



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"

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Blessed Indeed! - Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus, Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy ... the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome – and surprising – to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

(Loyola Press – Sunday Connection)

COFFEE SUNDAY

The Catholic Women's League will take over coordinating the monthly Coffee Sunday. We will hold our First Coffee Sunday on February 12th following the 9:00 am, 10:30 am, & 12:00 noon Masses. We ask as before for donations of baked goods to serve with coffee after each Mass. All are welcome. We ask those attending to park in the school lot to allow those coming to Mass access to parking. Thank you.

CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Please help provide for people who are hungry and homeless. We welcome you to drop off a Shepherd Pie Casserole on:
Jan. 28th/29th Feb. 25th/26th March 25th/26th

EXERCISE GROUP

The Senior Exercise Class has resumed. Classes are held in our parish hall-Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Eight classes are only \$20.00 (payable at the 1st class of each month). Parishioners are welcome to drop by & try a class.

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 5:30pm 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.

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 22nd to May 31st;
June 3rd 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

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 Information: Linda Ward 416.473.1149 and Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon 416.247.0513

Note: There will be a form to be completed for the candidates in the program. Please refer to the parish office for further information.

We are seeking volunteers to help with the program and has scheduled a special meeting to train volunteers on Friday, February 24th in our parish hall at 7:15 pm. Kindly let us know if you are interested in helping individuals to rise above their abilities.

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

PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

**Walter Ryan, Maria Priolo,
Augusto Bertocchi, Pauline Cicci**

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for January 22nd was \$5,742.00. 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.

ITALIAN NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Italian Night Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 11th at 7pm. We are inviting everyone to come out and enjoy a wonderful evening with your fellow parishioners, friends and family. The menu includes Antipasto, Lasagna, Veal, Salad, Mixed Veggies, Potatoes and dessert. We will also have a cash bar. The cost is \$40 per person.

For tickets please contact the Grand Knight Romey Simon Sebastiampillai at romeysimon@hotmail.com

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

Gesù ci porta in alto - Gesù quando vede le folle e in mezzo ad esse i discepoli, promulga dal monte la nuova legge di Dio, dice l'evangelista Matteo. Nelle intenzioni del racconto di Matteo, non è un monte preciso, ma un luogo simbolico, che richiama il monte Sinai dal quale Dio diede la legge al popolo di Israele. Gesù dona la nuova legge delle Beatitudini dal monte di Dio, cioè dalla realtà di Dio che è aperta ad ogni essere umano, chiamato a salirvi senza barriere, ostacoli, permessi e impedimenti.

Le prime otto beatitudini, simili nella struttura da diventare una sorta di slogan da memorizzare, insieme alla nona beatitudine che ha una struttura leggermente diversa che fa da chiusura, sono le dimensioni di un modo nuovo di essere con Dio, con se stessi e con il prossimo.

Le beatitudini sono il dono della felicità piena che sembrava possibile solo a Dio e agli angeli, ma che ora è per tutti, anche per chi piange, per chi cerca faticosamente la giustizia e la pace, per chi vive la bontà come stile di vita...

E' beato anche chi è "povero di spirito", cioè chi rinuncia a poggiare la propria felicità sull'aver e condivide senza accumulare a scapito degli altri.

E' beato anche chi viene perseguitato perchè crede nella giustizia e nel perdono...

La felicità profonda, esterna e perfetta è possibile non tanto per i soli sforzi umani ma prima di tutto come dono di Dio a coloro che prendono quella direzione.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

Grazie per la vostra generosità. La colletta regolare della settimana 22 Gennaio e' stata \$5,742.00. 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 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:45 am	All Living & Deceased Members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
9:00 am	† Maria Grazia Cristello, † Salvatore, Francesco & Agnese Armocida, † Giovanni Cortese, † Ignazio Saladino
10:30 am	† Franz Velez, † Natale & Teresa Clemente † Roberto Mair, † Casmir & Dulcine D'Souza and the Deceased Members of the D'Souza Family
12:00 pm	† Luka Markotic, † Mariano Amaral † Lourdes Cabral, † Flora & Alfredo Greco † Lenore Huarte
7:00 pm	
Monday January 30	
9:30 am	† Maria & Nicola Micelotta, † Deceased Members of the Di Leo, Siconolfi, Miele, Minechello & Celetti Families
Tuesday January 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest	
9:30 am	Thanksgiving Mass in Honour of Infant of Prague A Healing Mass for Domenic and Family Special Blessings for Mary Brady and Pamela MacDonald
Wednesday February 1	
9:30 am	Special Blessings for Tony & Ivete Pinto and the living and deceased members of the Pinto & Raimundo Families, † John & Helen Mc Erlain, † Patricia Gieshe
7:00 pm	1-Year Memorial Mass for Mary Melito
Thursday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	
9:30 am	† Maria De Paola, † Anna Maietta
Friday February 3 Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop	
9:30 am	† Joseph Cutajar
Saturday February 4 BVM	
9:30 am	† Anthony Misquitta and A Healing Mass for Felix Alphonso Thanksgiving Mass for Melinda and Special Intention for Enzo Fontina
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Rocco Antonio Malatesta
Sunday February 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:45 am	All Living & Deceased Members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
9:00 am	† Francesca & Giuseppe Giannone, † Maria Bombardieri
10:30 am	† Nicola Biancofiore † Robert Pereira, † Tomas Villar, † Nguyen Phu, † Anna & Joseph Vu
12:00 pm	† Marian Ziolkowski, † Kathleen Browne
1:30 pm	Igbo Mass
7:00 pm	† Dave Rixson

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for the year 2022 are now in production and you will be receiving them by mail on or before February 6th, 2023. Thank you for your support of our church. Have a Blessed New Year!

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