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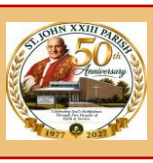
PARISH BULLETIN | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 15 NOV 2026

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His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Matthew 25:20

Congratulations to our 5 Altar Servers who received the Altar Servers Award last Nov 7th *see in page 7*



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-

St. John XXIII Catholic School
175 Grenoble Dr. North York, ON M3C 3E7
Tel. 416-393-5348

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Tel. 416-934-0606 * www.archtoronto.org

St. Gertrude

Nov 16th

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



Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord. *Psalm 128*

First Reading (Proverbs 31.10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31)

A capable wife, who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out of night.

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5.1-6)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief. You are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel according to Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

"After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

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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....

93. What does the heart of Jesus exemplify? 478

Jesus knew us and loved us with a human heart. His Heart, pierced for our salvation, is the symbol of that infinite love with which he loves the Father and each one of us.

94. What is the meaning of the expression "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit..."? 484,486

This expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without the cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that "the Holy Spirit will come upon you" (*Luke* 1:35).

95. "...Born of the Virgin Mary": Why is Mary truly the Mother of God? 495, 509

Mary is truly the *Mother of God* because she is the Mother of Jesus (*John* 2:1, *John* 19:25). The One who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became truly her Son is actually the eternal Son of God the Father. He is God himself.

96. What does the "Immaculate Conception" mean? 487-492, 508

God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission she herself was *conceived immaculate*. This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary was preserved from original sin from the first instant of her conception.

97. How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation? 493-494, 508-511

By the grace of God Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is "full of grace" (Luke 1:28), "the all holy". When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32), she freely gave her consent with "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 14, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Eugenia Porte
+ Isidro Ciabal

Nov 15 SUNDAY 9:00 AM + Memorial Mass for all deceased Parishioners & those listed in the Death Register

12:15 PM + Fulgencio Macanas
+ Hermogenes Cacayan

5:30 PM + Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal

Nov 16, Mon,7:00PM + Conchita Ayala

Nov 17, Tues,9:00AM Thanksgiving Francisca Culig

Nov 18, Wed,7:00PM +Nida Donado
+ Thuraisangam & Kevin Kugathasan

Nov 19, Thu, 9:00AM + Nilo Calongcalong
+ All Souls in Purgatory

Nov 20, Fri, 7:00PM Thanksgiving Bday Connie L.
+Enrique & Dionisia Simolata

Nov 21, Sat,9:00AM + Omer & Donna Martin
+Philomena Joseph

7-day Vigil Lamp– Nov 14-20, 2026

Sanctuary- Thanksgiving of Gemma C

Virgin Mary- + Isaias Porte

WORDs OF THE WEEK

"PARABLE"

A parable in the Bible is a short, simple story that uses everyday situations to teach a spiritual or moral lesson, most often used by Jesus to reveal truths about the Kingdom of God.

The word parable (Gr. Parabole) signifies in general a comparison, or a parallel, by which one thing is used to illustrate another. It is a likeness taken from the sphere of real, or sensible, or earthly incidents, in order to convey an ideal, or spiritual, or heavenly meaning. As uttering one thing and signifying something else, it is in the nature of a riddle and has therefore a light and a dark side,

To read more click.. Parables | Catholic Answers

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...



"I am able to follow my own death step by step. Now I move softly towards the end." 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, Gertrude 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, Getrude 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 of 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 2026 ed.)

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Leo encourages the Church in Peru to continue to spread the Gospel

To read more, click this link >>> Pope Leo encourages the Church in Peru to continue to spread the Gospel - Vatican News



CELEBRATING THE LONG-AWAITED BEATIFICATION OF THE GEORGIA MARTYRS
Thursday, November 05, 2026



ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO LAUNCHES NEW PASTORAL PLAN: FILLING THE JARS TO THE BRIM
Wednesday, November 04, 2026



SYNERGY TORONTO 2026: BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS CATHOLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Wednesday, November 11, 2026



MAGNIFICAT: A MARIAN-INSPIRED CELEBRATION CONCERT FOR FOUNDER'S DAY
Wednesday, November 11, 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 enthroned on the altar the whole month of November. You can write the names of your deceased relative died this year;
- A memorial Mass on November 15th at 9am for all the deceased parishioners specially those listed in the Death Registers;
- 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 a donation, 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)*

5. Purificator

The purificator is a **small white, rectangular linen cloth that is used during Mass to clean the chalice, paten, and ciborium. It usually has a cross embroidered in the center** and is folded into three parts lengthwise.

