St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 01 NOV 2026

All Holy Saints, our Heavenly Friends, Pray for us!



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3

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. Martin de Porres

Nov 3rd

"Love and compassion are the true paths to enlightenment."



Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face. *Psalm 24*

First Reading (Revelation 76.2-4, 9-14)

I, John, saw an Angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four Angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.

And all the Angels stood around the throne, around the elders and the four living creatures; they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Second Reading (1 John 3.1-3)

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel according to Matthew 5.1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountains; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great heaven."

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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....

89. How does the Church set forth the Mystery of the Incarnation? 464-470 479-481

The Church confesses that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, with two natures, a divine nature and a human nature, not confused with each other but united in the Person of the Word. Therefore, in the humanity of Jesus all things - his miracles, his suffering, and his death - must be attributed to his divine Person which acts by means of his assumed human nature.

"O Only-begotten Son and Word of God you who are immortal, you who deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God and ever Virgin Mary (...) You who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us!" (Byzantine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

90. Did the incarnate Son of God have a soul with human knowledge? 470-474,482

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.

91. How did the two wills of the incarnate Word cooperate? 475-482

Jesus had a divine will and a human will. In his earthly life the Son of God humanly willed all that he had divinely decided with the Father and the Holy Spirit for our salvation. The human will of Christ followed without opposition or reluctance the divine will or, in other words, it was subject to it.

92. Did Christ have a true human body?476-477

Christ assumed a true human body by means of which the invisible God became visible. This is the reason why Christ can be represented and venerated in sacred images.

To read more click this link Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 31, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Roger Arevalo
Nov 01 SUNDAY 9:00 AM + The Parishioners
12:15 PM + Lerma Glen Ayala
+ Benjie Romero; + Gloria Zaragosa
+ Rodolfo & Rebecca Donado
5:30 PM + Efil Adlie Fernandes
Nov 02, Mon,7:00PM All Deceased Parishioners
Nov 03, Tues,9:00AM + All Souls in Purgatory
+ Mavis and Marie
Nov 04, Wed,7:00PM Deceased Members-Revina Fam
+ Cirilo & Pastora Labrador
Nov 05, Thu, 9:00AM +Isagani Ayala
Nov 06, Fri, 7:00PM Antonio Guillermo
+Sebastian & Leopoldina Miranda
Nov07, Sat,9:00AM Deceased Members of Legion Mary

7-day Vigil Lamp– October 31-Nov 0730, 2026

Sanctuary- **+ Leoncio Ayala**
Virgin Mary- **+ Conchita Ayala**

WORDs OF THE WEEK

"SAINTS"

Saints are individuals (and some angels) whom the Catholic Church declares to be in heaven and enjoying the beatific vision.

Catholics venerate, not worship, saints; they ask saints to pray for them, similar to asking a friend for prayers, but with the belief that heavenly intercession is especially powerful.

The Catholic canonization process has four stages: 1. Servants of God- Local bishop opens investigation into the person's life. 2.Venerable – The Pope recognizes heroic virtue. 3. Blessed- Beatification, usually requiring a verifiable miracle. 4. Saint- Canonization, requiring an additional verified miracle.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Catholic_sai

Pope's Prayer Intention-November 2026- **For the Proper Use of Wealth**

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

Our Patron Saint...



"From the saints I must take the substance, not the accidents of their virtues." 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, inn-keepers, public education, public health, racial harmony, and social justice. ***(Living with Christ Nov 2026 ed.)***

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Leo XIV mourns lives lost in Spain train collision

To read more, click this link >>> Pope Leo XIV mourns lives lost in Spain train collision - Vatican News

WATCH THE MASS OF BEATIFICATION FOR THE GEORGIA MARTYRS – OCT. 31 – 11:00 A.M.
Thursday, October 29, 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

AN UPDATE ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING IN CANADA – HELP NOT HARM
Friday, October 16, 2026

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

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

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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!!!

