

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16 Nov 2025

Jesus said, "when
you hear of wars and
insurrections, do not be
terrified; for these
things must take place
first, but the end will
not follow
immediately." Luke 21.9

Shepherds' Trust Sunday and
World day of the Poor

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. Getrude, Nov 16th

Pray for us!

"Every time we look at the Blessed
Sacrament our place in heaven
is raised forever."



“Nation will rise against nation ... Kingdom against Kingdom.” ---“there will earthquake, famines, plagues ... dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.” Luke: 21:11

“When some were speaking about the Temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God,” Jesus said; “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” “... you will hear of wars and insurrections Nation will rise against nation ... Kingdom against Kingdom.” ---“there will earthquake, famines, plagues ... dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.”

These Words of Jesus from 21st Chapter of St Luke's Gospel are quite startling. Jesus talks about disturbing signs, warns about wars and insurrection; Powers shaken, horror of every kind, he even says this ***“Men will die of flight, ... in anticipation of what is to come!”***

Apocalyptic language, as it is called, was familiar to the People of Israel at the time of Jesus. They had heard it from Prophet Daniel; The Prophet had described the destruction of the Cosmos, and great sufferings on the earth that would anticipate the end of all things.

Apocalyptic Literature has fascinated and terrified many up to our times. Movies have been made on the topic movies like “2012,” or the “Independence Day.” that grossed millions of dollars. What about the many popular series of Novels like “Left Behind,” on the “Rapture” by Tim La Haye and Jerry Jenkins, selling millions of copies! What are we to make about all these things?

The Word “Apocalypse,” is derived from the Greek **“Apokalypsi.”** Calypse in Greek is a “Veil.” Apocalypse, literally stands for “Lifting off the Veil.” When translated into Latin the word used is **“Revelatio,”** from which the English word revelation comes. Apocalypse is to unveil. A question then follows, what is it, that is being unveiled?

In the Gospel Reading this Sunday, it is important to notice that Jesus quickly evades to answer the question that seemed important to his listeners; “The exact time when the end is supposed to happen.” Jesus had previously revealed in Mark 13:32; ***“Of the day or hour, no one knows, neither the Angels in Heaven nor the Son but only the Heavenly Father.”***

Jesus in today's Gospel, takes off the veil and reveals the truth that is obvious: that creation is fleeting and passing away; even the most majestic and sacred of it!

The visitors in Jerusalem were speaking about the Temple, and admiring how adorned it was with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God. They were admiring the Temple made by human hands, yet Jesus, “Emmanuel,” “The anointed of the Father,” “The True Temple, stood in their midst! Christ's listeners were blind to God's presence among them, in the Person of Christ Jesus. The God they were worshipping in the Temple made of stone, was in their midst.

“Do you see these things, days will come when not one stone will be left upon another, all will be thrown down.”

These Words of Jesus were supposed to shake Christ's listeners, unveiling their blindness and challenging them to go beyond the beauty of the Temple made of Stone. They were being called to acknowledge Jesus; who humbly came into this passing world bearing the majestic power of God. It is only, the Son of God, and not the temple made of stone, who bore the very Presence of God. It was through him God would be truly worshipped in Spirit and In Truth.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

VI. Love For the Poor

2443 God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay."²³¹ It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones.²³² When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is the sign of Christ's presence.²³³

2444 "The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor.²³⁴ Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to "be able to give to those in need."²³⁵ It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty.²³⁶

2445 Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use:

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you.²³⁷

2446 St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. the goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."²³⁸ "The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity".²³⁹

When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice.²⁴⁰

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 15, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + The Parishioners
+ Leland Jerez Tulio

Nov 16 -Sun- 9:00AM + Jose Llares

12:15PM + Teodora Jardio

5:30 PM +Consuelo A. Verceles

Nov 17-Mon,9:00 AM + Adelaida R. Tanchico
+ Leslie Brown

Nov 18-Tue,9:00PM+Deceased Abellanos Family
+ Leland Jerez Tulio

Nov 19-Wed 7:00PM +Enrique & Dionisa Simolata
Deceased Members of DeVilla & Javier Family

Nov 20- Thu,9:00PM +A. KAMAL RAJ
+ Ricardo Balatbat

Nov 21-Fri,7:00PM +Filomena Joseph
Thanksgiving B-day of Connie Laguatan

Nov 22-Sat,9:00AM+Mercedes &Leonardo Sr. Alon
Deceased Members of Legion Mary

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Nov 15-21, 2025

Sanctuary---Thanksgiving of Gemma Cabungcal
Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

WORD OF THE WEEK

POOR

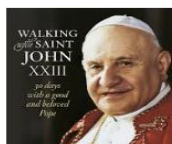
The term "poor" in the Bible encompasses a range of meanings, including economic poverty, social marginalization, and spiritual humility. The Scriptures address the condition of the poor extensively, emphasizing God's concern for them and the responsibility of His people to care for those in need. [Topical Bible: Poor](#)

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

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 adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes."

St. John XXIII

St. Getrude Nov 16th

All we know of Gertrude's life comes from her own writings. She was born on Epiphany 1256 and at the age of five was placed in the care of the Benedictine nuns at Helfta in Saxony, where she studied under Mechtilde of Hackborn. A promising scholar of the humanities, Gertude eventually became a nun.

When she was nearly 25, she received the first of many visions. In time, these experiences were recorded. Although her visions and spiritual instructions comprise five books, only the second is her own composition. This book alone shows the depth of her spiritual and intellectual gifts. Meanwhile Gertrude was also recording the mystical experiences of Mechtilde. These works are extant and, because of the great influence of the nuns of Helfta, have lately been of interest to theologians. Gertrude died in 1301, and although she was never officially canonized, her feast is in the general calendar of the Roman rite.

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 Leo XIV: Children and adolescents are vulnerable to AI manipulation

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo XIV: Children and adolescents are vulnerable to AI manipulation - Vatican News](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/pope-leo-xiv-children-and-adolescents-are-vulnerable-to-ai-manipulation-2025-11-04)



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

CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY
Friday, November 14, 2025

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME
Thursday, November 13, 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;**
- 📅 **Calling all Confirmation Candidates and Parents the 2nd session will be on November 22nd Saturday at 11am;**
- 📅 **Due to natural calamities around the world the Archdiocese of Toronto welcome donation for Humanitarian Relief to the victims in Jamaica and Southeast Asia;**
- 📅 **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

FUNERALS

The Liturgy

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.

At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the sacrament of the Eucharist.

The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living. While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection, the funeral rites also recall to all who take part in them God's mercy and judgement and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis.

The Order of Christian Funerals

The Order of Christian Funerals - Updated Edition, published in 2016 by the Canadian Bishops, guides the Catholic community with specific rites and prayers to express consolation to those who grieve, to give thanks to God for the blessings received by and through the deceased and to ask God for mercy on all sinners. It is designed to help confront death in light of the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Funerals for Catholics have three distinct parts:^[1]

The Vigil

The Vigil is the principal celebration of the Christian community during the time before the funeral liturgy. (OCF#45)

The Vigil includes a solemn reading of the Word of God and prayers for the deceased and those who mourn. This is the suitable occasion for a eulogy and for sharing remembrances of the deceased. Members of the local parish community are also encouraged to participate as a sign of concern and support for the mourners. A priest, a deacon or, in their absence, a lay person leads the community in prayer.to be continued

To read more click this link [Archdiocese of Toronto - Funerals](#)

