

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | Solemnity of Christ the King | 23 Nov 2025



Solemnity of

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom. Luke 23.42*

World Day of Youth

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. Andrew the Apostle, Nov 30th

Pray for us!

"I have found the Messiah."



Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king.” For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. John 18:37

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, and the last Sunday of the Year of the Church. Next Sunday will be advent!

The Liturgical Year, is always, presented to us as a journey, which begins with the preparation of the coming of Christ in advent to his birth, then to the peak of our salvation in his passion, death and resurrection. We then celebrated the time of the Church, the time of the Spirit, which begins with the receiving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

These last two Sundays, the readings have been reminding us about the “end of time.” The Words from Prophet Malachi gave us the reason to endure in hope; “but for you who revere my name the Sun of righteous shall rise.” This Son of righteousness is Christ Jesus, who today, we celebrate as “The King.”

In the 1st Reading today, David is anointed King by the elders of Israel at Hebron. In their address to him, we notice what David meant to them; “You are the one who led Israel and brought it in,” they exalted him. They quoted the Lord in definition of his kingship; ***“It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel;”*** David was to be the King with power!

When Angel Gabriel visited Mary at the Annunciation, these were his words; ***“Behold you are to conceive and bare a Son, ... He will be great and will be called Son of Most High. The Lord will give him the Throne of his father David ... and of his Kingdom there will be no end.”***

In the Gospel Reading today, Jesus, the fulfillment of all prophecies looks helpless and defeated in the eyes of many! In the eyes of John the Evangelist, however, it had been revealed that the Cross was ***“the Lifting up,”*** the revealing sign; ***“When you have lifted up the Son of Man then you will know that I am He.”***

Jesus, earlier, had stood before Pilate who had questioned him; ***“So you are a King?”*** Jesus with a quiet dignity had explained his identity and Mission: ***“You say I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the Truth.”*** Jesus then challenged Pilate; ***“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”*** Pilate, representative of earthly powers, was powerless; three times he walked in and out of the court chamber and declared; “I find no crime in him,” but he has no courage to release him!

Jesus, the King, chose what an earthly King cannot! He foregoes the use of his power! To Peter he had said; do you think that I cannot appeal to my father, who would promptly send, more than twelve legions of Angels in my defense? He chose the image of “The suffering Servant of God,” “A lamb led to slaughter” to manifest the Love he has for his subjects. He accepted to be the “grain of wheat that must die in order to produce.” He suffered and died. Jesus, however, achieved victory beyond all comprehension. He rose from death. Through his obedience to The Father, unto the Cross, he reversed the disobedience of Adam and Eve. In the Act of God; He as the Priest and Perfect Victim of the Sacrifice, he won us back to God; Elevating us to being God’s adopted Sons and Daughters. In Christ we share in his roles we are Priests, Prophets and more importantly as regards today, Kings.

When Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in honor of Christ the King, he wanted to remind us, Christians, of the fidelity and loyalty we owed Christ; who made us future citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. In this Eucharist, let us pray that through the Grace of God we may remain grateful and loyal subjects of the Kingdom of God, for the rest of our lives. †

VIVA CRISTO REY- JESUS CHRIST THE KING

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"FROM THENCE HE WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD"

I. He Will Come Again in Glory

Christ already reigns through the Church

668 "Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living."⁵⁴⁸ Christ's Ascension into heaven signifies his participation, in his humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord: he possesses all power in heaven and on earth. He is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion", for the Father "has put all things under his feet."⁵⁴⁹ Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In him human history and indeed all creation are "set forth" and transcendently fulfilled.⁵⁵⁰

669 As Lord, Christ is also head of the Church, which is his Body.⁵⁵¹ Taken up to heaven and glorified after he had thus fully accomplished his mission, Christ dwells on earth in his Church. the redemption is the source of the authority that Christ, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, exercises over the Church. "The kingdom of Christ (is) already present in mystery", "on earth, the seed and the beginning of the kingdom".⁵⁵²

670 Since the Ascension God's plan has entered into its fulfilment. We are already at "the last hour".⁵⁵³ "Already the final age of the world is with us, and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way; it is even now anticipated in a certain real way, for the Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real but imperfect."⁵⁵⁴ Christ's kingdom already manifests its presence through the miraculous signs that attend its proclamation by the Church.⁵⁵⁵
... until all things are subjected to him.

