



Weekly Bulletin

Parish Mission Statement:

We are God's Instruments who strive to grow by sharing and nurturing our joint commitment to Christ's message of love. And by committing ourselves to serve the needs of the parish as stewards for the sake of God's kingdom.

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Masses

Monday to Saturday - 9:30 am

Saturday - 5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday - 7:45 am, 9:00 am (Italian)

10:30 am, 12 noon &

7:00 pm (English)

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

Sacrament of Penance: Please contact the parish office.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOSPEL REFLECTION

John's message was about justice, about social change. He challenged the people of Israel to get down to the root causes of problems, to uproot unfruitful trees. The changes that are called for in Advent are fundamental and far-reaching; they are structural. In this new church year, we are challenged to work for a better society, different from the one we now have.

The uniqueness of the Christian message does not so much consist in the affirmation of the necessity for structural change, as it does in the insistence on the conversion of people which will in turn bring about this change. (Gerald Darring)

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join us as we celebrate a special Bilingual Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8th, 2022, at 7:00 pm. (Rosary is at 6:30 pm).

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

PARISH ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

This Advent, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. In our parish, the confessions will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm. Several priests will be present.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: MASSES

Saturday, December 24th

4:30 pm: Confession
5:30 pm: Children's Christmas Mass
11:30 pm: Christmas Carols w/ Cecilia and Choir
12 Midnight: Mass

Sunday, December 25th

7:45 am (English), 9:00 am (Italian), 10:30 am (English),
12 Noon (English) and 7:00 pm (English)

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Altar Servers (Children) on Saturday, December 17th at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the parish hall with George Illiparampil. New volunteers interested in becoming altar servers are welcome to join us as well.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Sonja Schryer, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas,
Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Avio Carboni,
Raphael Colaco, Dana McGrath, Roman Joe Zakrajse,
Enzo, Domenica, Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale,
Karen Radecky, Joe Simardone, Margaret Ramjattan,
Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Walter Ryan

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR ALL MINISTRIES

This weekend of December 3rd & 4th, we are having our membership drive for all ministries. We encourage any parishioners interested in becoming an Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Usher to kindly fill out a form and to submit it to the parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm

Executive Pastoral Council Meeting with Fr. Carlos in the Parish Hall

Saturday, December 10th at 10:30 am

Catechists' Seminar with Fr. Carlos in the Parish Hall

Saturday, February 25th at 10:30 am

Formation Session for Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors with Fr. Carlos at Parish Hall

Saturday, February 25th & Sunday, February 26th

Commissioning Ceremony for all ministers present at each Mass

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will hold its first General Meeting since the beginning of the Pandemic. A Dessert & Coffee Party will be held Monday, December 5th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. All women of the Parish are welcome. We need your input.

We will kick off our 2023 Membership Drive at the same time. Thank you for your support during the Pandemic. We hope you will continue to support this national voice of Catholic Christian values. Membership Fees are \$35.00. Cheques can be made payable to Transfiguration Catholic Women's League & left in the Parish office. Please include your name, address, phone number & email address.

The CWL will also hold its Winter Warmth Drive. New hats scarves, mitts, gloves & socks for all can be left in the bin in the Parish Office until Sunday December 18th and they will be given to The Good Shepherd & the Ernestine's Shelter. All parishioners are invited to contribute.

SHARELIFE

Up until December 31st any donations made to ShareLife Campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor. That means your gift doubles in value! To date we have collected **\$57,238.00** and our parish goal is **\$70,000.00**. You can contribute by using a ShareLife envelope available at the entrances of the church or online through Donate - ShareLife. Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$6,880.85. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G). Thank you to all!

PARISH ENVELOPES 2023

Envelopes for the year 2023 are now available in the parish hall. They are displayed numerically so please make sure you know your number when you come into the hall.

Please do not start using your envelopes until the new year and at that time throw away any remaining unused 2022 envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Anyone interested in volunteering with our Children's Liturgy Program, please reach out to Stephanie Penavic at transyouthministry@gmail.com as soon as possible.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Pensiamo che la conversione sia questione di comportamenti giusti, di ulteriori sforzi di buone opere, di sudate arrampicate nelle pareti irte della morale. È chiaro che questa prospettiva ci spaventa. Se l'ira di Dio dovesse essere quella terribile scure che da soli afferriamo per percuoterci e ferirci, per massacrarci di giudizi e di violenza, allora sarebbe davvero molto meglio stare alla larga. Come si può desiderare di incontrare un boscaiolo deciso a recidere definitivamente i nostri tanti rami secchi e a bruciare senza via di scampo i poveri tralci dei nostri fallimenti?

