St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 22 NOV 2026

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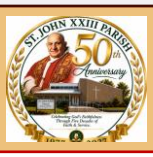
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the Angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory." Mt 25.31

World Day of Youth

******SVdP-Bundle up Sunday on December 5-6******

see poster for details



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

Archdiocese of Toronto-
Tel. 416-934-0606 * www.archtoronto.org

St. Cecilia

Nov 22nd

"Make my heart and my body pure that I may not be confounded."



"The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want". *Psalm 23*

First Reading (Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17)

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed my sheep with justice.

"As for you, my flock," thus says the Lord God: "I shall judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats."

Second Reading (1 Corinthias 15.20-26, 28)

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man; for as all and die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order; Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemy to be destroyed is death.

When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who puts all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel according to Matthew 25. 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the Angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcome me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

"Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

"Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away in to eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." †

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....

98. What does the virginal conception of Jesus mean? 496-498, 503

The virginal conception of Jesus means that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin solely by the power of the Holy Spirit without the intervention of a man. He is the Son of the heavenly Father according to his divine nature and the Son of Mary according to his human nature. He is, however, truly the Son of God in both natures since there is in him only one Person who is divine.

99. In what sense is Mary "ever Virgin"? 499-507, 510-511

Mary is ever virgin in the sense that she "remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin" (Saint Augustine). Therefore, when the Gospels speak of the "brothers and sisters of Jesus", they are talking about the close relations of Jesus, according to the way of speaking used in Sacred Scripture.

100. In what way is the spiritual motherhood of Mary universal? 501-507, 511

Mary had only one Son, Jesus, but in him her spiritual motherhood extends to all whom he came to save. Obediently standing at the side of the new Adam, Jesus Christ, the Virgin is the new Eve, the true mother of all the living, who with a mother's love cooperates in their birth and their formation in the order of grace. Virgin and Mother, Mary is the figure of the Church, its most perfect realization.

101. In what sense is the life of Christ a Mystery? 512-521, 561-562

The entire life of Christ is a revelation. What was visible in the earthly life of Jesus leads us to the *invisible mystery of his divine sonship*: "whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (*John* 14:9). Furthermore, even though salvation comes completely from the cross and the resurrection, the entire life of Christ is a *mystery of redemption* because everything that Jesus did, said, and suffered had for its aim the salvation of fallen human beings and the restoration of their vocation as children of God.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 21, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + The Parishioners
Nov 22 SUNDAY 9:00 AM + Guadalupe Tejada
+ Eufemia Albino Mendonca
12:15 PM + Eduardo Perlas; + Gloria Zaragosa
5:30 PM +Nida, Nelson & Eduardo Donado
Nov 23, Mon,7:00PM + Felicidad Labrador
+ Dominador Payomo
Nov 24, Tues,9:00AM + Roman Dangue
Nov25,Wed,7:00PM+Bernardino & Honorata Quinto
Thanksgiving to St. Catherine of Alexandria
Nov 26, Thu, 9:00AM +All Souls in Purgatory
Nov 27, Fri, 7:00PM + Luzviminda Raymundo
+Nita Corrales
Nov 28, Sat,9:00AM + Alberto Dacanay
Thanksgiving of Barbara Armstrong

7-day Vigil Lamp– Nov 21-27, 2026

Sanctuary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

WORDS OF THE WEEK

"CHRIST"

-it comes from the Greek word **Christos** which means **"anointed one"**

In Hebrew it is **"Mashiach"** or **Messiah**

We believe that Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecies in the Old Testament regarding the eventual coming of a Messiah. "A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, *"Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace."* His royal power will continue to grow; His kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David's successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time. The Lord Almighty is determined to do all this. Isaiah 9:6-7

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...



"O Jesus, come back into our society, our family life, our souls and reign there as our peaceful Sovereign." John XXIII

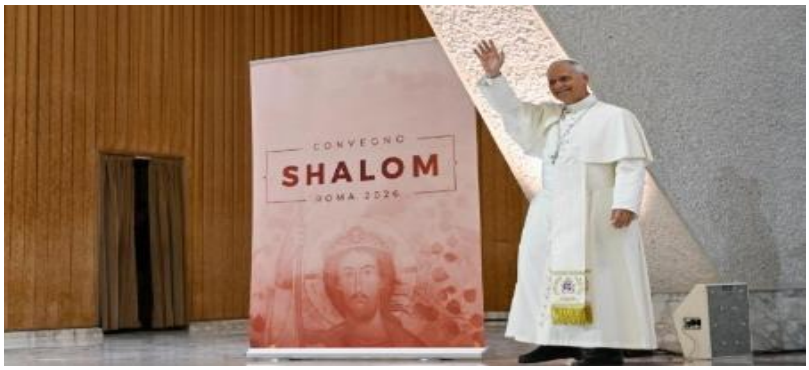
St. Cecilia *Nov 22nd*

Legend claims that a Roman woman named Cecilia was martyred for the faith sometime in the second or third century, a few days after her husband Valerian and his brother Tiburtius were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to the gods. Her association with music – she is a patron saint of musicians – stems from the story that at her wedding feast she sang to God in her heart.

