



## 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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Msgr. Fady Boktor: **Pastor of Holy Family Coptic Catholic Church**

Mr. Raymond Frendo, **Deacon**

Mrs. Rhoda Marcoccia, **Administrative Assistant**

#### 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.

#### Schools

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

St. Maurice: 45 Kingsview Blvd., Etobicoke, ON M9R 1T7 416-393-5379

Transfiguration: 55 Ludstone Dr, Etobicoke, ON M9R 2J2 416-393-5276

*"Please remember us in your will"*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

**Transfiguration** ... In the scenes leading up to the transfiguration, the disciples worship the Jesus who walks on water as the Son of God (Matthew 14:33), but they cannot yet imagine what it means for Jesus to claim this title. Although Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God, he utterly rejects Jesus' announcement that he will suffer and die. Jesus affirms Peter's insight but rejects his protest, calling him Satan for tempting the Son of God to define himself by glory but not by suffering. Furthermore, he calls Peter and anyone else who wants to be his disciple to follow him on the road that leads to the cross.

The story of the transfiguration directs us away from trying to understand Jesus only as he is revealed in glory. It points us down the mountain and invites us to walk with Jesus into the suffering, hungry crowds. The divine voice commands us to listen to Jesus. But listening is more than hearing. As Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount, building on the rock means not only hearing his words, but acting on them (Matthew 7:24). Hearing without obeying leads to catastrophe.

(Judith Jones)

**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

**Contact Info:** Linda 416.473.1149 & Fr. Carlos 416.247.0513

**Note:** There is a form in the parish office to be completed for the candidates in the program.

**PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP**

Please join us for a transformative experience as you develop a more profound relationship with God. Participants will learn and deepen skills in the art of prayer in 15 weekly sessions of two hours each. Participants will overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance and surrender.

**When:** Every Wednesday from Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> ;

(June 3<sup>rd</sup> is a 1-day Retreat)

**Where:** Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish Hall

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

No registration fee. Material fee: \$20.00

Contact: Ana Orellana at aorellan55@gmail.com

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH - NOVENA**

We will have a Solemn Mass on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for the Feast Day of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (with a reception to follow in our parish hall).

If you would like to donate baked goods for this special day, please bring them to the parish hall before Mass.

**Novena**

A 9-day novena will start on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am followed by Mass at 9:30 am; novena on Sunday will be at 3:00 pm.



**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)**

Please join us every Friday at 7:00 pm as we pray in both English and Italian followed by spiritual reflection

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS IN OUR PARISH**

All are welcome to attend Transfiguration of Our Lord's Day of Lenten Confessions on: Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Parish Finance Council Meeting:

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the parish office boardroom

Pastoral Executive Council Meeting:

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the parish office boardroom

**LENTEN COMPANION**

The Magnificat Lenten Companion 2023 is available and can be picked in the vestibule after each Mass every weekend and from the parish office during the weekdays. We ask for a donation of \$5.00 per book.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES: PORTUGAL, FRANCE & SPAIN**

With the spiriual leadership of Fr. Jomon George September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 6, 2023

We invite you on an exclusive spiritual & cultural journey of a lifetime! Our 11-day pilgrimage includes Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Barcelona & much, much, more... Pray at beautiful shrines dedicated to Our Lady and Saints, enrich your Catholic faith and open your heart to received blessings and graces.

Price per person in double occupancy: \$4,450.00 CAD

For a list of what is included, please call the number below or the parish office for more details to obtain a copy of the itinerary.

**To register & for more information please contact:**

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1.800.268.0900 Ext. 23; edgar@gateways-international.com

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

The regular collection for February 25<sup>th</sup> was \$6,141.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Thank you for supporting our parish.

MARCH 5, 2023

## LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5:30 pm

Mass Celebrant: Cardinal Thomas Collins

All are welcome to join and hear inspiring personal testimonies, powerful praise & worship music, compelling speakers, prayer ministry for healing & empowerment, Divine Mercy celebration, Eucharistic Adoration & procession.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

For more info & tickets visit: [WWW.LJHR.CA](http://WWW.LJHR.CA)

## NEW BEGINNINGS

Online Bereavement Introductory Program

Register at: <https://nbb0223.eventbrite.ca>

Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

Register at: <https://nbsd0223.eventbrite.ca>

For more information: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE

[alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) 647.215.3978

## 2023 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATE

March 26 / April 30 / June 4

Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

The First ShareLife Sunday is March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$70,000.00

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

**La luce in fondo al tunnel ...** La luce in fondo al tunnel... è il modo di dire quando in una situazione di difficoltà profonda che genera sofferenza e paura si intravede un termine, una soluzione, anche se non si sa bene ancora quando e come arriverà.

