



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
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Transfiguration:	55 Ludstone Dr, Etobicoke, ON M9R 2J2	416-393-5276

"Please remember us in your will"

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Reflection for leaders - You know that God has an important message to send and chooses you to do it, you may never know how God uses you to relay that message. The disciples must have been afraid to change their way of life, afraid of the unknown, of the risks they were taking, fear of the unknown can be a stumbling block to change in our lives. Jonah too experiences fear to respond to the will of God for him and tries to run away. In Jonah's story we are given an illustration of how we are to die to ourselves and be born into the world of God's will. (Symbolized in the story by the time Jonah spent inside the belly of the fish.) (Catholic Diocese of Auckland)

2023 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

The 2023 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed and you will receive them in the mail by February 2nd. We thank you for your donation to our parish. Kindly notify our parish office if your contact information has changed.

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES 2024

Thank you to all the parishioners who used the envelopes and the P.A.G. last year. For those who have yet to pick up the 2024 envelopes, they are available in the parish hall, arranged numerically. Refer to the binder provided for your name or number.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP (PLW)

PLW is a series of sessions that helps you learn and deepen in the art of prayer. Sessions include prayer methods such as prayerful reading, prayer of surrendering, adoration, and contemplative prayer. Participants overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance, and surrender. In every session we meditate on readings of the word and listen to a message from Fr. Ignacio Larrañaga, OFM Cap., our founder. **The workshop consists of 15 weekly sessions of 2 hours each, and a final one-day-retreat. Instruction is free and workshop materials have a total cost of \$20.00. Session starts on February 7th and ends on May 22nd.**

For more information and/or registration please email Ana at aorellan55@gmail.com or call or text at 647-631-5115

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

January 27/28 February 24/25 March 30/31

Our program feeds the poor and disadvantaged. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call our office at 416.247.0513.



ROSARY

Every Sunday at 8:30 am before the Italian Mass. All are welcome to come and pray in our church.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$5,756.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.).

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will hold a general meeting following the 9:30 am Mass on Saturday, January 27th. This will be a business meeting with coffee and light refreshments. All are welcome.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a baptism preparation class on Monday, February 5th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for parents and godparents of the children being baptized in February or later this year. Please contact the parish office at 416.247.0513 to register.

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 starting on February 12th.**

Contact Info: Linda 416.473.1149 & Fr. Carlos 416.247.0513

FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS

Fiducia Supplicans is a declaration on Catholic doctrine that allows Catholic priests to bless couples who are not considered to be married according to church teaching, including the blessing of same-sex couples. All are invited to our parish hall on Thursday, February 29th at 7 pm for a friendly conversation on this declaration.

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 Za-krajse, Enzo, Domenica, Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Sergio Rea, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radecky, Carla Chiulli, John Stibler, Graziella Marcoccia, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda, Willie Leon



Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:
Domenico Colanonio, Domenico Tissi

TCDSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children born in 2020 are eligible to register for the September 2024 school year. Parents are invited to register their children for kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board starting January 24th at 10 a.m. EST.

For more information: www.tcdsb.org/kindergarten

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (P.A.G)

P.A.G helps support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. Parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. P.A.G 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. Please contact the parish office if you would like to enrol in the P.A.G.

JANUARY 21, 2024

ST. BLAISE: BLESSING OF THE THROAT

On Saturday, February 3 we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Blaise, the Patron Saint of Throats. A blessing of the throats with the St. Blaise candle will be performed at the 9:30 am Saturday Mass.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO

“SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL OTHER THINGS”

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11th at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

La Parola del Figlio dell'Uomo diventa Parola di Dio - È Parola che interpella, che spinge a muoversi, a lasciare l'abitudine. Non si può restare uguali a prima, quando essa intercetta la nostra quotidianità. La Parola invita al cammino, che significa uno spostamento di riferimenti e di orizzonti. Per qualcuno, come per i primi discepoli, si tratta di un movimento fisico, che implica un abbandono del da farsi per dedicarsi ad altro. In noi può innestare un processo di cambiamento nel modo di pensare, che è poi la logica della conversione. In greco si dice infatti metánoia, che indica la modifica del nous, del pensiero, della logica nel ragionamento. La Parola, insomma, obbliga a un cambio di prospettiva nel leggere il mondo, nel guardare alla propria storia, nel comprendere anche se stessi.
(don Luca Garbinetto)

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday January 21 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our parish
9:00 am	† Maria Elena Loffredi, † Salvatore Piacente, † Silvio Boin, Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am	† Peter Diakopoulos, † Iginio Caporiccio, † Victor Ramirez
12:00 pm	† Domenico Pitoscia, Deceased Members of Colosimo, Grieco, Schiavone & Bellisario Families,
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, † Nicola Malfara
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)
Monday January 22 Weekday	
9:30 am	† Antonino & Serafina Mule
Tuesday January 23 Weekday	
9:30 am	† Wayne & Matthew Dishart, † Aleksander & Stefania
Wednesday January 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder and Doctor	
9:30 am	† Vincenzo Bertucci, † Maria Teresa Figliuzzi, † Domenico Cosentino, † Secundino Pedreira, Special Blessing for the 100th Birthday of Restituta Requiz
Thursday January 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	
9:30 am	† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A. Falzon, In Honour: The Infant of Prague & St. Theresa of the Child Jesus & A Special Healing for Domenico
7:00 pm	1-Month Memorial Mass (English): Ugo Sisinni
Friday January 26 Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops	
9:30 am	† Colin Windover, † Edward & Andrew Shmakov, † Nino & Gina Mendolia, † Pietro & Maria Meglio
Saturday January 27 Weekday / Saint Angela Merici, Virgin BVM	
9:30 am	† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A. Falzon
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Franco Mancuso, † John Stibler, † Neil DeGrace, † Alessia Aversa
Sunday January 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our parish
9:00 am	† Giovanni Cortese, Salvatore Francesco, † Agnes Armocida, † Maria Grazia Cristella, † Ignazio Saladino † Elina Caruso
10:30 am	† Franz Velez, † Joseph Valador
12:00 pm	
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session

January 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbbd0124.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session

January 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbsdd0124.eventbrite.ca>

QUEEN OF APOTLIES RENEWAL CENTRE

The Centre invites cancer patients and caregivers to a Day of Retreat to experience God's healing love on February 1st at 8:30 am. Cost: \$45.00, Location: 1617 Blythe, Rd, Mississauga. For more information, please contact Jean at 905.278.5529 or office@qoa.ca

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