



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"

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Advent Season – Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: “Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This ‘vigilance’ means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living ‘wait.’ To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today’s reading to the Romans: ‘Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed’ (Rm 13:11).

Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian lifestyle that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord’s coming because we don’t know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44). Catholic Culture

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join us as we celebrate a special Bilingual Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8th at 7 pm. Rosary is at 6:30 pm. The Feast will be followed by a vegetarian potluck in the parish hall at 8 pm. Donations for the potluck will be appreciated.

Novena will start on Wednesday, November 29th at 8:45 am to December 7th (Sunday in the chapel at 3 pm). Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

PARISH ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

Each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Please join us as we celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions in preparation for the Season of Advent on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm.

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.

LIVESTREAM



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

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.

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

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.

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. **Weekly Sessions:** Mondays at 7:15 pm at Transfiguration of Our Lord School Gymnasium.

Contact Info: Linda 416.473.1149 & Fr. Carlos 416.247.0513

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



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:
Teresina Durante, Gloria Cachola

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Our regular collection last week was: \$6,022.00. Our Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G) total for the month of November was \$1,748.00. 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.

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. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will host their annual Christmas Social on Thursday, December 7th in the Parish Hall at 7 pm. Service pins will also be presented. Come out and enjoy a little Christmas Cheer.

The Transfiguration CWL is also 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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

At all Masses this weekend envelopes are available by the entrance of our church for the Annual Christmas Collection of SSVDP. The collection will be taken up next 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.

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.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Dio non si e ancora stancato di noi - Il brano del Vangelo di questa prima domenica ruota attorno ad una mini-parabola. Dio è come quel padrone che torna all'improvviso, senza annunciarsi con un sms o con una mail... E' proprio così: ogni ingresso di Dio nella nostra vita è libero e misterioso, non è calcolabile o intuibile. Allora, dice Gesù, è necessario essere uomini svegli e attenti per non lasciarsi sbalottare e stordire dalle false urgenze del mondo.

L'invito è chiaro per tutti: ognuno deve rimanere vigile, sveglio, non prendere sonno. Questo è il grande pericolo della vita: prendere sonno, vegetare, sopravvivere. Non morire: rimani vivo. Non dormire: sii sveglio. Sii in ogni istante lì dove sei.

Adesso sei qui. Rimani qui. Non scappare. Vivi, assapora, senti questo momento. Molti di noi mentre sono qui con il corpo, con la mente o con i pensieri sono altrove. La mente li porta sempre in altri posti, in altri pensieri, in altri luoghi, in altri problemi.

L'invito del vangelo è forte: "Vegliate". La parola "vegliare" vuol dire "stare in guardia". E' l'osservare della sentinella o del guardiano che si accorge se qualche pericolo si avvicina.

(Paolo De Martino)

INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday December 3 First Sunday of Advent

7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our parish
9:00 am	† Maria & Francesco Crispino, † Domenico & Sofia Chimienti & Family, † Martino & Angela Abbattista & Family
10:30 am	† Nicola Biancofiore, † George Mydlak, Thanksgiving Mass and in Honour of the Holy Trinity
12:00 pm	† Domenico D'Urzo, † Arcangela Filangi, † Elisabetta De Luca
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, † Marion & James O'Farrell, † Nathaniel & Ruth Maligro
8:00 pm	Adoration (1/2 hour of guided meditation)

Monday December 4 Advent Weekday / St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor

9:30 am	† Anthony Misquitta, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa & A Special Blessing for A. Falzon
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Tuesday December 5 Advent Weekday

9:30 am	† Robert Pereira, † Maria Minicucci, † Hanna Turska, The Living & Deceased Members of the Huynh Family
10:30 am	Confessions at St. Marcellus School

Wednesday December 6 Advent Weekday / St. Nicholas, Bishop

9:30 am	† Nicholas Miranda, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa & A Special Blessing for A. Falzon
7:00 pm	Parish Advent Day of Confessions

Thursday December 7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:30 am	† Gertrude & Vivian D'Sylva
12 Noon	Mass at Humber College School

Friday December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 am	† Colin Windover, Thanksgiving for the Blessings and Graces Received, A Private Intention
7:00 pm	Solemn Mass

Saturday December 9 Advent Weekday / St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

9:30 am	Thanksgiving in Honour of the Immaculate Conception, Special Blessings for Gianluca, Chiara, Domenico & Nina
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† I. C. Varghese, † Rosaria Morra, † Margaret McGee

Sunday December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our parish
9:00 am	† Rosaria Morra, † Danilo & Suvilia Reffo
10:30 am	† Donato Marinucci, † Colin Windover
12:00 pm	† Domenico D'Urzo, † Antonio Grieco
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly
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 to 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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