Honoured since the early years of the Church, Cecilia is mentioned in the list of saints in the first Eucharistic Prayer.

(Living with Christ Nov 2026 ed.)

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Leo: Peace grows from personal encounter with Christ

To read more, click this link >>> Pope Leo: Peace grows from personal encounter with Christ - Vatican News



CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY
Monday, November 16, 2026



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



1,600 GATHER FOR 47TH ANNUAL CARDINAL'S DINNER
Thursday, November 19, 2026



FEDERAL EUTHANASIA BILL TO BE VOTED ON SOON – RESPONDING TO BILL C-41
Thursday, November 12, 2026

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

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

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;
- Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent;
- Bundle up Sunday on December 5-6, 2026 by St. Vincent de Paul Group



≈ Did you know??? ≈

The Liturgical Objects

Altar Furnishings *(continuation)*

2. Candlesticks and Candles

The candlesticks are supports, generally metallic, that hold the candles. The candles, made of beeswax (at least 51% for liturgical candles), are placed on the altar during Mass. At least two candles are required for the weekly Mass, four or six for the Sunday or solemn Mass, and seven for the pontifical Mass.

The candles symbolize **Christ as the Light of the World**, dispelling darkness and illuminating the path to salvation. Their flame signifies the prayer that ascends to God and the presence of divine grace. The beeswax symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ, born of a virgin.

3. Crucifix

The crucifix is a cross with the corpus (body of Christ) fixed upon it. It is placed prominently on the altar or suspended above it, being the central image during the celebration of the Mass.

Other Liturgical Objects

1. Thurible & Boat

The thurible is a metallic container, generally suspended by chains, used to burn incense. The boat is a small boat-shaped container with a small spoon, used to hold the grains of incense before placing them in the incensory.

The incense symbolizes the prayer that ascends to God, honor, purification, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The smoke that fills the sanctuary represents the divine presence and the prayers of the faithful that rise to heaven.

2. Aspergil & Bucket

The aspergil is a small perforated metallic sphere or a brush attached to a handle, used to sprinkle holy water. The holy water bucket (aspersorium) is a small container, generally metallic, to hold the holy water.

They recall the baptismal waters. These liturgical objects cleanse from venial sins and protect from evil.

To be continued. ***To read more click the link*** Liturgical Objects: The Complete Guide - Catholic Mass Times

Pope Francis

Jubilee Audience, St. Peter's Square, Thursday, 30 June 201

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

How many times, during these first months of the Jubilee, have we heard about the *works of mercy*! Today the Lord invites us to make a serious examination of conscience. Indeed, it is good to never forget that mercy is not an abstract word, but it is a way of life: a person can either be merciful or unmerciful; it is a lifestyle. I choose to live in a way that is merciful or I choose to live in a way that is unmerciful. It is one thing to *speak* of mercy, and it is another to *live* mercy. Paraphrasing the words of St James the Apostle (cf. 2:14-17), we could say: *mercy without works is dead within itself.* That's it! What makes mercy come alive is its constant dynamism in order to go and meet those in need and the necessities of those in spiritual and material hardship. Mercy has eyes to see, ears to hear, hands to lift up again....

Daily life allows us to touch, with our hands, many demands that concern the poorest and most tested of people. We are asked for that particular attention that leads us to *notice* the state of suffering and need in which so many brothers and sisters find themselves. Sometimes we pass by situations of dramatic poverty and it seems that they do not touch us; everything continues as if it were nothing, into an indifference that eventually creates hypocrites and, without our realizing it, leads to a form of spiritual lethargy that numbs the soul and renders life barren. People who pass by, who move on in life without noticing the needs of others, without seeing many spiritual and material needs, are people who pass by without living, they are people who do not need others. Remember well: those who do not live to serve, do not serve to live.

There are so many aspects of God's mercy toward us! In the same way, there are so many faces turned to us in order to obtain mercy. Those who have experienced in their own lives the Father's mercy cannot remain indifferent before the needs of their brothers. The lesson of Jesus that we have heard does not allow escape routes: To read more- Jubilee Audience of 30 June 2016: Works of Mercy (cfr Mt 25:31-46)

Monthly Activities

October 2026- October 2027

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

March 19, 2027 at 6:00pm **Adoration and Novena Day 3**

- **Intention:** For our family members & Friends who left the Church

March 21, 2027, Sunday at 9AM Bring a family member, friend or neighbors to the Church

- Coffee Sunday by the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

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.

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