

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 09 Nov 2025

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"Take these things
out of here!
Stop making my
Father's house a
marketplace!" John 2.16

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Remembrance Day

May the souls of all soldiers who died in war rest in peace!

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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Pope St. Leo the Great, Nov 10th

Pray for us!

"Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."



“Take these things out of here! Stop making My Father’s house a market place!” His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’” John 2.16

Today we celebrate the Feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranked, of the four Major Basilicas in Rome; the other three basilicas are St Peter’s Basilica, St Paul’s Basilica and St. Mary Major.

St John the Lateran, is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, as the Bishop of Rome. The Basilica called the “Mother and head of all churches of the world,” was built after the Emperor Constantine’s edict of Milan, which in 313AD granted all Christian freedom to practice their faith. The same emperor, gave Pope Miltiades, the property of the family of the Lateran and built a Basilica.

In ancient Rome, this is the Church where everyone was baptized. It is the oldest Church in the west was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324 AD.

Today, the Liturgy celebrates the dedication of this Cathedral. In the celebration we are helped to recall an essential truth: “the Temple of bricks is a symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, which the Apostle Peter and Paul teach in their letters, as a “Spiritual Building,” constructed by God with the living stones, which are Christians, over the charity of the entire Catholic Communion.

In the 1st Reading, Prophet Ezekiel gives us a vision of what the Church is like. It is like a stream that is just a trickle in its source, but then broadens as thousands of small streams join together. The river flows and nourishes all that is in its path and many times, nourishes those that are well beyond the confines of its banks. When its water reaches the Sea, it changes, the oceans salt laden waters into life giving waters with trees lining its banks.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus is hard on those who were using the Temple to exploit worshippers for gain, motivated by greed and profit. **“Stop making my Father’s House a market place,”** Jesus commanded them! For Jesus, the Temple was not merely a building where worshippers gather; it was “the House of my Father.” Israel related to God through its Temple but Jesus tells them, that their Temple belonged to him in a special way as a Son of the Father.

When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign to confirm his authority, Jesus drew them into a deeper understanding of him; **“Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up.”** Jesus here claimed to be the Temple. Jesus’ passion and death, as an Exodus to the Father, would lead to his being consumed, and after a very short time would raise up the Temple of his body. The presence of God in the Temple would be perfected by the revelation of God that would take place in the destruction and the resurrection of the Temple of the body of Jesus. At a time when there would no longer a Stone Temple in Jerusalem, believers would experience the presence of the crucified, yet risen Jesus as their Temple.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Church is the Bride of Christ

796 The unity of Christ and the Church, head and members of one Body, also implies the distinction of the two within a personal relationship. This aspect is often expressed by the image of bridegroom and bride. the theme of Christ as Bridegroom of the Church was prepared for by the prophets and announced by John the Baptist.²³⁴ The Lord referred to himself as the "bridegroom."²³⁵ The Apostle speaks of the whole Church and of each of the faithful, members of his Body, as a bride "betrothed" to Christ the Lord so as to become but one spirit with him.²³⁶ The Church is the spotless bride of the spotless Lamb.²³⁷ "Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her."²³⁸ He has joined her with himself in an everlasting covenant and never stops caring for her as for his own body:²³⁹

This is the whole Christ, head and body, one formed from many . . . whether the head or members speak, it is Christ who speaks. He speaks in his role as the head (ex persona capitis) and in his role as body (ex persona corporis). What does this mean? "The two will become one flesh. This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the Church."²⁴⁰ and the Lord himself says in the Gospel: "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."²⁴¹ They are, in fact, two different persons, yet they are one in the conjugal union, . . . as head, he calls himself the bridegroom, as body, he calls himself "bride."²⁴²

III. THE CHURCH IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

797 "What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church."²⁴³ "To this Spirit of Christ, as an invisible principle, is to be ascribed the fact that all the parts of the body are joined one with the other and with their exalted head; for the whole Spirit of Christ is in the head, the whole Spirit is in the body, and the whole Spirit is in each of the members."²⁴⁴ The Holy Spirit makes the Church "the temple of the living God":²⁴⁵

Indeed, it is to the Church herself that the "Gift of God" has been entrusted.... In it is in her that communion with Christ has been deposited, that is to say: the Holy Spirit, the pledge of incorruptibility, the strengthening of our faith and the ladder of our ascent to God.... For where the Church is, there also is God's Spirit; where God's Spirit is, there is the Church and every grace.²⁴⁶

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 08, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Scott Huntley

Nov 09 -Sun- 9:00AM + Antonio Hernandez

12:15PM + Francesca Tandingan

5:30 PM +The Parishioners

Nov 10-Mon,9:00 AM + Avelina Molina

+ Cirilo & Castora Labrador

Nov 11-Tue,9:00PM Thanksgiving of Aurora H.

+ Bienvenido & Victoria Macaraig

Nov 12-Wed 7:00PM + Arcadio & Luz de Guia

Thanksgiving of Rena Romero

Nov 13- Thu,9:00PM +A. KAMAL RAJ

+ Isidro Siabal

Nov 14-Fri,7:00PM+Cleotilde & Felicidad Labrador

Thanksgiving of Susan Mensah

Nov 15-Sat,9:00AM+Leopoldo & Estelita Labrador

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Nov 08-14, 2025

Sanctuary--- *Recovery of Manuel Tandingan*

Virgin Mary- *Healing of Mary Ylagan*

WORD OF THE WEEK

CHURCH

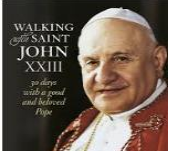
The Church is the Bride of Christ; he loved her and handed himself over for her. He has purified her by his blood and made her the fruitful mother of all God's children. CCC 808

The Church is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit is the soul, as it were, of the Mystical Body, the source of its life, of its unity in diversity, and of the riches of its gifts and charisms. CCC 809

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 be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one."

