



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 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"

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Possession is limited, desire is infinite – Advent is about getting in touch with our longing. It's about letting our yearnings raise our psychic temperatures so that we are pushed to eventually let down our guard, hope in new ways, and risk intimacy.

John of the Cross has a similar image: intimacy with God and with each other will only take place, he says, when we reach a certain kindling temperature. For too much of our lives, he suggests, we lie around as damp, green logs inside the fire of love, waiting to come to flame but never bursting into flame because of our dampness. Before we can burst into flame, we must first dry out and come to kindling temperature. We do that by first sizzling for a long time in the flames, as does a damp log inside a fire, so as to dry out.

How do we sizzle psychologically and spiritually? For John of the Cross, we do that through the pain of loneliness, restlessness, disquiet, anxiety, frustration, and unrequited desire. In the torment of incompleteness our psychic temperature rises so that eventually we come to kindling temperature and, there, we finally open ourselves to union in new ways. That too is an image for Advent. (Ron Rolheiser)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th

7:45 am, 9:00 am Italian, 10:30 am & 12 Noon

4:00 pm: Family Christmas Mass

11:15 pm Carols with the Choir Members

12 Midnight: Christmas Mass

Monday, December 25th

7:45 am, 9:00 am Italian, 10:30 am, 12 Noon

7:00 pm Mass followed by Adoration

CHAPEL CLOSING

Our chapel will close at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The chapel will be open on the Christmas Day and Boxing Day with the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closing at 12 Noon on Friday, December 22nd and will re-open on Wednesday, December 27th

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES 2024

Envelopes for the year 2024 are available in the parish hall. They are arranged numerically. Refer to the binder provided for your name or number. Please do not start using these envelopes until the new year.

TORONTO SERRA CLUB: VOCATION

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Annual Christmas Collection of SSVDP is being taken up this weekend. Last year at Christmas, we helped 75 families (143 adults and 131 children). Income tax receipts will be mailed out for donations of \$20.00 and over. Special marked envelopes are available at the entrance of our parish.

Cheques should be made payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The bank is now very strict on the issue of the name and will not let us cash cheques that are not made out exactly as specified above. If you would like to sponsor a family, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office.

PREMS-APPROACH

This is a program with a method to work with individuals and their families dealing with intellectual challenges such as Autism and Down Syndrome. **The last session for the year was held last week. The program will resume on February 5th, 2024.**

SHARELIFE MATCHING PROGRAM

From now through December 31st, your contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous donor, up to \$500,000. Your contribution supports over 40 Catholic agencies and grant recipients that serve the poor and marginalized in the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond. ShareLife-funded social service agencies help the entire community, regardless of religious affiliation or financial means.

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, Sergio Rea, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radecky, Carla Chiulli, John Stibler, Mario Reale, Graziella Marcoccia, Katherine Idzik, Angela D'Arcy, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Melodee Purpura, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Elisabetta De Luca, Sr. Mary Bresnihan, Irene Eason



LIVESTREAM



If you experience any issues viewing the Mass via Livestream, please contact Boltwave directly at 905.770.0226.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Our regular collection last week was: \$6,356.00.

The total SSVDP Collection for November is \$1,548.45.

We thank you for your contribution and support of our parish. Please contact the parish office if you would like to enrol in the Pre-Authorized Giving plan.

ADVENT SEASON: SECOND SUNDAY

As the first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" and it represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Transfiguration CWL is inviting you to become a member. Fees for 2024 is \$40.00. Membership fees can also be left with the Parish office in an envelope marked CWL.

ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and complete the short survey by December 15th, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation. Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas.

