



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.

Schools

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"Please remember us in your will"

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”- The season of Lent invites us to focus our eyes upon Jesus Christ. We are invited to focus not just on the dramatic events which make up this season—such as His temptation in the desert, His trial and Crucifixion—but on the person of Jesus Himself. If we focus on Who He is, then we understand why He did the things He did. But this is actually harder than it seems. Looking squarely at Christ is our way of turning from sin and turning toward God. It helps us put things in order. It helps us reverse the course that leads us from pride, to sin, to death. This is why God thousands of years ago gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. There’s a reason why the First is first: the First commandment that God speaks to us is the most important: “I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.” The First Commandment helps reverse the course of the first sin: the Original Sin that we hear again in our First Reading today.

We might be tempted to take the easy way out: to think of God’s First Commandment as referring only to those who bow down before golden calves, or in some manner worship the devil. We should recognize, though, that the devil is much subtler than we give him credit for. The devil seeks to work his way into our lives through anything that he thinks we might not just like, but through anything that he thinks that we will be unable to detach ourselves from.

The word “detachment” sums up the Season of Lent. It’s not that every Christian must live like a monk and have no possessions. But we are not to be attached to them.

(Fr. Thomas Hoisington)

FORMATION SESSION FOR ALL MINISTERS

All Lectors, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers are invited to attend a Formation Session in our parish hall on Saturday, March 4th at 10:30 am.

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.

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.



WEEKDAY MASSES

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

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

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Online Bereavement Introductory Program

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

Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

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For more information: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE
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TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF COLLECTION

A special collection is being taken up this weekend to help the victims of the devastating earthquake. Thank you to all the parishioners for your donation. We kindly ask those wishing to donate after this weekend to bring the yellow humanitarian relief envelope at your earliest convenience.

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 19th was \$7,415.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Thank you for supporting our parish.

COME & SEE: DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

March 17th – 19th St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older on the above mentioned date. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 4th 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.

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MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Vinciamo le tentazioni obbedendo a Dio - Adamo, tentato, è caduto (I Lettura); Cristo, invece, ha lottato e ha vinto perché si è sottomesso alla Parola di Dio, ha obbedito al Padre suo «facendosi obbediente fino alla morte e a una morte di croce» (cf Fil 2, 8). Adamo ha steso il braccio per peccare; Cristo, invece, al termine della sua esistenza terrena, ha steso le sue braccia sulla croce per salvare tutti noi e «Per questo Dio lo esaltò e gli donò il nome che è al di sopra di ogni nome, perché nel nome di Gesù ogni ginocchio si pieghi nei cieli, sulla terra e sotto terra, e ogni lingua proclami: «Gesù Cristo è Signore!, a gloria di Dio Padre»» (cf Fil 2, 9-11). Concludo con le parole del santo vescovo Agostino: «La nostra vita in questo pellegrinaggio non può essere esente da prove e il nostro progresso si compie attraverso la tentazione. Nessuno può conoscere se stesso, se non è tentato, né può essere coronato senza aver vinto, né può vincere senza combattere».

Che il Signore alimenti in noi la fede, accresca la speranza, e ci insegni ad aver fame di Cristo, pane vivo e vero, e a nutrirci di ogni parola che esce dalla sua bocca. (don Lucio Abbraccio)

**MASS INTENTIONS
INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE**

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, † Vincenzo Chiara and A Special Blessing for Sergio Rea
10:30 am	† Irene Barros Sa & Deceased Family Members, † Giovanni Mazanti, † Fernanda Boni; 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
Monday February 27 Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church	
9:30 am	† Juana De La Cruz Rodriguez and A Special Blessing for Zachary Baron
10:30 am	Mass at St. Marcellus School Gymnasium
Tuesday February 28	
9:30 am	In Thanksgiving and for All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday March 1	
9:30 am	† Antonio Bombardieri, † Yvonne, Anthony and Gideon De Sousa and Deceased Family Members, † Gaudelia Austria
Thursday March 2	
9:30 am	† Nadia Hamaoui
Friday March 3	
9:30 am	In Thanksgiving and For Healing
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (English & Italian)
Saturday March 4 Saint Casimir	
9:30 am	† Rosina Scopacasa, † Francesca Barbara
	† Anthony Misquitta
11:00 am	IGBO Memorial Mass
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	
Sunday March 5 Second Sunday of Lent	
7:45 am	All Living & Deceased Members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
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	
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 Radeczy, Paul Jensen, Carla Chiulli

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