It symbolizes the **purity of the soul and the reverence with which liturgical objects that have contained the Blood of Christ must be treated**. It also represents the **inner cleansing that the Christian seeks when approaching the Eucharist**.

6. Pall

The pall is a s**mall rigid or semi-rigid square, made of linen or white cloth, which is placed over the chalice during Mass**. Generally, it is reinforced with cardboard inside and covered with a decorative or embroidered fabric.

The pall symbolizes the veil of purity that protects the Body and Blood of Christ.

The pall is placed over the chalice after the preparation of the offerings and is removed before the consecration. It is replaced after communion, when the chalice is covered again.

7. Corporal

The corporal is a **square cloth of white linen. It is spread over the altar during Mass to place the chalice, paten, and ciborium on it** (if used). When not in use, it is carefully folded into nine squares and stored inside the corporal pouch.

The corporal s**ymbolizes the shroud in which the body of Christ was wrapped after the crucifixion or the tablecloth of the Last Supper**. It marks the sacred space where the transubstantiation takes place. It prevents any particle of the Body or Blood of Christ from falling on the altar.

To be continued. ***To read more click the link***

Liturgical Objects: The Complete Guide - Catholic Mass Times

Pope Francis

Angelus, St. Peter's Square, Sunday, 16 November 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

The Gospel this Sunday is the Parable of the Talents. The passage from St Matthew (25:14-30) tells of a man who, before setting off on a journey, calls his servants and entrusts his assets to them in talents, extremely valuable ancient coins. That master entrusts five talents to the first servant, two to the second, and one to the third. During the master's absence, the three servants must earn a profit from this patrimony. The first and second servants each double the initial value of the capital. The third, however, for fear of losing it all, buries the talent he received in a hole. Upon the master's return, the first two receive praise and rewards, while the third, who returned only the coin he had received, is reproached and punished.

The meaning of this is clear. The man in the parable represents Jesus, we are the servants, and the talents are the inheritance that the Lord entrusts to us. What is the inheritance? His Word, the Eucharist, faith in the Heavenly Father, his forgiveness..., in other words, so many things, his most precious treasures. This is the inheritance that He entrusts to us, not only to safeguard, but to make fruitful! While in common usage the term "talent" indicates a pronounced individual quality, for example talent in music, in sport, and so on, in the parable, talent represent the riches of the Lord, which He entrusts to us so that we make them bear fruit. The hole dug into the soil by the "wicked and slothful servant" (v. 26) points to the fear of risk which blocks creativity and the fruitfulness of love, because the fear of the risks of love stop us. Jesus does not ask us to store his grace in a safe! Jesus does not ask us for this, but He wants us to use it to benefit others. All the goods that we have received are to give to others, and thus they increase, as if He were to tell us: "Here is my mercy, my tenderness, my forgiveness: take them and make ample use of them". And what have we done with them? Whom have we "infected" with our faith? How many people have we encouraged with our hope? How much love have we shared with our neighbour? To read more click the link- Angelus, 16 November 2014

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 9:00am Mass convalidation wedding for legally married couple

- Coffee Sunday by the Legion of Mary

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.

St. John 23rd Parish Social Media

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Congratulations to

Pauline, Kaila, Isabela, Julliane & Raizelyn



Recipients of the Altar Servers Award last November 7th at St. Bonaventure Parish

November 18th is

RED WEDNESDAY

We pray for all Christians who are persecuted for the faith all over the world. Mass will be at 7pm.

A Big "Thank you" to

Jess Soliman & Jun Calica

For helping us cut the grass the whole summer and bagging dried leaves this Fall.