

# St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 Nov 2024

*Jesus said,*  
**“Truly I tell you,  
this poor widow  
has put in more  
than all those who  
are contributing  
to the treasury.”**

Mark 12:29

## *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 is in the months of September and October 2024

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment

**Parish School-**

**St. John XXIII Catholic School**

175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7

Tel. 416-393-5348

**Archdiocese of Toronto-**

Tel. 416-934-0606 \*[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

**St. Leo the Great** Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

**Pray for us.**

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



***“They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, she has contributed all she had to live on, her whole livelihood.”***

***Mark 12:44***

Today we celebrate the 32nd Sunday of the Liturgical Year. We are nearing Christ the King and there after Advent and we continue to hear from Jesus as He made his final journey to Jerusalem and the Cross; Today he has arrived and he is at the Temple Area.

The Theme these past Sundays we have been focusing on the way to greatness in the Kingdom of God! It all begun with the question that was posed to Christ on the 28th Sunday; ***“Good Master what must I do to inherit eternal Life?”***

Jesus dealt with the commandments as the Way and the Lawyer had done well. Jesus looked at him and loved him. He then challenged him; ***“There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own ... and Come and Follow me.”*** At these words his face fell and he went away sad.”

Jesus then taught us as He taught his disciple after the request of the Sons of Zebedee; that the Way to Greatness in the Kingdom of God was through Service and Service of the Insignificant; ***“Whoever wishes to be Great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be 1st among you will be the slave to all.”***

Self-giving, self-emptying in the simplicity of heart, like a child was the way, in the wisdom of the Kingdom of God.

We then witness Jesus uplift the insignificant; with- Bartimaeus, the blind man by the roadside. ***“Go your Faith has saved you.”*** Bartimaeus received the Consolation of the Lord and became a disciple.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus sitting opposite the treasury, in the temple, watched as the crowd put money into the temple’s deposit box. He noticed the deposits of many rich people as they put in large sums of money and then the deposit of a poor widow; two small coins.

Her gesture of generosity compelled Jesus to call his Disciples and give them a lesson on generosity; ***“Amen I say to you, this poor Widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.”***

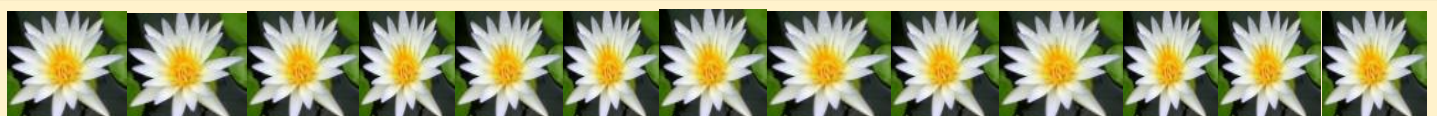
This widow gave her life, quietly without publicity. Jesus, God among us, saw her Heart and praised her and revealed to humanity her interior motive; her generosity; ***“They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, she has contributed all she had to live on, her whole livelihood.”***

Pope Leo the Great commenting on this said; ***“On the scales of Divine Justice - meaning we’ve been given hence we are called to give back, the quantity of gifts is not weighed, but the quality of the Heart that is giving.”***

Amazingly, standing in the full view of every Disciple was the One who is all in all! Yet emptied himself, of the Glory of Heaven to give Life, ultimately and generously, for the Salvation of all.

Jesus teaches this to his disciples that he was on his way to Jerusalem. To the Altar of God’s Generosity where as a grain of wheat he was about to die so that we could receive Life and Life in its Fullness.

We, the disciples of Christ are called to be generous!



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**III. The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

**1830** The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

**1831** The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David.<sup>109</sup> They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.

Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.<sup>110</sup>

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God . . . If children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.<sup>111</sup>.

