



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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Background on the Gospel Reading** - In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. (Loyola Press)

### 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

### 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 not picked up their envelopes, they are available in the parish hall, arranged numerically. Please refer to the binder provided for your name.

### TORONTO SERRA CLUB: VOCATION

If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



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

### PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:  
Frank Fezzuoglio, Doris Pirotta



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$6,531.00. 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)

Please join us every Friday at 7:00 pm throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our parish followed by spiritual meditation.

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

All are welcome to Transfiguration of Our Lord's Day of Lenten confessions on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### COFFEE SUNDAY

We are grateful to all who have donated baked goods, sweet and savoury pastries. Please join us in the parish hall for coffee and light refreshments following the 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon Masses this Sunday.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A presence that makes a difference! We want to acknowledge and thank the Knight of Columbus for their significant presence and the care they demonstrate for our parish. Thanks to them, we have accomplished many small works in our church. May God continue blessing them in their commitment.

### 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.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

There will be a baptism preparation class on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for parents and godparents of the children being baptized in March or later this year. Please contact the parish office at 416.247.0513 to register.

### 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>

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

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will be collecting a Spiritual Bouquet for the Ordinandi (Seminarians) after all Masses this weekend until February 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.

### LENTEN RETREAT



Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites all men and women to the 2024 Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$45.00 includes coffee, tea, muffins, and a hot lunch. Mass will be celebrated during the day. To register, contact 905.278.5229 or email office@qoa.ca

### 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, and canned goods. Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.

### MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

**Belleza e mistero** - Tutti facciamo esperienza del Tabor. Esiste per tutti il momento in cui, per un attimo, tocchiamo il cielo con un dito, facciamo esperienza della bellezza di Dio. Quel cielo stellato, quel pellegrinaggio, quella veglia di preghiera, quel santuario tra le montagne. Sono questi i momenti di "trasfigurazione"; momenti in cui prendiamo coscienza che vale la pena di vivere, anche solo per questi momenti. Sono "i" momenti. Abbiamo bisogno di questi attimi, di queste soste per godere delle cose "belle".

Il nostro mondo, la nostra Chiesa ha bisogno di bellezza. Abbiamo bisogno di celebrazioni "belle", di paramenti liturgici "belli". Abbiamo bisogno di canti "belli" perché un canto ben eseguito e curato, aiuta la preghiera. Siamo sinceri: alcune celebrazioni non aiutano certo a fare esperienza della bellezza di Dio. Come amo ripetere, in alcune chiese viene voglia di pregare, in altre viene voglia di parlare... (Paolo de Martino)

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

#### 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,  
† Arcangela Filangi, † Luigi Priolo, † Tommaso Coia,  
† Chiara & Giuseppe Morano  
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, † Nicoletta Di Falco, † Fr. Joe Ho,  
† Franco Fezzuolo, † Giovanni Mazzanti, † Silvio Boin  
7:00 pm † Charles & Joan Kelly, In Honour of Infant of Prague &  
Special Healing for Domenico  
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

#### Monday February 26 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am † Alessandro De Zorzi, † Herminia & Antonio Natale,  
This Mass is also being offered in Thanksgiving

#### Tuesday February 27 Lenten Weekday / St. Gregory of Narek Abbot & Doctor of the Church

9:30 am † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa,  
† Francis Jeyandakumar and A Special Blessing for  
Anthony Falzon

#### Wednesday February 28 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am † Joseph Valador, † Virginia Rodriguez & Baby,  
† Pedro Rodriguez

#### Thursday February 29 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am † Caterina, Rosario & Carmelo Notaro, † Ilde Cerilli  
† Gianluigi Lijoi and A Special Blessing for Albina &  
Amanda Lijoi

#### Friday March 1 Lenten Weekday / World Day of Prayer

9:30 am † Antonio Bombardieri, † Pietro, Angela & Gregorio  
Mule, † A. J. Mathew

#### Saturday March 2 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, † Souls  
Most Abandoned in Purgatory and A Special Blessing for  
Anthony Falzon  
10:45 pm Funeral Mass (English): Doris Pirota  
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Retirement Home  
4:30 pm Confession  
5:30 pm † Anthony Isgro, † Enzo Sborlini, † Adelina & Eugenio  
Patusa, † Nicola Sgrignuoli

#### Sunday March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am † Nicola Giordano, † Ndre Dima  
10:30 am † Nicola Biancofiore, † Federico Vumbaca, † Attilio  
Napoli, † Frank Bellissimo  
12:00 pm † Domenic & Frank D'Urzo, † Doris Pirota  
1:30 pm Igbo Mass  
7:00 pm † Charles & Joan Kelly, † Maria Catena, † Maria Cristina  
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

### THE LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2024

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. The theme this year, "TAKE HEART: by his wounds we are healed", encourages us to hope in God and a reminder that we can trust him, even during our darkest days. Adult Rally is \$30.00; Youth Rally is \$15.00. For more information or tickets: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) or call 647.873.1753

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