



## 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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### **Perpetual Adoration Chapel OPEN 24 HOURS**

#### Parish Staff

Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon, **Pastor**

Fr. Jomon George, **M. Ss.Cc., Associate Pastor**

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"*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Jesus Healing a Blind Man** – It's hard to imagine this fellow's experience of new sight. Years ago, the movie "At First Sight" depicted the agonizing experience of a young man, blind from the age of 3, whose sight was surgically restored. Although he could see, his brain could not decode the images before him. He couldn't make sense of the world he had learned to navigate by touch and sound. That's the extreme experience John describes here. It's a wonderful thing to see, but our newly sighted friend had to totally reorient himself to "live in the light."

This fellow, nameless so that everyone can recognize themselves in him, knew nothing about Jesus, except that he did him good. As he went through the process of gaining a new perspective and being persecuted for it, he understood ever more clearly that the one who had healed him on the Sabbath was doing the work of God. Jesus had opened his eyes to new dimensions of God's goodness — and that was what got him into trouble. (National Catholic Reporter)

### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH - NOVENA

All are welcome to join us for a Solemn Mass on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for the Feast Day of St. Joseph (with a reception to follow in our parish hall). A donation of baked goods is welcome, please bring them to the parish hall before Mass.

### 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

#### FORMATION SESSION:

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 2023 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATE

**March 26 / April 30 / June 4**

Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for March 12<sup>th</sup> was \$6,284.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Thank you for supporting our parish.

### COFFEE SUNDAY: MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>

All are welcome next weekend following the 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon Masses. We are kindly asking for donations of baked goods to serve with coffee after each Mass.

### LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### 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

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

#### HOLY THURSDAY

**MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD: APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 pm (Bilingual); Followed by adoration until midnight (No Morning Mass)

#### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>

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 8<sup>th</sup>

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 9<sup>th</sup>

7:45 am (English) / 9:00 pm (Italian)  
10:30 am (English) / 12 Noon (English) / 7:00 pm (English)

### PARISH MISSION LENT 2023

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon**

*"Embracing the New Time...New opportunity"*

*Reconciling ourselves with the nearest past,*

*reaffirming our faith in the present to secure our future*

The mission is for March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>: two conferences at 7 pm 45 minutes each session. Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm is the Stations of the Cross, with a 15-minute guided meditation.

#### Themes

1. From the faith perspective:
  - How the pandemic affected and how it is affecting the present spiritual life of our communities.
2. Reopening of the churches:
  - What are the biggest challenges for the faith community
  - How to strengthen our faith
  - How to **rise up (elevate)** our Christian hope in the present situation of the world
3. Friday, summarizing the previous talks with some practical suggestions for our parishioners to consider.

\*WP Weather Permitting

### PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

**Jim Ernst and Steve Callaghan**

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

We hope that all the students have had an enjoyable March Break. Kindly note that the evening lessons for the Sacramental Programs will resume their regular scheduled sessions beginning on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the CWL will host Mary's Way of the Cross beginning with Mass at 9:30 am followed by Mary's Way of the Cross. Coffee and refreshments will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome. Coffee will be followed by a short business meeting for the members of the CWL.

### DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

*Get inspired, Meet Like-Minded Women, Discover Your Mission!*  
Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station)

Registration: 8 am; Time: 9 am – 4 pm

For more information call 416.907.1042

Registration at [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

### MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

**Gesù Luce Per I Nostril Occhi Bui** - Nel Vangelo Gesù tocca gli occhi di questo cieco e gli dona la vista fisica. Questa guarigione però mette in mostra che ci sono altre cecità forse ben peggiori di quella fisica.

Per primi sono i discepoli di Gesù a dimostrare di essere ciechi spiritualmente quando non riescono a vedere Dio per quel che veramente è. Per loro Dio è uno che punisce a seconda dei peccati, per questo domandano a Gesù se il cieco è così dalla nascita per i suoi peccati o quelli dei suoi genitori.

Sono ciechi anche i cosiddetti "vicini" di casa di questo cieco che non riescono a riconoscerlo ora che è guarito e ci vede. Per loro era solo un povero malato ed ora che è guarito non sanno chi è.

Sono ciechi i Farisei, e il racconto evangelico mette bene in luce tutta la loro cecità spirituale fatta di chiusure mentali e rigidità. Questi farisei fanno di tutto per non vedere quello che è evidente e finiscono per allontanare dai loro occhi proprio il segno più evidente che Dio è in mezzo a loro.

Il meno cieco di tutti sembra essere proprio questo cieco che si fida ciecamente della parola di Gesù anche se non lo conosce. Sembra che lo veda più con il cuore che con gli occhi. Pian piano nel racconto si comprende che non solo ha acquistato la luce negli occhi ma soprattutto quello spirituale che lo rende forte e coraggioso. Da cieco povero diventa un annunciatore di fede! (don Giovanni Berti)

### MASS INTENTIONS/INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE

#### Sunday March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:45 am

All living & deceased members of our Parish

9:00 am

† Giuseppe Fonte, † Giuseppe Alfarano,  
† Giovanni & Loreta Palozzi

10:30 am

† Han Dobbe, † Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:00 pm

† John, Rosario, Lina Colosimo, Ciriaco, Vito &  
Antonio Grieco, † Mario Bellisario, Domenico D'Urzo,  
† Stefano Tansura, † Steve Callaghan

1:30 pm

IGBO Mass

3:00 pm

Novena for St. Joseph

7:00 pm

† Antonio DeSantis, Special Intention for Mercedes  
Vincent; Quick Recovery for Stephen Johnston

#### Monday March 20

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 am

† Maria Miranda

#### Tuesday March 21

9:30 am

† Damiao Rodrigues, † Milenko Bebek, † Carmelina  
Tarantino & deceased family members, † Gerardo,  
Pietro & Rita Rea & deceased family members  
Lenten Confessions at St. Marcellus School

10:30 am

#### Wednesday March 22

9:30 am

All Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members  
of the F.O.S.S., † Leo Adalgisa, † Harold D'Souza &  
deceased family members, Special Blessings for  
Milena, Pio, Marilena, Matt and Samantha, Mike and  
families, In Thanksgiving Received for Mario  
Lenten Confessions at Transfiguration School

10:30 am

Parish Mission with Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon

7:00 pm

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#### Thursday March 23

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

9:30 am

† Matthew Dishart, † Wayne Dishart,  
† Luigi Palumbo

7:00 pm

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#### Friday March 24

9:30 am

† Domenico Cosentino, † Catherine Dollive  
In Honour of the Blessed Trinity & St. Charbel and A  
Special Healing for Domenico  
Stations of the Cross (English & Italian)

7:00 pm

#### Saturday March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

9:30 am

All living and deceased members of K of C

2:00 pm

Baptism

3:30 pm

Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence

4:30 pm

Confession

5:30 pm

† Filomena Rodrigues

#### 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

12:00 pm

† Kuriakose Joseph

7:00 pm

† Valente & Maria Filippozzi, † Luigino Filippozzi,  
† Erminia Cocco & Deceased Family Members

### 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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