



## 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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*"Please remember us in your will"*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Shun not the Struggle** – Temptation in one form or another is an unavoidable part of life. If we honestly examine our daily experience, we can find many aspects of temptation: impulses or tendencies counter to the right way of doing things. To rationalise away these temptations, so that they become socially acceptable and politically correct — is itself an insidious temptation. We want to dictate for ourselves what is right and wrong, to draw for ourselves the boundaries of “acceptable” behaviour, unencumbered by any notional commandments of God. This is rather like Adam demanding to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Our real growth to Christian maturity comes by acknowledging and accepting the vocation of struggling against temptation, to achieve the kind of behaviour and attitudes Jesus expects. We must submit our behaviour to his gospel. Christ and Adam show the two opposite reactions in face of temptation: Adam, archetype of sinful, evasive, self-seeking humanity, finds plausible reasons to yield to it, and rebels against God’s will. Jesus, archetype of the new God-seeking man, resists temptation even repeatedly. It can only be conquered by this blend of patience and loyalty, supported by trust that what God requires of us is what is best for us. (ACP- Association of Catholic Priests)

### PREMS APPROACH

This program is cancelled due to the lack of participants. If you have any question about the Special Olympic Resource, please contact Linda Ward at 416.473.1149

### 2023 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

The 2023 Parish Tax Receipts have all been mailed. We thank you for your donation to our parish.

### 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. Please refer to the binder provided for your name.

### 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, Graziella Marcoccia, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$7,500.00. 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).



### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass will be celebrated during the weekdays at 9:30 a.m.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00PM**

During the Lenten season, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday followed by spiritual meditation.

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Coffee will be served following the 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon Masses. All are welcome. Donations of baked goods are gratefully accepted.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for a friendly conversation on this declaration.

### WEDDING BANN



THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:

Meagan Sheahan & Travis Davis

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We would like to express our thanks to all the sponsors, donors and volunteers who helped to make the work we do possible. Below are some details of our work throughout the year.

- The regular December collection was \$2,562.55.
- The annual Christmas collection totaled \$8,402.44.
- Gift cards donated and given directly to the families at Christmas totaled \$3000.00.
- 100 families (129 adults and 100 children) requested and received Christmas help.
- 28 of these families were directly sponsored by individuals with gifts, toys, clothing, gift cards etc.
- Through 2023 we have made 72 visits to families in need.
- Through the year most of the need is for food, clothing, furniture, medications and other miscellaneous items.
- At Christmas the SSVDP spent \$6,400.00 on No Frills food vouchers and \$850.00 on Walmart gift cards.
- Funds are also sent up to our Toronto Central Council to help parishes in our area that need help.
- All surplus funds help with the expenses through the year.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will be collecting a Spiritual Bouquet for the Ordinandi (Seminarians) after all Masses on February 19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. A spiritual bouquet is an offering of Masses, Intentions, Holy Communion, Rosaries, etc ... (there is no cost for these offerings) and they will be presented by the CWL at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Ordinandi Dinner on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Please make your offering on the clipboards provided in the vestibule.

The CWL will be hosting Mary's Way of the Cross on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend. Refreshments and a general meeting are to follow in the parish hall.

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

#### Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals



#### 3 Ways to Register:

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>
3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

### MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

**Lotta e conversione per amore** - La fedeltà al Padre premia l'uomo che su di essa imposta la propria esistenza e riesce persino ad arginare il male fino a svuotarlo del suo potenziale mortifero. Che dono grande vedere persone prima arrabbiate con la vita e con il prossimo, poi trasformate perché si sono affidate all'amore!

È questa la conversione, frutto più prezioso del combattimento che avviene nel deserto del cuore umano, grazia che ti dà la medesima familiarità di Cristo col bene e avversione al male. Il regno è allora per persone indomite nel cercare sempre nuove strade per far avanzare il bene e isolare il male. Il regno è per gente capace di discernere che il tempo presente è quello «compiuto», quello in cui Dio ti è talmente vicino che è da stolti rimandare la scelta del suo amore. Abbiamo bisogno di partire dall'ascolto profondo della voce di Cristo che annuncia il regno, distinguendola dalle altre voci ingannevoli. «Credete nel Vangelo»: senza quest'atto di fede, che nasce proprio dall'ascolto, lotta e conversione non avrebbero premio e direzione, quindi potremmo evitare di intraprenderle; se lo facciamo, è solo in nome dell'Amore che ci ha preceduto, combattendo per noi e dandoci l'esempio di una vita tutta volta al Padre. (don Antonio Sgró)

### MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

#### Sunday February 18 First Sunday of Lent

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am † Arcangela Filangi, † Luigi Priolo, † Tommaso Coia, † Chiara & Giuseppe Morano  
10:30 am † Curtis Yecla, † Gabrielle Di Tommaso, † Deceased Members of the Pinto & Sequeira Families, Special Blessings for the Mendonca & D'Cruz Families  
12:00 pm † John & Lina Colosimo, Ciriaco & Antonio Grieco, † Ramona Pelly  
1:30 pm IGBO Mass  
7:00 pm † Charles & Joan Kelly, † Mary Artieda, † K. V. Thomas  
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

#### Monday February 19 Lenten Weekday / Canada Family Day

- 9:30 am † Mariano & Pasqualina Tiberia, † Giuseppe & Mariana Aversa, † Patrick & Shelley Suraj, † Francesco Ciarallo

#### Tuesday February 20 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am † Joseph Desmond Baker, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon, Thanksgiving Mass for Rey & Lily Mariano & Children

#### Wednesday February 21 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of Church

- 9:30 am † Laureta Rancangan, † Virginia Rodriguez & Baby, † Pedro Rodriguez, For the Cardinal McGuigan School Community, Special Blessing for Domenic and in Honour of St. Joseph

- 7:00 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass (Eng/Ital): Silvio Boin

#### Thursday February 22 The Chair St. Peter the Apostle

- 9:30 am † Yanush Chura, † Artur Manuel Tavares, Special Blessing for Irene Tavares

- 7:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal: Meagan Sheahan & Travis Davis

#### Friday February 23 Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

- 9:30 am † Matthew & Wayne Dishart, † Vito Piacente, † Ben Leonetti, Special Blessing for Liliana Arsenault, Thanksgiving Mass from the Perera Family

#### Saturday February 24 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am † Domenico Cosentino, † Alfred Zahra, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon

- 1:30 pm Wedding: Meagan Sheahan & Travis Davis

- 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Retirement Home

- 4:30 pm Confession

- 5:30 pm † Franco Mancuso, † Artur Manuel Tavares, † Fr. Egidio, † Betta Oreste

#### Sunday February 25 Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am † Nicola & Maria Pulsone, † Claudio Loprevite,  
10:30 am † Graziano Maglian, † Fiore Cimicata & Deceased Family Members, Special Blessing for Maria Crisolago, Special Blessing for the Cimicata Family  
12:00 pm † Angela Vitro  
7:00 pm † Charles & Joan Kelly, In Honour of Infant of Prague & Special Healing for Domenico  
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

### THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Items needed: chips/cookies/granola bars, juices, bottled water, men's new underwear, toiletries, socks, jeans, Advil, Ensure/Boost, art supplies, blank notebooks, Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.

### GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE DATES:

February 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>



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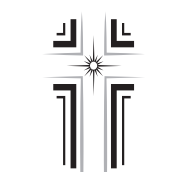
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