary, the Virgin and Mother of God, as to his humanity."

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 24, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** + The Parishioners
Oct 25, **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM + Marilyn Baldemor
12:15 PM + Eduardo Perlas
+ Isabelle Marie Pinzon
5:30 PM + Josefina Erandio
Oct 26, Mon, 7:00PM + Teresa Cayetano
+ Delfin Badiang
Oct 27, Tues, 9:00AM + Regina Ciolo
+ Aurora Edquiban
Oct 28, Wed, 7:00PM + Eufrocina Ciabal Agpay
Thanksgiving - Lamorena Family
+ Araceli Rivera Valdez
Oct 29, Thu, 9:00AM + Mariano Cayetano
+ Perfecto Edquiban
Oct 30, Fri, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Lea & Vladimir P.
Oct 31, Sat, 9:00AM CWL Thanksgiving
+ John Luis

7-day Vigil Lamp- October 24-30, 2026

Sanctuary- **Thanksgiving of Gemma C.**
Virgin Mary- +Divinia Ranas

WORDS OF THE WEEK

"TEN COMMANDMENTS"

The Ten Commandments are God's moral law given to Moses. It is called the *Decalogue* (From the Greek *deka logoi*, "ten words")- were given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai and are recorded in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. They form foundational moral law of the Judeo-Christian tradition, and the Catholic Church treats them as the essential framework for understanding the moral life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church dedicates an entire section to the Ten Commandments, treating each one with rich theological depth. (CCC 2061)

[The 10 Commandments: Catholic Version Explained | Guide](#)

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. Simon & Jude Oct 28th

The names of Simon and 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 (Lukes 6.14-16 and Acts 1.13), these are distinguished as Simon the Zealot and Judas the son (or the brother) of James, the 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 2026 ed.)

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

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Leo urges young people to register for 2027 World Youth Day

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo urges young people to register for 2027 World Youth Day - Vatican News](#)



CARDINAL LEO ENCOURAGES CATHOLICS TO PARTICIPATE IN OCTOBER 26 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Tuesday, October 13, 2026



CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN DAY FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

Tuesday, October 20, 2026



VATICAN PUBLISHES "A JOURNEY OF HOPE" ON INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

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

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

Announcements!!!

- 📅 You are invited to the Living Rosary on October 31st to be held outside the church if weather permits;
- 📅 Memorial Mass will be celebrated on November 15th at 9am remembering all deceased parishioners and those who listed in the parish Death Register;
- 📅 If you are a parishioner and have not registered or new to the parish, we encourage you to register. The registration form is available in the foyer. Also, when you give a donation, indicate in the envelope your name and address and we will issue a tax receipt where you can claim when you file your income tax.

≈ Did you know??? ≈

The Liturgical Objects

What are the Liturgical Objects? *(continuation)*

Each liturgical object, through its function and symbolism, **helps us to live the Mass more deeply**. They remind us that we are not before an ordinary ceremony, but before the greatest and holiest act on earth: the Sacrifice of Christ made truly present in the Eucharist.

Which are the Liturgical Objects?

Sacred Vessels and Altar Linens

1. Chalice

The Chalice is a **sacred cup, normally made of gold or silver, or at least gold-plated inside**. It is specifically designed **to hold the consecrated wine, which becomes the Precious Blood of Christ during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**. Its design usually includes an ornate base, a stem (node) for easy handling, and a cup made of noble material.

This liturgical object primarily symbolizes the Precious Blood of Christ, representing the New and Eternal Covenant sealed with His Blood. It is intimately connected to the sacrifice on Calvary and the Last Supper. It serves as a tangible reminder of Christ's self-giving for the salvation of humanity. It is often called the **'chalice of salvation' because its spiritual drink grants eternal life**.

The chalice **must be consecrated by a bishop before its first use**, setting it apart for sacred purposes exclusively.

During the Offertory, it is prepared on the corporal, covered by the pall and the chalice veil. It holds the wine that, through the words of consecration, is transubstantiated into the Blood of Christ. **After Communion, the priest carefully purifies the chalice at the altar, consuming any remaining Precious Blood. To be continued.....**

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

Pope Francis

Angelus

St. Peter's Square, Sunday, 29 October 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

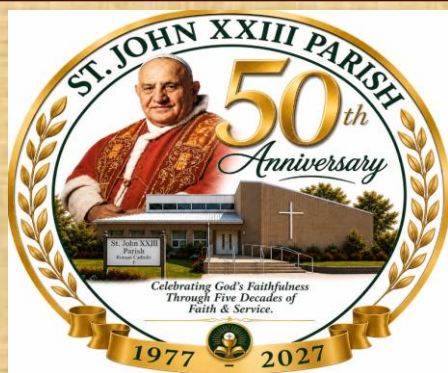
This Sunday, the Liturgy presents us with a brief, but very important Gospel passage (Mt 22:34-40). Matthew the Evangelist recounts that the Pharisees assemble in order to put Jesus to the test. One of them, a doctor of the Law, asks him this question: "Teacher, which one is the great commandment in the law?" (v. 36). It is an insidious question, because more than 600 precepts are mentioned in the Law of Moses. How should the *great commandment* be distinguished among these? But Jesus responds without hesitation: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". And he adds: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (vv. 37, 39).

This response of Jesus is not to be taken for granted, because, among the numerous precepts of the Hebrew Law, the most important were the 10 Commandments, communicated directly by God to Moses, as the conditions of the Covenant with the people. But Jesus wants to make it understood that without love for God and for our neighbour there is no true fidelity to this Covenant with the Lord. You may do many good things, fulfil many precepts, many good things, but if you do not have love, this serves no purpose.

It is confirmed by another text in the Book of Exodus, the so-called "Covenant Code", where it is said that one cannot adhere to the Covenant with the Lord and mistreat those who enjoy his protection. And who are those who enjoy his protection? The Bible says: the widow, the orphan and the stranger, the migrant, that is, the loneliest and most defenseless people (cf. Ex 22:20-21).

In responding to those Pharisees who question him, Jesus also tries to help them put their religiosity in order, to distinguish what truly matters from what is less important.

[Click the link to read more- Angelus, 29 October 2017](#)



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 31, 2026 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 the Mass.
- Coffee and Pancake Sunday -----by Seniors Group

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 Registers. They are all invited to attend the Mass.
- Coffee and Cookie Sunday -----by Weekend Lectors

December 24th at 10:30pm to 11:30pm ----- Caroling by the Choirs

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

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