St. John XXIII

Pope St. Leo the Great Nov 10th

Leo was born to Tuscan parents. His religious beliefs guided his entire life. As a deacon he worked to bring peace to warring Roman factions who were leaving Gaul vulnerable to barbarian invasion. Leo is well known for his peacekeeping efforts, and especially for his encounter with Attila the Hun, persuading Attila not to plunder Rome. During another attack three years later, Leo was not so successful, though he did manage to save the city from being burnt. Leo worked alongside the people to rebuild the city and its churches.

Pope from 440 until his death in 461, Leo is best known for his sermons on faith and charity. Always a strong opponent of heresies, his teaching has had a lasting influence on the life of the Roman Church. He is the first pope whose sermons and letters have been preserved in extensive collections. He was made Doctor of the Church in 1754.

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 !!!



Cardinal Pietro Parolin at COP30

Pope to COP30: 'If you want to cultivate peace, care for creation'

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope to COP30: 'If you want to cultivate peace, care for creation' - Vatican News](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/catholicism/2025-11/pope-to-cop30-if-you-want-to-cultivate-peace-care-for-creation)



CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR RED WEDNESDAY
Tuesday, November 04, 2025

1,500 GATHER FOR 46TH ANNUAL CARDINAL'S DINNER
Thursday, November 06, 2025

CELEBRATING FAITH FORMATION AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY CONVOCATION
Wednesday, November 05, 2025

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

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

Announcements!!!

- 📅 **On Nov 19th at 5:30pm, Red Wednesday a special Mass at St. Michael's Basilica;**
- 📅 **2nd Meeting of the FHC Candidates and Parents will be on November 15th Saturday at 11am;**
- 📅 **Next Weekend is Shepherd's Trust Sunday, please remember our retired priest and shepherd's trust donation envelope will be collected;**
- 📅 **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;**



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



27 October 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

As we journey through this Holy Year of Jubilee under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," we are called to deepen our faith and solidarity with one another, especially those who suffer for the name of Jesus. It is in this spirit of hope that I call to your attention Red Wednesday taking place on 19 November upcoming, a day dedicated to raising awareness of the persecution faced by our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN-Canada), a Pontifical Charity, this initiative illuminates churches and landmarks in red as a symbol of the blood shed by martyrs. In a world marked by division and strife, Red Wednesday serves as a reminder that we are pilgrims together, trusting in God's promise of renewal and peace, even amid trials.

The scale of Christian persecution today is staggering and calls for our urgent attention and fervent prayer. According to the [most recent report from Aid to the Church in Need](#), grave violations of religious freedom occurred in 62 countries affecting nearly 5.4 billion people, or 64.7% of the world's population. An additional 24 countries are "under observation" due to rising intolerance, extremism, or state interference, potentially impacting 750 million people world-wide. In various regions of Africa, Asia and South America, believers face imprisonment, forced displacement, church burnings, and even death. The report indicates that religious persecution contributed to over 123 million people being forcibly displaced, including 73.5 million internally displaced persons. These sobering realities underscore the threat to the faith in hostile environments, yet they also inspire us to hope, for as pilgrims of hope, we know that Christ's resurrection triumphs over every form of darkness and injustice.

As we prepare to mark Red Wednesday, I extend a warm invitation to join in a special Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on November 19 at 5:30 p.m. This liturgy will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, offering us an opportunity to pray together for our persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide and to stand in unity as the Body of Christ. ACN-Canada has also prepared many resources including a Rosary for Persecuted Christians that can be found on their website: acn-canada.org/red-wednesday.

In closing, I urge you to keep all Christians enduring persecution in your prayers, that they may find strength in the Cross and consolation in the Eucharist. May we, as pilgrims of hope, remain steadfast in our belief that a day will come when all can worship God freely, without fear or hindrance. Let us seek the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, who stood faithfully at the foot of the cross, to guide us in this endeavour and envelop the suffering in her maternal care.

Yours sincerely in Jesus with Mary,

† Frank Card. Leo

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

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



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

7. How do I arrange for the Sacrament?

Current practices at Ontario hospitals make it easily the responsibility of the patient or their families to declare the patient's religious affiliation at admissions. For the Sacrament to be arranged, it is absolutely crucial that you or your immediate family let the hospital administration (e.g., a nurse or a physician) or the hospital chaplaincy know

- that you are Roman Catholic and
- that you would like to ask for a priest especially if his immediate visit is desirable.

A Roman Catholic priest is necessary to confer the Sacrament.

Make sure your parish know about your wish to receive the Sacrament. If you are not attending a parish currently, phone one of our many parish families to discuss your circumstance.

8. Should children receive this Sacrament?

When a baptized child is in danger of death, he/she may be confirmed, and celebrate First Holy Eucharist at the time of Anointing by the priests of the Church.

Resources

To learn more about the Anointing of the Sick, these resources may help:

- [Pope Francis: "The Beauty of the Anointing of the Sick"](#)
- [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) (1499-1532)
- [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Anointing of the Sick](#) (313-320)
- [Code of Canon Law](#) (c. 844)

.....to be continued

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