Ma 'il regno dei cieli è vicino'. E il profeta Isaia ci promette che questo regno supererà ogni nostra aspettativa. Se per noi appare arduo pensare alla gioia di una riconciliazione tra sposi separati e tra fratelli litigiosi, Egli invece va ben oltre, certo che persino le prede possono convivere con i predatori. Nel regno dei cieli che viene, anche i sentieri che normalmente separano i nemici tra loro divengono ponti che congiungono e vie di pace. ([don Luca Garbinetto](#))

SOLENNITÀ DELL' IMMACOLATA CONCEZIONE

Unitevi a noi l'8 di dicembre alle 7:00pm per la Messa solenne in onore della festa dell'Immacolata Concezione. La messa sarà celebrata sia in inglese che in italiano. (Rosario alle 18:30).

CONFESIONE

La chiesa ha aggiornato gli orari delle confessioni. Ora offriamo la confessione dalle 16:30 alle 17:15 ogni Sabato in chiesa. Quando pecchiamo, ci priviamo della grazia di Dio. E così facendo, rendiamo ancora più facile peccare ancora. L'unico modo per uscire da questo ciclo discendente è riconoscere i nostri peccati, pentirsi e chiedere perdono a Dio è comprometerci a fare il meglio.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

Grazie per la vostra generosità. La colletta regolare della settimana 27 Novembre e' stata \$6,880.85. Grazie ancora per il vostro contributo per aiutare con le spese della chiesa. Ultimamente abbiamo fatto dei lavoretti di manutenzione che richiedono delle spese...Dio vi benedirà.

MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE

Sunday December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

7:45 am	Pro Populo: Mass for all the living & deceased members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
9:00 am	† Virginia, Carmine, † Natale Bozzo † Giovanni & Rosina Filippelli, † Domenico Gentile, † Angelo & Filomena Febbraro
10:30 am	† Nicola Biancofiore, † Anthony Misquitta † Ben & Ellen Ortiz, † Anand Kumar † Boniface & Giselle Pereira † Venanzio & Nicolina Di Giallonardo † Deceased Members of the Verdán-Ortiz and Javierto-Reyes Families
12:00 pm	† I.C. Varghese, † Giuseppe Pisani
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Marion O'Farrell

Monday December 5

9:30 am	† Robert Pereira
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Tuesday December 6

9:30 am	† Marion O'Farrell, † Nicholas Mario Miranda
10:30 am	Advent Confessions at St. Marcellus School Gym
7:00 pm	1-Month Memorial Mass: (English): Frank Sgro

Wednesday December 7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:30 am	† Vivian, Gertie & Audrey D'Sylva † Simon, John & Delphine Dias
7:00 pm	1-Year Memorial Mass: (English): Antonio Picciuto

Thursday December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 am	† Rudy Scapolan and Thanksgiving Mass for the Blessings Received
6:30 pm	Rosary
7:00 pm	Solemn Mass (English & Italian)

Friday December 9 Saint Juan Diego Cuahatlatoatzin

9:30 am	† Deceased Members of the Fernandes Family
10:15 am	Advent Confessions at Transfiguration School Gym

Saturday December 10

9:30 am	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Danielle Valeriani & Domenico Gallippi
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Giuseppe & Concettiina Vannelli, † Lucia Stillo † Zuzanna & Stanislaw Guzik, † Helena Giermanska, † Maria Szajna

Sunday December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

7:45 am	Pro Populo: Mass for all the living & deceased members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
9:00 am	† Nicola Fonte
10:30 am	† Venanzio Di Giallonardo, † Joseph Cutajar
12:00 pm	
7:00 pm	† Salvatore Mamone, † Fr. Vito Marziliano † Girolamo Burdi

ADVENT SEASON: SECOND SUNDAY

As the first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" and it represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

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