

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 02 Nov 2025



Jesus Christ is the
firstborn of the dead;
to him be glory and
dominion for ever and
ever. Amen

Rev 1.5-6

November 1st – All Saints Day

November 2nd – All Souls Day

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only
Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.” John 3:16**

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. Martin de Porres, Nov 3rd

Pray for us!

*“Let your heart be filled with love and
kindness, for these are the true
treasures of life the true.”*



“I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11:25-26

Today the Church invites us to commemorate all the faithful departed, to turn our eyes to the many faces who have gone before us and who have ended their earthly journey. Many mark this day, by first going for Mass and then visiting cemeteries, where their loved ones are resting. It is a day when we express our Faith in the Resurrection and Life through Christ Jesus. It is a day of prayer trusting in God’s Love and Mercy.

Human Beings have always cared for their dead and in some cultures, sought to give the deceased a sort of second life with tremendous attention, care and affection. In a way, they wanted to preserve their experience of life; and, paradoxically, by looking at their graves, before which countless memories returns, they re-discover how they lived; an almost flash-up of their earthly life. Why is this? Because despite the fact that death in many cultures is an almost a forbidden subject, death touches each one of us, it touches humankind of every place and time. And before this Mystery, we all, even unconsciously, search for something to give us hope and bring us consolation of the there-after.

This hope and consolation come through Christ who in the Gospel of St John, proclaims; ***“I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”*** (John 11:25-26)

St Paul in the opening antiphon of today’s Mass explains; ***“Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to Life.”*** (Cf. 1 Th 4: 14: 1 Cor 15:22)

We are also again consoled by the Words of Jesus in the Gospel of John; ***“For this is the Will of the Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in him will have eternal Life and I myself will raise him up on the last Day.”*** (John 4:5)

Faced by the mystery of death, human beings need God; the source and destiny of all. Human beings need eternity, for every other pursuit is too brief, too limited for them. Yet, Man thirsts for the earthly and desires to be absolute, possibly unto death.

God, leaves his glory to rescue and makes himself close to us. He enters into our history and became one with us. In the Gospel reading today, he is physically in the town Nain accompanied by his disciples and a great crowd of people. We hear Jesus, console the widow; ***“Do not cry.”*** He then raises her son; ***“Young Man, I tell you to get up.”*** The young man got up and Jesus gave him to his mother.

“Let your hearts not be troubled,” Jesus tells every disciple; for in the supreme act of love on the cross, immersing himself in the abyss of death, he conquered it, and rose and opened the doors of eternity for us. Christ sustains us through the night of death which he himself overcame; he is the Good Shepherd, on whose guidance one can rely without fear, for he knows the way well, even through the darkness of life.

“O death, where is your victory?” “O death where is your sting?” ... “Thanks to God who give us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1Cor.15: 55, 57)



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

II. "BODY AND SOUL BUT TRULY ONE"

362 The human person, created in the image of God, is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. The biblical account expresses this reality in symbolic language when it affirms that "then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."²²⁹ Man, whole and entire, is therefore willed by God.

364 The human body shares in the dignity of "the image of God": it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit:²³²

Man, though made of body and soul, is a unity. Through his very bodily condition he sums up in himself the elements of the material world. Through him they are thus brought to their highest perfection and can raise their voice in praise freely given to the Creator. For this reason man may not despise his bodily life. Rather he is obliged to regard his body as good and to hold it in honour since God has created it and will raise it up on the last day.²³³

365 The unity of soul and body is so profound that one has to consider the soul to be the "form" of the body:²³⁴ i.e., it is because of its spiritual soul that the body made of matter becomes a living, human body; spirit and matter, in man, are not two natures united, but rather their union forms a single nature.

366 The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not "produced" by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection.²³⁵

367 Sometimes the soul is distinguished from the spirit: St. Paul for instance prays that God may sanctify his people "wholly", with "spirit and soul and body" kept sound and blameless at the Lord's coming.²³⁶ The Church teaches that this distinction does not introduce a duality into the soul.²³⁷ "Spirit" signifies that from creation man is ordered to a supernatural end and that his soul can gratuitously be raised beyond all it deserves to communion with God.²³⁸

368 The spiritual tradition of the Church also emphasizes the heart, in the biblical sense of the depths of one's being, where the person decides for or against God.²³⁹

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 01, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Rogelio Arevalo
Deceased CWL Members

