



## 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"*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

(Loyola Press Sunday Connection)

### CHOIR MEMBERS

If you are looking to participate more actively in our liturgy every weekend, we welcome you to join our English adult choir, which will be providing the music for the Saturday 5:30 pm mass. We welcome parishioners of all musical backgrounds. Anyone who is interested in joining, please speak with Dustin, our organist, after mass, or leave your name and email address with the parish office.

### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The bank has informed us that their business policy will be enforced regarding the name on the checks we deposit. Going forward all donation checks must be made payable to – SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL 2023 Membership Drive is currently ongoing. 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.

### PARISH ENVELOPES 2023

Envelopes for the year 2023 are still available in the parish hall and are in numerical order. If you don't know your envelope number, please refer to the binder with names listed in alphabetical order.

### 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 June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

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

**Contact: Ana Orellana at [aorellan55@gmail.com](mailto:aorellan55@gmail.com)**

### SHARELIFE

Our parishioners' support of ShareLife has made a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

Thank you to everyone for your donation to our 2022 ShareLife Campaign. The total raised \$62,327.00

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m.** This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+) in 2023. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). The All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join via livestream at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

### CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Please help provide for people who are hungry and homeless. We welcome you to drop off a Shepherd Pie Casserole on:

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for January 8<sup>th</sup> was \$10,708.70. 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.



### FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO

Please join us for a special celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño of Cebu to be held next Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> (Rosary at 11 am and Mass at 11:30 am). A pot-luck lunch will be held in the parish hall after Mass and procession. Everyone is invited.

### THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed are individually packaged snacks, e.g. chips/cookies/granola bars, juices & bottled water, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, men's new underwear, socks, jeans warm gloves, winter hats & scarves, towels. Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.

### MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

La conoscenza di Dio nasce sempre da un'esperienza. Il vedere non è solo un distratto guardare estetico, curioso, superficiale. È l'atteggiamento di chi si pone davanti alla vita con mille domande, ma non per il piacere di ascoltare il suono della propria voce, ma nella consapevolezza che o siamo cercatori o non siamo. "Ho visto", dice Giovanni.

Ha visto Gesù venire verso di lui, dopo il Battesimo. Ha visto un Dio che gli si fa incontro, presente, prossimo, vicino. Come abbiamo visto noi, in questi brevi ed intensi giorni di Natale.

Abbiamo visto un Dio che diventa bambino, che ribalta le nostre prospettive, che colma le nostre stalle, che si rivolge agli sconfitti della storia.

Abbiamo visto, se non ci siamo lasciati sopraffare dall'inutile buonismo che emoziona e non converte, se non ci siamo lasciati avvelenare dalla disperazione di chi ha vissuto questo giorni da solo.

È questo il cristianesimo: lo stupore di un Dio che prende l'iniziativa, che annulla le distanze, senza porre condizioni, senza chiedere nulla in contraccambio.

**Ho testimoniato.** Ho visto e ho testimoniato.

(Paolo Di Martino)

### COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

Grazie per la vostra generosità. La colletta regolare della settimana 8 Gennaio e' stata \$10,708.70. 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 January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am Pro Populo  
9:00 am † Giacomo Giorgio, † Giuseppe Ballarin,  
† Carmine Viresi, † Antonino Bondi,  
† Salvatore Lanzarotta  
10:30 am † George Fernandes, † Ida Donatelli,  
† Giuseppina Mastrella, † Vittorio Bernardo  
12:00 pm † Maria Bettencourt  
1:30 pm IGBO Mass  
7:00 pm

### Monday January 16

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Fernandes Family,  
† Rosina Scopacasa, † Francesco Barbara,  
† Filomena Grella, † Karen & Azareeya Marshall  
1:00 pm Mass at St. Marcellus School Gymnasium

### Tuesday January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Laporte, Coleman, Savage  
Families, † Mato Pavlakovic,  
† Angelatonia Colallilo, † Nicola Colallilo

### Wednesday January 18

9:30 am † Marin Krizanac and  
A Special Intention for the Dico Family  
8:00 pm Confessions for the Young Adult Ministry

### Thursday January 19

9:30 am

### Friday January 20 Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr

9:30 am

### Saturday January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

9:30 am † Victor Ramirez  
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence  
4:30 pm Confession  
5:30 pm † Victor Gibbs

### Sunday January 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am Pro Populo  
9:00 am † Antonio Bondi  
10:30 am Special Blessing for Max & Susan Gamboa for their  
40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, † Victor Colaco,  
† Antonino & Serafina Mule  
12:00 pm † John, Rosario, Lina Colosimo  
† Ciriaco, Vito Grieco, † Mario Bellisario  
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,  
Walter Ryan, Karen Radecky, Paul Jensen

### "SPIRITUAL WALK-IN CLINIC"

Our parish is honoured with an opportunity to have an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week exposed in our **chapel** for the last 20 years. If you would like to commit one hour a week for prayers in the chapel, please leave your name and contact number with the parish office. All are welcome to come and pray.

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