QUEEN OF APOLSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

The Renewal Centre is inviting both men and women to a Bereavement Retreat on Saturday, December 16th facilitated by Anne Hales & Betty Dotzko. Cost is \$45.00 includes coffee/tea with muffins and a hot lunch. Tel: 905.278.5229 Email: office@qoa.ca Address: 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), winter coats, toques, scarves, gloves, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, Advil, Ensure/Boost and any non-perishable food items.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

La chiamata all' conversione - Dopo la presentazione del Battista, san Marco fa un breve profilo della sua predicazione, delle sue opere e degli effetti della sua missione: «Accorrevano a lui tutta la regione della Giudea e tutti gli abitanti di Gerusalemme. Giovanni era vestito di peli di cammello, con una cintura di pelle attorno ai fianchi, e mangiava cavallette e miele selvatico» (Mc 1, 5-6).

La vita austera di san Giovanni è la prima cosa del suo messaggio che ci colpisce. Predica con opere, come degno rappresentante di una famiglia sacerdotale, pienamente dedito alla missione che il Signore gli aveva assegnato. Il suo atteggiamento, il suo modo di vivere e le sue vesti dimostrano che si tratta del nuovo Elia, di colui che era previsto come precursore dell'Unto di Dio. Inoltre, si ritira nel deserto e vive un'esistenza penitenziale che Gesù stesso loderà più avanti: «Che cosa siete andati a vedere? Un uomo vestito con abiti di lusso? Ecco, quelli che vestono abiti di lusso stanno nei palazzi dei re! Ebbene, che cosa siete andati a vedere? Un profeta? Sì, io vi dico, anzi, più che un profeta» (Mt 11, 8-9).

INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday December 10 Second Sunday of Advent	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our parish
9:00 am	† Rosaria Morra, † Danillo & Suvilia Reffo, † Vittoria Bertucci, † Giovanna Scopaca
10:30 am	† Donato Marinucci, Special Blessing for Margaret Rozario, Special Blessing & Healing for Richard Rozanov
12:00 pm	† Domenico D'Urzo, † Antonio Grieco, † Diana Bruni
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, Thanksgiving Mass
8:00 pm	Adoration (1/2 hour of guided meditation)
Monday December 11 Advent Weekday / St. Damasus I, Pope	
9:30 am	† Rosaria Morra, † Salvatore Mamone, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa & A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
Tuesday December 12 Advent Weekday	
9:30 am	† Nicola Fonte, † Eugeniusz Wisniewski
1:00 pm	Confessions: Transfiguration of Our Lord School
Wednesday December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	
9:30 am	† Maria, Teresa, Angelo & Angela Napoli, † Federico Vumbaca, † Mato Pavlakovic, Special Blessings for Irish Dico and Family
1:15 pm	Mass at St. Marcellus School
Thursday December 14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor	
9:30 am	† Vivian & Gertrude D'Sylva, † Praveen & Nisha Fernandes
1:00 pm	Mass at St. Maurice School
Friday December 15 Advent Weekday	
9:30 am	† Douglas & Theresa Lyall, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa & Special Blessing for A. Falzon
10:30 am	Confessions: St. Maurice School
Saturday December 16 Advent Weekday	
9:30 am	† Filomena Grella, † Douglas & Theresa Lyall, † Feliciano Ventura Sr., † Lillie Hennessy, † Susie Almonte
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Franco Frulano, † Franca & Antonio Manchisi
Sunday December 17 Third Sunday of Advent	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our parish
9:00 am	† Christina, Lucia & Luigi Tomassi, † Teresa Corvinelli, † Alex Risavy, † Scholastica Coccia, † Tomasso & Rocco Coia, Deceased Members of the Loprevite Families
10:30 am	Special Blessings for Rochelle Oswyn, Noah & Cleo Alvares, † Nathaniel & Ruth Maligro
12:00 pm	† John, Rosario, Lina Colosimo, † Ciriaco & Vito Grieco, † Mario Bellisario, † Antonio Grieco
1:30 pm	IGBO
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, † Christina Momone, † Maria C. Cirillo, † Carmela Mamone, † Gauberto Serran Sr.
8:00 pm	Adoration (1/2 hour of guided meditation)

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27). High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18 - 25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme before January 15, 2024. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3G0I4zT> and submit their entries at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward> Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

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