



## 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**

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 Baptism:** Please contact the parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Every Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

#### 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**

**Just Imagine** - Take a good look at the parable in Sunday's Gospel and let that story lead you. See if it works. Imagine the landowner hiring laborers for his vineyard, as he shakes their rough hands and invites them to work. You can see their satisfied smiles, since they know they will get the usual daily wage.

What does the story mean? You will find the answer if you sense the scene rather than just use brain power. Let your imagination see the kindness in the owner's face. Call to mind the gloom of the ones hired so late. See their amazement now. Obviously such wages are not a strict remuneration for hours worked. They are more like a gift from a fond heart. How does this feel to you?

Didn't Jesus tell his parable to show how God's caring heart works, how he gives a depth of love to each person in this world, especially to ones who suffer and are left behind?

If it is hard to see, ask for light. (Fr. John Foley, SJ)

**THE 109<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay." In his message, Pope Francis acknowledges that while the decision to migrate should always be free, in many cases it is not. This point was reflected by St. John Paul II in his message for the 90th World Day of Migrants & Refugees, in which he wrote, "building conditions of peace means in practice being seriously committed to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country." As he concluded his message, Pope Francis referenced the words of the Lord when He said "...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" reminding us that the Lord's words are a "constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door."

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia  
Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco,  
Dana McGrath, Roman Joe Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica,  
Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone,  
Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale,  
Karen Radecky, Carla Chiulli, Jose Vaz, Sergio Rea,  
John Stibler, Mario Reale, Graziella Marcoccia  
Angela D'Arcy, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Our regular collection last week was: \$5,772.00. We are thankful for your contribution to our church. Please remember to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G). Thank you for supporting our parish.

**NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 23/24**

There is a special collection this weekend for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.

**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: SEPT. 30 / OCT. 1**

As part of our ongoing efforts towards healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised close to 40 percent of the \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops. The archdiocese will contribute \$6 million towards the national pledge. The collection on September 30/October 1 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) - thank you for your generosity!

**WITNESS TO LIFE SUNDAY**

This year the Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 2 to 3pm. The location for our community is at the intersection of Dixon Rd. and Kipling Ave. The prayerful witness to life tries to raise awareness of the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death and the evil of abortion. It's a family friendly and peaceful event. Participants may hold signs. Please join us and together we can stand for life, hope and truth.

**MOROCCO AND LIBYA: HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**

Two natural disasters have recently struck the region of North Africa with a devastating earthquake in Morocco followed by severe flooding in Libya caused by Storm Daniel. Entire neighbourhoods were washed out to sea due to the storm that displaced over 30,000 people, with 10,000 more missing or unaccounted for. As of today, the flood has taken the lives of more than 11,000 people. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

**Humanitarian aid for Morocco** - Through our parish, making cheques payable to:  
Name of Parish – Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

**Humanitarian aid for Libya** -  
Online through the Red Cross website – [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca)  
By phone through the Red Cross – 1-800-418-1111

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: FALL TEA

The CWL at Transfiguration of Our Lord will host a Parish Fall Tea on Sunday October 15, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$25.00 for Adults & \$15.00 for Children 12 & under. Come enjoy a fun afternoon. Reserve your tickets early & group tables can be reserved. All are welcome. There will be great food, door prizes, a 50/50 draw, a Teapot display & a History of Tea display. Tickets are available in the Parish Office. They will not be sold at the door. Proceeds will be donated to the Parish & charities supported by our Council. Join us. We look forward to seeing you.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FAIR FOR ALL MINISTRIES

If you are interested in joining as a Choir member, Eucharistic Minister, Lector or as an Usher, please fill out a form located at the entrance of our church. All applications will be reviewed by the pastor and if accepted, a personal meeting will follow.

### UPCOMING EVENT

**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
Pastoral Executive Council Meeting

### GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As we approach Thanksgiving, Good Shepherd is preparing for its annual food drive, and we need your support to help provide meals for homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Please drop off your donation of canned goods and non-perishable items by the designated area of our altar on the Thanksgiving Weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Items needed: tuna, canned meat, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, chickpeas, soup, stews, canned corn, cereal, granola bars, jams, mayo, mustard, peanut butter, tea bags, coffee and rice.



### MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

**Una sola ora non toglie amore a nessuno** - ...la parabola si avvicina al racconto del Padre misericordioso (o del figliol prodigo), dove si racconta l'invidia e la gelosia del fratello. Una sola ora non toglie amore a nessuno maggiore perché il padre fa festa ed esulta per il fratello minore dopo che questi è tornato a casa dopo avere sperperato tutti gli averi del padre in bagordi e prostitute. E' la stessa invidia e gelosia dei lavoratori della prima ora di cui si parla adesso, quella che non ammette che Dio possa amare tutti, ma soprattutto che il suo amore possa riversarsi senza riserve verso coloro che si convertono da ultimi. Che prima erano perduti e che adesso sono stati recuperati, non importa se in ritardo. Se il Signore usa particolare attenzione verso coloro che hanno aderito a lui all'ultimo momento, se il suo amore si palesa verso quanti decidono di seguirlo a un passo dalla fine, ciò non vuol dire che usi disattenzione verso coloro che lo seguono "ab ovo" e "sin dalle prime luci dell'alba. Che Dio possa trattare bene "gli ultimi" non corrisponde a che "i primi" ricevano un danno o un torto. (padre Gian Franco Scarpitta)

### MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday September 24</b> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our parish
9:00 am	† Domenico Cosentino, † Fortunato Augurusa, † Leonarda Mosa
10:30 am	† Angelo Falzon, † Alfredo Sia, † Kevin Fernandes, Deceased Members of the Miranda & Patel Families
12:00 pm	† Boris Birko & Family, † Apolonia & Felipe Oamil, † Ann Marsh, † Tristan Halas-Laing, † Felice Labrozzi, † Frank De Caria, † Nicola Malfara
7:00 pm	† Francesco Primerano, † Maria M. De Romero † Charles & Joan Kelly, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon, In Honour of the Blessed Trinity & St. Charbel, Special Healing for Domenico Adoration (1/2 hour guided meditation)
8:00 pm	Adoration (1/2 hour guided meditation)
<b>Monday September 25</b> Weekday	
9:30 am	† Pacifico & Rosario Abilay, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Anthony Falzon (L)
<b>Tuesday September 26</b> Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, Martyrs	
9:30 am	† Vito Roti, † Theresa Huong Tran, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Colomba Ferri, † Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessings for Sophia Pena & Anthony Falzon
<b>Wednesday September 27</b> Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	
9:30 am	† Helen & John Mc Erlain, † Nino & Gina Mendolia, † Pietro & Maria Meglio & Deceased Family Members, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessings for Anthony Falzon, Peter & Antonietta Meglio
<b>Thursday September 28</b> Weekday / Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	
9:30 am	† Joseph Valador, † Irene Morson, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A Special Blessings for Anthony Falzon and Maria Tolentino-Villar
1:30 pm	Mass at Dante Alighieri Academy
<b>Friday September 29</b> Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	
9:30 am	† Angelo Barone, † Charlie Micallef, † Antonio Sousa, † Maria Resendes Sousa, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A Special Blessing for A. Falzon
<b>Saturday September 30</b> Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of Church	
9:30 am	† Fiore Cimicata, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Thanksgiving Mass for Matthew, Natasha, Ariana, Dorian Cimicata & Families. Susie Cimicata & living and deceased members of the Cimicata & Howard Families, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Vincenzo & Katarina Markoch, † Franco Mancuso, † Dante Crispino, Special Blessing for Futna Ibrahim
6:00 pm	Installation of Officers Ceremony (K of C)
<b>Sunday October 1</b> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our parish
9:00 am	† Virginia, Carmine & Natale Bozzo, For the Holy Family & Healing Mass for Nina & Family
10:30 am	† Prospero Torres, † Vincenza Meffe
12:00 pm	For All Deceased Religious & Missionaries
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, † Elda Mollicone, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa & A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
8:00 pm	Adoration (1/2 hour guided meditation)



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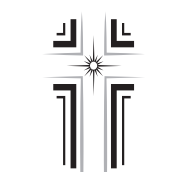
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