**1832** The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. the tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity."<sup>112</sup>

To find more click the link below-

[https://www.vatican.va/content/catechism/en/part\\_three/section](https://www.vatican.va/content/catechism/en/part_three/section)

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 09-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Scott, +Alyre +John  
Nov 10- Sun 9:00AM +Antonio Guillermo  
12:15 PM +Virgilio deVilla  
5:30 PM + The Parishioners  
Nov 11 -Mon,7:00PM + Jose Laurel  
Nov 12-Tue, 9:00 AM +Arcadio & Luz de Guia  
Thanksgiving of Hernandez Family  
Thanksgiving B-day of Rena Romero  
Nov 13 -Wed, 7 PM + Benjie Romero  
+ Fulgencio Macanas  
Nov 14 -Thu, 9 AM + Arnold Rodricks  
+ Frank Maloney  
+ Dolly Gonzalves  
Nov 15 -Fri, 7PM + Estelita Labrador  
Nov16-Sat,9AM Deceased members-Legion of Mary

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention – Nov 09-15, 2024

Sanctuary--- Healing of Nelia Alzate  
Virgin Mary- Healing of Nelia Alzate  
Chapel ---- Healing of Nelia Alzate

WORD OF THE WEEK

**“GENEROSITY”**

**Is the virtue of being liberal in giving, often as gifts.**

Generosity often encompasses acts of charity, in which people give without expecting anything in return.

Generosity - Wikipedia

Generosity is one of the Capital virtues. It overcomes the sin of greed.

Generosity inspires gratitude, and gratitude inspires generosity. God is generous to us and our generosity, as St. Paul tells us, gives proof of our gratitude towards God (2Cor. 9:11).

*Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention - November 2024 - FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A CHILD*

*“We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.”*



Our Patron Saint...



**"If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light."** Pope John XXIII

**St. Leo the Great Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

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 along-side 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 2024 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](mailto: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 !!!**



Participants in the 2022 edition of the Uniservitate Symposium with Pope Francis (eUniservitate)

**Symposium on service-learning in Catholic education to open in Rome**

[Symposium on service-learning in Catholic education to open in Rome - Vatican News](#)



