



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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"Please remember us in your will"

GOSPEL REFLECTION

I am the Resurrection and the Life - We might find it shocking that the greatest miracle that Jesus performed to define his saving mission as one to free mankind from death is the catalyst that causes the Jewish authorities to plot his death. The very act of life-giving ends in death-dealing. By definitively showing that he is “the resurrection and the life,” Jesus precipitates his own death. The same act that causes Mary, Martha, and many of the Jews who had come to visit them to have faith in Jesus causes the opposite reaction in the Jewish authorities. There’s no halfway in John’s Gospel. One can walk in darkness or light, one is blind or sighted, one is alive or dead; no middle ground exists. Lazarus will die again, of course. But by that time there will be no death at all for those who believe. And it seems unlikely that Lazarus would ever be able to doubt Christ after this episode. Those who believe will have their faith confirmed by this event, and those who won’t, will find their resistance hardened by it. In no other episode in the Gospel story is Jesus shown so clearly for what he is: the resurrection and the life. (St. Michael C. C.)

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

On Saturday, April 1st, all are welcome to come to Mass at 9:30 am which will be followed by Mary’s Way of the Cross as hosted by the CWL. Coffee and refreshments will follow in the parish hall. After which a short business meeting for the members of the CWL will be take place.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

If you have any questions or would like to send an email pertaining to all matters for the First Communion and Confirmation programs, we encourage you to please contact us at transfigurationsacramentals@gmail.com

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings is a program that ministers to those who suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

Online Lenten Retreat: March 29th at 7:00 pm

Register at <https://lr0323.eventbrite.ca>

In-Person Grief Support Session: March 30th at 7:00 pm

at St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church

Register at <https://gss0323.evertbrite.ca>

For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com 647.215.3978

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS - VOCATION INSERTS

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

LENTEN CONFESSIONS IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

Friday, March 31st at 7:00 pm

followed by spiritual reflection

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD: APRIL 6th

7:30 pm (Bilingual);

Followed by adoration until midnight

(No Morning Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: APRIL 7th

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Outdoor *WP)

1:00 pm (Italian) / 3:00 pm (English) / 5:00 pm (English)

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY: APRIL 8th

10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows)

followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Solemn Mass Celebration

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 9th

7:45 am (English) / 9:00 am (Italian)

10:30 am (English) / 12 Noon (English) / 7:00 pm (English)

CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 10th at 10:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastoral Executive Council Meeting:

Wednesday, March 29th at 7 pm in the parish office boardroom

FORMATION SESSION:

Friday, March 31st at 8:00 pm in the parish hall.

The gowns for the Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers will be distributed after the session.

COMMISSIONING OF ALL MINISTERS AT MASS:

Saturday, April 1st & Sunday, April 2nd

Special Note: Please bring your robe

*WP Weather Permitting

RCIC PROGRAM

This program is a Baptism Class for older children (*also known as a Rescue Course*) comprising of several lessons. Children enrolled in this program are expected to join the Sunday 10:30 am Mass followed by a lesson at 11:30 am in the Upper Hall.

Dates of the RCIC lessons are as follows:

March 26th, April 2nd, April 16th, April 23rd & April 30th

2023 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATE

March 26 / April 30 / June 4

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins:

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

Our parish goal this year is \$70,000.00. Please give someone in our community a brighter future. You may donate by using the envelopes available by the entrance of our church, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for March 19th was \$5,693.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Thank you for supporting our parish.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Io sono la risurrezione e la vita - Ancora profondamente commosso, Gesù va al sepolcro e là chiede di togliere la pietra dalla tomba, alza gli occhi al cielo e dice: «Padre, ti rendo grazie perché mi hai ascoltato. Io sapevo che mi dai sempre ascolto, ma l'ho detto per la gente che mi sta attorno, perché credano che tu mi hai mandato». Gesù, dunque, prega affinché quanti si trovano intorno a lui comprendano che egli è l'Inviato di Dio: è da notare che egli non accentra l'attenzione su di sé, ma agisce perché attraverso di lui gli uomini possano risalire a Dio! E la risposta di Dio Padre giunge immediata. Giovanni infatti annota che Gesù, dopo aver pregato il Padre, «gridò a gran voce: "Lazzaro, vieni fuori!". Il morto uscì, i piedi e le mani legati con bende, e il viso avvolto da un sudario». Lazzaro, dunque, morto e sepolto come accadrà a Gesù, esce dalla tomba ancora avvolto dalle bende, e con la sua rianimazione profetizza la resurrezione di Gesù.

Ecco la consapevolezza con cui camminiamo verso la Pasqua: noi non siamo soli, siamo gli amici di Gesù, e anche nella morte egli sarà accanto a noi per richiamarci alla vita con il suo amore perché Cristo Signore «è la risurrezione e la vita e chiunque vive e crede in lui, non morirà in eterno».

(don Lucio D'Abbraccio)

MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE

Sunday March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am † Salvatore, Divina & Francesca Muto,
† Francesco Giannone
10:30 am † Gildo Pasquali, † Natale Galipo
12:00 pm † Kuriakose Joseph
7:00 pm † Valente & Maria Filippozzi, † Luigino Filippozzi,
† Erminia Cocco & Deceased Family Members and
A Special Blessing for Paul Jensen

Monday March 27
9:30 am † Antonio Manco, † Domenico Manco, † Genevieve
Sequeira, † Salvatore Giorgi

Tuesday March 28
9:30 am † Raffaele Cirillo, † Antonio Cirillo, Ilario Cirillo
10:30 am Parish Lenten Confessions

Wednesday March 29
9:30 am In Thanksgiving of Graces and Blessings Received

Thursday March 30
9:30 am Special Intentions for the Sick, Shut-In & Suffering

Friday March 31
9:30 am † Joseph Tai Vu, † Anna Uyen, † Matha Nguyen,
All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English & Italian)

Saturday April 1
9:30 am † Macario & Teresa Raimundo, Living & Deceased
Members of the Raimundo & Barros Sa Families,
† Ian & Meghan Raimundo & Family
10:30 am CWL: Mary's Way of the Cross
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence
4:30 pm Confession
5:30 pm † Carrie Novalsk, † Rollife D'Souza,
† Leezie Seraoi

Sunday April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am † Maria Grazia Cristello, † Salvatore, Francesco &
Agnese Armocida, † Giovanni Cortese,
† Rosa Zampella
10:30 am † Nicola Biancofiore, † Mary Carnevale,
† Sophia Coleman, † Girolama Cangemi
12:00 pm † Domenico D'Urzo
1:30 pm IGBO Mass
7:00 pm

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 Radecky, Paul Jensen, Carla Chiulli,
Josie Riley, Gianfranco, Maria Bellissimo

PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Jim Ernst and Steve Callaghan

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