



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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St. Marcellus: 15 Denfield Street, Etobicoke, ON M9R 3H2 416-393-5311

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"Please remember us in your will"

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Love your enemies, pray for your persecutors - The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness. (Sunday Connection Loyola Press)

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

The CWL is collecting a Spiritual Bouquet for the Ordinandi (the soon-to-be-ordained priests of 2023). These offerings are not paid offerings but prayers and devotions done freely and lovingly. There are clipboards with forms in the vestibule for all parishioners this weekend. Thank you for your support and generous prayerful offerings.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Sonja Schryer, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas,
Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco,
Dana McGrath, Roman Joe Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica,
Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone,
Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale,
Karen Radeczy, Paul Jensen, Carla Chiulli

PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:
Rose Mc Innis, Domenico D’Urzo, Antonio Virdo



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass will be celebrated during the weekdays at 9:30 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

9:30 am (English), 12 Noon (English) & 7:00 pm (Bilingual)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

Every Friday during Lent in both English and Italian at 7:00 pm followed by spiritual meditation

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Participants will overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance and surrender. The workshop will take place in our parish hall every Wednesday from Feb 22nd to May 31st from 7 pm to 9 pm; June 3rd is a 1-day Retreat.

No registration fee. Material fee: \$20.00

Contact: Ana Orellana at aorellan55@gmail.com

PREMS-APPROACH

This is a program with a method to work with the individuals and their families dealing with intellectual challenges such as Autism and Down Syndrome.

Weekly Sessions: Mondays at 7:15 pm in our parish hall starting February 27th

Contact Info: Linda 416.473.1149 & Fr. Carlos 416.247.0513

Note: There will be a form in the parish office to be completed for the candidates in the program. A special meeting for volunteers is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24th at 7:15 pm in the parish hall. We give gratitude to the volunteers who have signed up.

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next weekend (Feb. 25th & 26th) to help the victims of the devastating earthquake. **A yellow humanitarian relief envelope for those wishing to donate through our parish special collection is available at the entrance of the church.** Other ways you may donate:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>
- By phone through the Development Office at 416.934.3411
- Through our parish, making cheques payable to: Transfiguration of Our Lord Church – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief.

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced in both Turkey and Syria.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for February 12th was \$6,165.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Thank you for supporting our parish.

LENTEN COMPANION

The Magnificat Lenten Companion 2023 is available and can be picked up from the Ushers in the vestibule after each Mass this weekend. The book can help us accompany Jesus along the way to his Passion and Death, and then on Easter Sunday, to celebrate the great joy of his Resurrection. We ask for a donation of \$5.00 per book.

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All are welcome to attend an orientation meeting on Saturday, February 25th at 6:30 pm after Mass in the Upper Hall. Please register with the parish office (416.247.0513) to reserve your spot.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Quake maschera scegliamo? E' questo il mondo che Gesù è venuto a rivoluzionare, questo mondo in cui si giustificano le vendette, le chiusure e la violenza. Gesù vuole convertire il nostro modo di vivere le relazioni umane, immedesimandosi proprio nel più povero e diseredato. Gesù è entrato pienamente nella violenza degli uomini per spezzare quel circolo che crea violenti e genera dolore.

“Avete inteso che fu detto... ma io vi dico...”, è una proposta di un mondo nuovo, dove è possibile amare più dell'amore ricevuto, dove si può amplificare la compassione, la gentilezza, l'altruismo e il perdono, e nello stesso tempo smorzare tutti i segni di divisione, vendetta e indifferenza.

Sembra un'utopia amare i nemici, pregare per chi ci vuol male, non vendicarsi, cercare legami anche con chi non conosciamo o non vorremmo conoscere. Sembra davvero un mondo impossibile, ma è l'unica possibilità per far sì che tutti quanti non ci trasformiamo in Joker, con una maschera da clown, con un finto sorriso di finta felicità.

“Voi, dunque, siate perfetti come è perfetto il Padre vostro celeste”, dice Gesù ai suoi discepoli. Sembra la proposta di un film di fantascienza, bello quanto impossibile. Pensiamo che essere “come Dio” sia possibile solo con effetti speciali, pensiamo che la realtà è diversa e siamo condannati solo a difenderci per non venire fregati in questo mondo. Se pensiamo così noi cristiani, allora davvero il Vangelo è finito!

(Giovanni Bertì)

**MASS INTENTIONS
INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE**

Sunday February 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:45 am	All Living & Deceased Members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
9:00 am	† Luigi Priolo † Vittoria & Michele Pistilli, † Claudio & Angela Loprevite & Deceased Family Members
10:30 am	† David & Matilda Fernandes and Deceased Family Members, † Mary Falzon, † Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Gordono and A Thanksgiving Mass from Wilson & Julie Fernandes for good health & blessings received
12:00 pm	† John, Rosario, Lina Colosimo, † Mario Bellisario † Ciriaco, Vito Grieco, † Eugene Cymbal, † Veronica Cymbal & Deceased Family Members
1:00 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Juana de la Cruz Rodriguez
Monday February 20 Family Day	
9:30 am	† Laureta Sagsagat Rangcapan, † Carmine Maietta, † Juana de la Cruz Rodriguez
Tuesday February 21 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
9:30 am	† Shelly Ann Suraj, In Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and A Special Blessing & Healing for Domenic and Family
7:00 pm	1-Month Memorial Mass (Eng./Italian): Maria Priolo
Wednesday February 22 Ash Wednesday	
9:30 am (English)	† Maria Miranda
12 Noon (English)	† Yanoosh Chura
7 pm (Eng. & Italian)	† Fr. Vito Marziliano, † Domenic Mesiano, † Liberata Manco
7:00 pm	Prayer and Life Workshop (Parish Hall)
Thursday February 23 Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	
9:30 am	† Matthew Dishart, † Vito Piacente, † Ben Leonetti, † Vincenzina Fata, † Luigi Palumbo
7:00 pm	1-Yr. Memorial Mass (Eng/Ital): Domenico Cosentino
Friday February 24	
9:30 am	† Domenico Cosentino, In Honour of the Blessed Trinity and St. Charbel and A Special Healing for Domenico
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (English & Italian)
Saturday February 25	
9:30 am	† Fiore Camicata, † Anthony, Yvonne & Gideon De Sousa & Deceased Family Members, Thanksgiving Mass for Matthew, Natasha, Ariana, Dorian Camicata & Families. Susie Camicata & the living & deceased members of the Camicata & Howard Families.
2:00 pm	Baptism
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Juana De La Cruz Rodriguez, † Graciano Maglian, † Gaudencia Bugay
Sunday February 26 First Sunday of Lent	
7:45 am	All Living & Deceased Members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
9:00 am	† Alessandro De Zorzi, † Martino, Angela, Camilla & Pinuccio Abbattista, † Giovanni Mongelli, † Caterina Mongelli
10:30 am	† Irene Barros Sa & Deceased Family Members, Special Blessings for Ivo and Ivete Raimundo & family
12:00 pm	† Deceased Families of Laporte, Coleman & Savage
7:00 pm	† Juana de la Cruz Rodriguez

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