- The Book of Life is to be enthroned on the altar the whole month of November. You can write the name of your deceased relative died this year;
- A memorial Mass for all the deceased parishioners specially those listed in the Death Registers is on November 15th at 9am;
- 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 donation, please 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

Sacred Vessels and Altar Linens *(continuation)*

2. Paten

The paten is a **small, round plate, made of the same precious material as the chalice, used to hold the Sacred Host before and after the Consecration**. Its shape allows it to fit perfectly over the mouth of the chalice.

The paten **represents the humanity of Christ**. It also symbolizes the **purity and care with which the Body of the Lord is treated**. Its round shape recalls **eternity** and **divine perfection**.

During the preparation of the altar, the paten is placed over the chalice with the pall on top. After the consecration, it is used to hold the Host, and it must be purified with the chalice at the end of communion.

3. Ciborium

The ciborium is a covered container, similar in shape to the chalice but wider, with a domed or crowned lid. It is made of precious metal, and its interior should be gilded. It is used to reserve and distribute consecrated Hosts.

The ciborium represents **the tabernacle of Mary's heart, who carried the Incarnate Word within herself.** It also shows the **care and reverence with which the Church protects and distributes the Most Holy Sacrament.**

The ciborium should always remain covered with its lid, especially when containing consecrated Hosts. It is purified like the chalice and must be treated with the same reverence. **The ciborium, chalice, and paten are the most important liturgical objects due to their direct contact with the Eucharist.**

4. Cruets

The cruets are a pair of **small containers, generally made of glass, crystal, or sometimes precious metals. One is designated for wine and the other for water**. They are usually marked with the letters "V" (Vinum) and "A" (Aqua) or with distinctive images (such as a vine for wine and a drop of water for water) to clearly distinguish their contents. *To be continued.* ***To read more click the link***

Liturgical Objects: the Complete Guide - Catholic Mass Times

Pope Francis

Solemnity of All Saints
St. Peter's Square, Sunday, 1 November 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning and Happy Feast Day!

In today's celebration, the Feast of All Saints, we experience in a special way the reality of the communion of saints, our great family that consists of all members of the Church, both those of us who are still pilgrims on earth, and the immense multitude of those who have already left and gone to Heaven. We are all united, and this is called the "communion of saints", meaning the community of all baptized people.

In today's Liturgy, the Book of Revelation refers to an essential characteristic of saints, saying: they are *people who belong totally to God*. They are presented as an immense multitude of "chosen ones", dressed in white and marked with the "seal of God" (cf. 7:2-4, 9-14). Through this last detail, with allegorical language, it is emphasized that the saints belong to God fully and exclusively, and that they are his property. What does it mean to bear the seal of God in one's very life and person? The Apostle John again tells us: it means that in Jesus Christ we have truly become children of God (cf. 1 Jn 3:1-3).

Are we conscious of this great gift? We are all children of God! Do we remember that in Baptism we received the "seal" of our Heavenly Father, and that we became his children? To put it simply: we bear God's surname, our surname is God, because we are the children of God. Here lies the root of the vocation to holiness! The saints whom we remember today are those who lived in the grace of their Baptism, those who kept the "seal" intact, behaving as children of God, seeking to emulate Jesus; and now they have reached the goal, because they finally "see God as he is".

To read more- Angelus, 1st November 2015, Solemnity of All Saints

Monthly Activities

October 2026- October 2027

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.
- Coffee & Pancake Sunday by the Seniors Group

December 13, 2026 at 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.
- Coffee Sunday by the Weekend Lectors

December 24, 2026 at 10:30pm to 11:30pm ------Caroling by the Choirs

January 08, 2027, Friday at 6:00pm **Adoration and Novena Day 1**

- Intention: For all Pastors present and past who served at St. John XXIII

January 10, 2027, Sunday at 9am, Coffee and Pandesal Sunday by Weekday Lectors

February 12, 2027 at 6:00pm **Adoration and Novena Day 2**

- Intention: For all couples Married at St. John XXIII

February 14, 2027 at 12 noon Mass convalidation wedding for legally married couple

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.

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