Nov 02 -Sun- 9:00AM The Parishioners

12:15PM + Benjie Romero

5:30 PM + Marie & Mavis

Nov 03-Mon,9:00 AM Deceased members D'Souza
& All Souls in Purgatory

Nov 04-Tue,9:00PM +Domingo & Teresa Ayala

Nov 05-Wed 7:00PM +Antonio Guillermo
+Dolly Gonzalves

Nov 06- Thu,9:00PM +A. KAMAL RAJ
+Luningning Oligario

Nov 07-Fri,7:00PM +Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal

Nov 08-Sat,9:00AM + Mercedes &
+ Leonardo Sr. Alon

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Nov 01-07, 2025

Sanctuary--- + Lerma & Isagani Ayala

Virgin Mary- + Domingo & Teresa Ayala

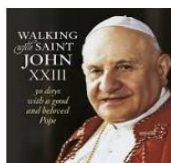
WORD OF THE WEEK **SOUL**

In Sacred Scripture the term "soul" often refers to human life or the entire human person. But "soul" also refers to the innermost aspect of man, that which is of greatest value in him, that by which he is most especially in God's image: "soul" signifies the spiritual principle in man. CCC 363

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention - November 2025 - For Poor

"Let us pray that the poor might find support and assistance in their struggles, and that we might be moved to help them."





"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. Martin de Porres Nov 3rd

Martin de Porres was a Dominican Lay brother from Lima, Peru, who lived from 1579 to 1639. He entered the Dominican friary at 15 and served in many capacities, including as a barber, infirmarian and farm labourer, and soon became well known for his care of the sick and the poor, and of animals. His advice was sought by people in high places and he was well loved and greatly respected by the populace. Today he is a patron saint of barbers, innkeepers, public education, public health, racial harmony, and social justice.

Living with Christ -Nov 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 students: Do not let technology use you

To read more, click this link >>>: [Pope to students: Do not let technology use you - Vatican News](#)



ALTAR SERVERS HONoured BY TORONTO-AREA SERRA CLUBS
Wednesday, October 29, 2025

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

Thursday, October 23, 2025



MARY'S GAZE IN A POLARIZED WORLD
Friday, October 17, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

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

Announcements!!!

- The Book of Life is on the Altar and the names written on it will be remembered in all Masses in the month of November;**
- Today November 2nd in the 9:00 AM, we will remember our parishioners who passed away this year;**
- November 7th is the first Friday of the month, you are invited to join us in the Eucharistic Adoration at 6PM followed by the Mass;**
- Next Meeting of the Confirmation Candidates will be on November 8th Saturday 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

Bits and Pieces

• **When was All Saints' Day began?**

All Saints' Day, which began most likely as All Martyrs' Day, can be traced to the earliest Christians. By the third century, the followers of Christ were annually honoring their brothers and sisters who had given their lives (martyred) while witnessing for and defending Jesus Christ. Typically, on the anniversary of a martyr's death, those living would gather to remember and offer prayers at the tomb or place where the deceased had died.

• **Do you know that the Pantheon (in Rome) was gifted by an emperor to the Pope?**

In 609, during the reign of Pope Boniface IV (608-615), the Eastern Emperor Phocas (r. 602-610) gifted a temple in Rome to the Holy See. The temple, still standing today and still known as the Pantheon, was originally built in the first century. Destroyed by fire and rebuilt between 118 and 128, it was a public place to worship and honor all the Roman gods and goddesses — a spectacular monument to pagan Rome.

• **When was November 1st became a feast of the church?**

On Nov. 1, 735, Pope Gregory III (731-741) dedicated an oratory in St. Peter's Basilica to house the relics of the apostles, martyrs, saints and confessors. Thereafter, Nov. 1 became, at least for the churches in Rome, the feast of All Saints, and the May 13 date was suppressed. Other countries and cities began to celebrate the feast on the same day as the Rome churches, and soon a vigil of All Saints was added. Eventually, Pope Gregory IV (827-844) assigned Nov. 1 as the date of the feast of All Saints throughout the Latin Church and proclaimed it a holy day of obligation.

• **Why do we remember and pray for the faithful departed?**

Remembering and praying for the faithful departed is tied directly to our belief in purgatory. On All Souls' Day the universal church prays for all those in purgatory, people who were much like us, whose offense may have been less than ours. By pleading for them, we are inspired to lead purer lives.

To read more click this link.. [The history behind All Saints' and All Souls' Days -](#)



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

3. May someone receive this Sacrament more than once?

Yes, and at the discretion of the priest. (Cf. CCC: 1515) One should ask for a priest to confer the sacrament again in any situation of grave illness, whether the situation is persisting, recurring, worsening, or a newly developed one and so on.

4. Who should confer the Sacrament?

A Roman Catholic priest is necessary to confer the Sacrament.

5. What is physically done in this Sacrament?

The "priests of the Church"—in silence—lay hands on the sick; they pray over them in the loving faith of the Church in the hope of Holy Spirit to come and act; they then anoint them with sacred oil. (CCC: 1519).

6. Does the Church ever anoint someone who is already dead?

No. Sacraments are for the living. The Church cares deeply about who are present at the death of a loved one and the family of our faithful departed. Please get in touch with your pastor or deacon or lay assistant if you wish to receive pastoral care and the prayers of your parish family.

.....to be continued

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