I discepoli che sono con Gesù, e che hanno iniziato con entusiasmo il loro cammino con questo Maestro straordinario, sono talvolta tentati di pensare che le crescenti difficoltà che sta incontrando con le autorità religiose siano una specie di galleria di una miniera, cioè una strada senza uscita. Sembra non esserci una luce alla fine della storia, e la croce sembra un buio punto di arrivo senza speranza.

Sul Monte della Trasfigurazione, che l'evangelista Matteo colloca in un luogo imprecisato (così che diventa ogni luogo e ogni vita, anche la nostra) Gesù fa intravedere una luce in fondo al tunnel della sua missione, diventando lui stesso luce e segno di speranza. Gesù di Nazareth, Maestro brillante e buono, uomo però come tutti, quindi soggetto a rimanere schiacciato dalla storia, si mostra per un attimo (non sappiamo quanto dura questo strano fenomeno che viene descritto) in tutta la sua chiarezza. Lui è il figlio amato da Dio, è la risposta a tutte le attese religiose, incarnate da Mosè e Elia, la Legge e i Profeti. Gesù diventa luminoso agli occhi ma soprattutto al cuore dei suoi discepoli. E la voce di Dio Padre risuona anch'essa nel cuore raggelato dalla paura e lo scalda con un invito chiaro: "Ascoltatelo!" (don Giovanni Berti)

## MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE

### Sunday March 5 Second Sunday of Lent

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am † Federico Vumbaca, † Vittoria Viresi,  
† Fr. Vito Marziliano, † Ratko Ragik, † Anna Scelsi,  
† Pietro & Maria Di Giovanni and † Antonietta Tizzi  
10:30 am † Nicola Biancofiore, † Robert Pereira,  
† Mansueto Donatelli, † Adelina Fiorino,  
† Elena Pizzacalla  
12:00 pm † Christopher D'Cunha, † Sarah Cordeiro living &  
deceased members of D'Cunha & Cordeiro Families  
IGBO Mass

1:30 pm

7:00 pm

### Monday March 6

9:30 am † Rolliffe D'Souza, † Leena Serao, † Manuel Morta  
† Darryl Bautista

### Tuesday March 7 Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

9:30 am † Fiore Cimicata; Thanksgiving Mass for Matthew,  
Natasha, Ariana, Dorian, Cimicata & Families, Susie  
Cimicata and living & deceased members of the  
Cimicata & Howard Families; Fr. Joby Kachappilly &  
Family

7:00pm 1-Year Memorial Mass: Yolanda Cartini

### Wednesday March 8 Saint John of God, Religious

9:30 am † Josephine Laporte, † Bernadette Coleman,  
† Bill Pretty, Billy Pretty Jr.

### Thursday March 9 Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

9:00 am Mass at St. Marcellus School Gymnasium  
9:30 am † David Kerwin, A Special Blessing for Vince &  
Christina Todarello

7:00pm 1-Month Memorial Mass: Domenico D'Urzo

### Friday March 10

9:30 am A Healing Mass for Mike & Caterina  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English & Italian)

### Saturday March 11

8:45 am Novena for St. Joseph  
9:30 am † Domenico Vetro  
2:00 am Baptism  
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence  
4:30 pm Confession  
5:30 pm † Raphael Fernandes, † Stefano Tansura

### Sunday March 12 Third Sunday of Lent

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am † Antonio Virdo  
10:30 am † Rosario Sia, † Nicolina Di Giallonardo  
12:00 pm † P. C. Thomas, † Jozef Gortych,  
A Special Blessing for Edward Thurainayagan &  
Children  
1:30 pm IGBO Mass  
3:00 pm Novena for St. Joseph  
7:00 pm † Tony Reilly (Mass in honour of St. Expedite)

## 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,  
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