



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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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"

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Joy in the Lord – How can Mary maintain the words of the Magnificat still at the foot of the cross? The answer is that the greatest love of the Lord was there. The words of joy that Mary spoke, before the Lord was born, are only truer in the suffering she bears at his cross. His love doesn't take away her suffering at his crucifixion (how could it)? But her suffering is enveloped in great love, and so it is transfigured.

Joy in the Lord is compatible with waiting for the final redemption from our suffering and our sin - because Christ is Emanuel, God with us. Even now, since his love infuses all our suffering, our souls can proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits can rejoice in God. Our Lord transfigures the suffering of our lives in his love. (Eleonore Stump)

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

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.

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. Please place your donated items in the blue bin by the parish office.



PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:
Elisabetta De Luca, Sr. Mary Bresnihan, Irene Easson

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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

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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31st

7:45 am, 9:00 am Italian, 10:30 am & 12 Noon
4:00 pm: Family New Year's Day Mass
7:00 pm: Vigil Mass & Adoration

Monday, January 1st

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 4:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31st. The chapel will be open on New Year's Day with the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closing at 12 Noon on December 29th and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd.

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 Radeczy, Carla Chiulli, John Stibler, Mario Reale, Graziella Marcoccia, Katherine Idzik, Angela D'Arcy, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Melodee Purpura, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Our regular collection last week was: \$8,876.00.

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: THIRD SUNDAY

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand. • Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS

The Seniors Exercise Group is looking for new members to join their class every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Exercises include stretching, balancing and low-impact aerobics. Classes will resume on January 8th in the parish hall.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Un tipo strano - Oggi il Vangelo sembra dirci che testimoniare è avere il coraggio di dire che non siamo noi Cristo.

Significa dire apertamente che noi non possiamo salvare la vita di nessuno, che non è in nostro potere rendere radicalmente felice qualcuno, che non possiamo colmare la mancanza che c'è nel cuore delle persone che ci sono accanto.

Dire di non essere Cristo significa dichiarare la nostra umanità fallibile, i nostri limiti, la nostra incapacità.

Non possiamo giocare a fare Dio con la vita delle persone.

Nessuno di noi può lealmente guardare negli occhi qualcuno e dire ti salverò da tutto.

Noi possiamo solo essere "voce", nostalgia, direzione, compagnia, supporto, mano tesa, ma non Cristo. La bella notizia di questa domenica? Se ci lasciamo raggiungere dalla Parola sull'esempio di Giovanni Battista ci faremo cercatori dell'Atteso, con la certezza di essere stati già trovati da Lui.

(Paolo De Martino)

INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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 † Nathaniel & Ruth Maligro, Special Blessings for Rochelle Oswyn, Noah & Cleo Alvares
- 12:00 pm † John, Rosario, Lina Colosimo, † Ciriaco & Vito Grieco, † Mario Bellisario, † Antonio Grieco, † Theresa Tigani D'Urzo, † Irene Easson
- 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)

Monday December 18 Late Advent Weekday

- 9:30 am † Manuelita Coelho, † Sylvia Gore, † Peirre Pena, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon

Tuesday December 19 Late Advent Weekday

- 9:30 am † Giovanni Ferri, † Vincenzo De Paola † Giovanni Torchia, † Theresa Huonh Tran
- 10:20 am Mass at Dante Alighieri Academy

Wednesday December 20 Late Advent Weekday

- 9:30 am † Ottavio Roman, † John De Martin, Special Blessing for Yvonne Pinto and the living & deceased members of the Pinto Family, Special Blessing for Cheryle Pereira
- 6:00 pm Family Christmas Mass: St. Maurice School

Thursday December 21 Late Advent Weekday / St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 9:30 am † Anthony Menezes, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A Special Blessing for A. Falzon
- 1:00 pm Mass: Transfiguration of Our Lord School

Friday December 22 Late Advent Weekday

- 9:30 am † Gilda Gabriel, † Maria Miranda, † Colin Windover, Unity & the Health of the D'Souza Family

Saturday December 23 Advent Weekday / St. John of Kanty, Priest

- 9:30 am † Carmine & Anna Maietta, † Domenico Cosentino, † Victor & Concepta Mendonza
- 2:00 pm Baptism
- 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
- 4:30 pm Confession
- 5:30 pm † Wayne Dishart, † Matthew Dishart, † Franco Mancuso, In Honour of the Blessed Trinity & St. Charbel, Special Healing for Domenico

Sunday December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 9:00 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 10:30 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 12:00 pm All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 4:00 pm All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 11:15 pm Christmas Carols with Choir Members
- 12 Midnight All living & deceased members of our Parish

Monday December 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 9:00 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 10:30 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 12:00 pm All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 7:00 pm All living & deceased members of our Parish

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