**POPE FRANCIS ELEVATES ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS**

Sunday, October 06, 2024

**1,400 GATHER NOVEMBER 5 FOR 45TH ANNUAL CARDINAL'S DINNER**

Tuesday, November 05, 2024

**MESSAGE FOR ALL SOULS DAY FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO**

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP LEO

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

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

**Announcements!!!**

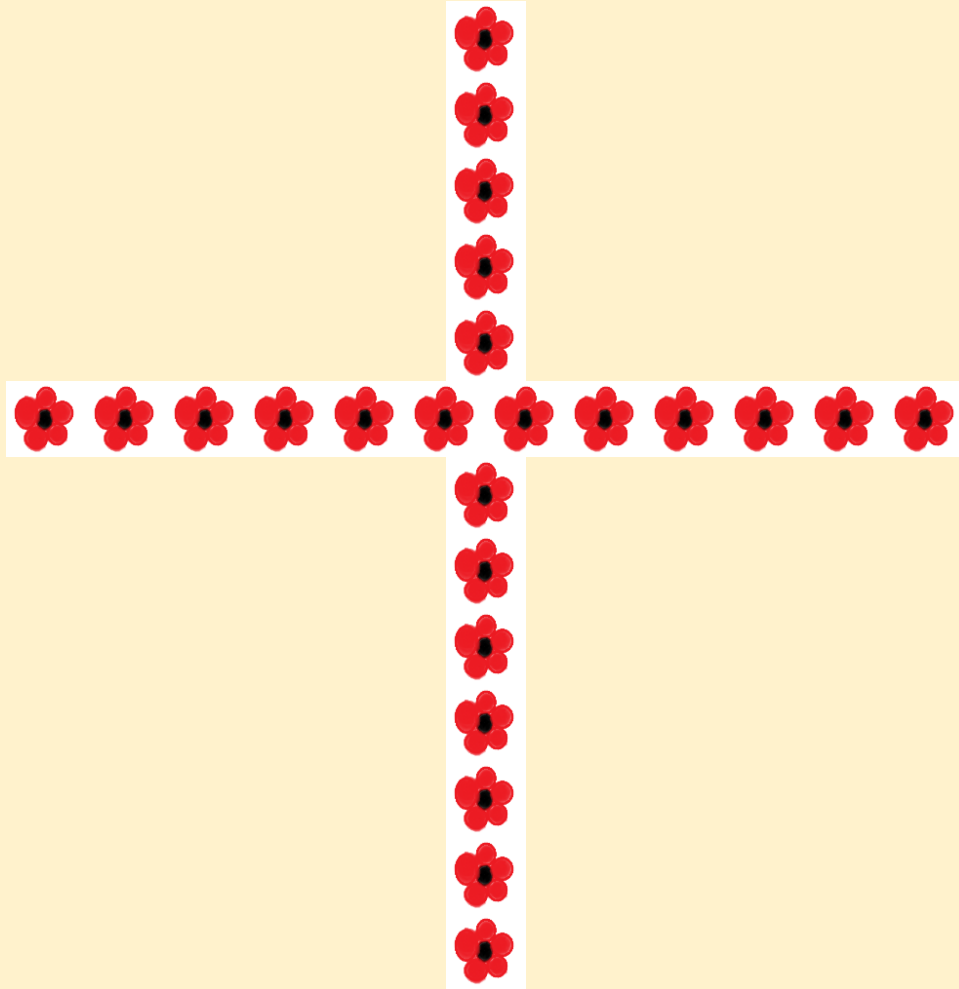
✚ If you want Pre-numbered Donation Envelopes for 2025, please email the office at [stjohn23do@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohn23do@archtoronto.org) ;

✚ CWL-St. John XXIII council is inviting you to join in their Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Call Cora de Villa 647-962-4691 for tickets;

✚ **New to the Parish?** Please register, fill up a Parish Registration Form and submit to the Office or to Fr. David.



## November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day



*On Remembrance Day, we remember all soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought for Canada during a two-minute silence at 11am.*






## ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

JULY 23, 2025 - AUGUST 5, 2025

# JUBILEE OF YOUTH

Join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time! All young adults (ages 19 - 39) are invited.




### RENEW Toronto is back!

Join us on **Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 24th** for an unforgettable experience at our annual conference for young adults aged 19 - 39! This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple, or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something special for you!

Our theme this year is Isaiah 40:31: **"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary."** Come be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic vendors and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life.

Don't miss out! Save your spot today by registering on our website [renewtoronto.org](http://renewtoronto.org).

  
**RENEW TORONTO**  
Annual Young Adult (19 - 39)  
Catholic Conference

 **Nov 23 - Nov 24, 2024**

 **Canada Event Centre**  
300 Water St, Whitby

 [www.renewtoronto.org](http://www.renewtoronto.org)



### OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY & RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

**Re: Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Nov. 11, 2024–Jan. 13, 2025) "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)**  
From: Fr. Luis M. Melo, Director, Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism

Dear Parish Clergy and Ministry Leaders,

I kindly request your support in promoting the Annual Friars Student Writing Contest within your parish. This is a part of our local commemoration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated globally from January 18 to 25 each year.

This year's resources were drafted by the Monastic Community of Bose in northern Italy and prepared by an international team appointed by the Vatican and World Council of Churches.

We would appreciate visibility be given to the contest by printing the poster and placing it in your church notice board. The poster is available at, <https://bit.ly/3XCGGg0>.

*"Of particular importance in the promoting of a grass roots ecumenism is the connection between family, parish, school, different groups, associations, and ecclesial movements."* (Ecumenical Directory §65).

**Please consider the following in your bulletin/parish website and kindly make an announcement from the pulpit:**

**Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (November 11, 2024 - January 13, 2025)**  
**Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)**

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGg0>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Email [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