671 Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth.⁵⁵⁶ This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover.⁵⁵⁷ Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God."⁵⁵⁸ That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him:⁵⁵⁹ Maranatha! "Our Lord, come!"⁵⁶⁰ [To read more click the link-- Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 22, 5:15PM **Vigil Mass** +Alyre & John Martin

Nov 23 -Sun- 9:00AM + The Parishioners

12:15PM + Edward Perlas

5:30 PM + Deceased Members of
Donado and Arce family

Nov 24-Mon,9:00 AM + Claude D'Souza

+ Ruferto Frilles

Nov 25-Tue,9:00PM + William Sacro

+ Thomas Votruba

Nov 26-Wed 7:00PM + Dante Lozano

Nov 27- Thu,9:00PM +A. KAMAL RAJ

+ Francesca & Pietro Gulli

Nov 28-Fri,7:00PM Thanksgiving of Barbara A.

Nov 29-Sat,9:00AM Thanksgiving B-day Andre A.

+ Lider Antonio Hernandez

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention, Nov 21-28, 2025

Sanctuary--- *Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla*

Virgin Mary- *Thanksgiving of Cora deVilla*

WORD OF THE WEEK

CHRIST

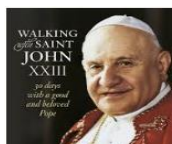
Christ comes from Christos, a Greek word that means "the anointed one," or "the chosen one." Jesus is the anointed one.

Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

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 devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul."

St. Andrew the Apostle Nov 30th

Andrew came from Bethsaida in Galilee. Like his father and his brother Simon, he was a fisherman. A disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew was present at Jesus' baptism. When John stated "Behold the Lamb of God." Andrew understood and followed Jesus. Going to his brother Simon Peter, Andrew told him that he had found the Messiah. Thus, Andrew is known as the first disciple of Jesus. Later, when Jesus chose his apostles, Andrew was among the Twelve.

It is uncertain where Andrew preached or where he died, but ancient tradition associates him with Greece. Another tradition links him with Scotland, where his memory is said to have inspired the first bishop. The cross of Saint Andrew, which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was first associated with Andrew in the 10th century. He is a patron saint of Scotland and Russia, of the Greek Church and of the fishing industry.

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

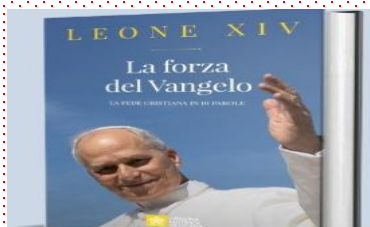
Parish Ministries & Programs

- 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: Recognizing each other as brothers is antidote to all extremism

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo XIV: Recognizing each other as brothers is antidote to all extremism - Vatican News](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/2025-11/pope-leo-xiv-recognizing-each-other-as-brothers-is-antidote-to-all-extremism)



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

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME
Thursday, November 13, 2025

CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR ADVENT
Thursday, November 20, 2025

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

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

Announcements!!!

- 📖 **This coming Sunday November 23rd is the Solemnity of Christ the King. It marks the end of the Liturgical Year C;**
- 📖 **FHC Candidates and Parents if you are ready to take the first test, please email the office for the appointment;**
- 📖 **The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations for the Humanitarian Relief to help the victims of natural calamities;**
- 📖 **The Book of Life is on the Altar and the names written on it are 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

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

About Christ the King

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. **Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).**

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives: *He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.'* -*Quas primas*, 33

[Solemnity of Christ the King: Background | USCCB](#)



Prayers for our parishioners who died this year:

**+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

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

The Funeral Mass

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral. (OCF # 5)

There is an emphasis on the baptism of the deceased since it is through baptism in Jesus that each person receives the promise of eternal life. The white pall draped over the casket, the holy water and the Easter candle are symbols of Christ's life which is bestowed through the waters of baptism.

The Rite of Committal

Prayers are offered to commit the body of the deceased to its final resting place. When the body has been or will be cremated, appropriate adaptations are made to the prayers of committal and signs of farewell.



Catholic Cemeteries

.....to be continued

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