



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
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"Please remember us in your will"

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The kingdom Jesus preaches is about coming together - Because, for the most part, today the devil is either naively ignored as some dark superstition from the past, or is falsely attended to, as some underworld force that can throw little girls into mustard-spitting convulsions, as in the infamous movie, *The Exorcist*. Indeed, most people today do not even believe in the devil, either as a person or a force. What is to be said about the devil?

The gospels name the forces of hell in two ways: sometimes they speak of the devil (*diabolus*) and at other times of *satan* (*satanus*). Are the terms synonymous? Not exactly: *Diabolus* means to divide, to tear apart; whereas *satanus*, most curiously, means almost the opposite, it connotes a frenzied, sick, group-think that accuses somebody or something. In essence what the gospels tell us is that the powers of hell, *satan* and the devil, work in two ways: sometimes they work as the devil by dividing us from God, each other, and from what is best within us. Sometimes they work in just the opposite way, as *satan*. Here they unite us to each other but through the grip of mob-hysteria, envy-induced hype, and the kind of sick unity that makes for gang-rapes and crucifixions.

The kingdom he preaches is about coming together (the opposite of the devil). (Ron Rolheiser)

2023 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

The 2023 Parish Tax Receipts have all been mailed. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: ITALIAN NIGHT



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual dinner and dance "ITALIAN NIGHT" on Saturday, February 10th at 7pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a wonderful evening with your fellow parishioners, friends, and family. The menu will include Bruschetta, Lasagna, Veal, Salad, Mixed Veggies, Potatoes, Dessert, and Coffee/Tea with cash bar. The cost is \$40 per person. For tickets, please contact the Grand Knight Romey Simon Sebastiampillai at romeysimon@hotmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$7,147.00. 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.).

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. Time: 7 pm – 9 pm.**

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

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 Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Sergio Rea, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radeczyk, Carla Chiulli, Graziella Marcoccia, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda



PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:
Silvana Masci and Elizabeth Burns

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

A Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) helps support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. 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. Please contact the parish office if you would like to enrol in the P.A.G.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE



FEBRUARY 14, 2024

9:30 am (English)
 12 Noon (English)
 7:00 pm (English/Italian)

LENTEN COMPANION

Prepare to celebrate Easter with the 2024 Lenten Companion from Magnificat. It covers forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The booklet has daily reflections, prayers, poetry, and meditations for the Way of the Cross. This Lent, let us take some time daily to strengthen our love of the Lord and for each other. The companion book is a great spiritual resource and can be picked up from the Ushers in the vestibule after each Mass this weekend for a donation of \$5.00 per book.



WEDDING BANN

THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:
 Megan Sheahan & Travis Davis

THE LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2024

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 2nd 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 or call 647.873.1753

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), jackets, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, Advil, Ensure/Boost, canned tuna/meat, canned soups/stews, coffee, tea, rice, jam, packaged cookies/granola bars, chocolate bars & crackers.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Si avvicino - È vero: questo primo capitolo del Vangelo inizia ad altissima velocità, ma Gesù non si fa nessun problema a prendersi tutto il tempo necessario per entrare nella casa di Pietro e visitare sua suocera che era ammalata. È davvero affascinante questa attenzione di Gesù: non ha fretta, non scappa via, non si inventa una scusa, non dice ai suoi discepoli di prendere un appuntamento con la segretaria.

Gesù si ferma, ha tempo per lei, la prende per mano e la guarisce. Stupendo.

Quanto abbiamo ancora da imparare da Gesù! Imparare a rallentare, a dare tempo alle cose importanti, alle persone prima di tutto. I nostri elaborati progetti pastorali non servono a nulla se non sappiamo rallentare il passo e preoccuparci di chi sta male, di chi sta in fondo alla fila, di chi non riesce a seguire il nostro ritmo. Dobbiamo imparare da Gesù a rallentare, a mettere prima di tutto le persone e a prenderci cura delle ferite dell'umanità. (don Roberto Seregni)

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

Sunday February 4	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Francesco Giannone, † Giuseppe Giannone & Special Blessing for Enzo Fantini's 84 th Birthday
10:30 am	† Nicola Biancofiore, † Isidoro Bettin, † Deceased members of the Pinto & Raimundo Families; As a Thanksgiving & Conversion Mass, Special Blessing for Tony & Ivete Pinto
12:00 pm	† Anthony Misquitta, † Domenico & Frank D'Urzo, † Aldora Pestana, † Silvana Masci, † Elizabeth Burns IGBO Mass
1:30 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, Souls in Purgatory
7:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)
8:00 pm	
Monday February 5	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
9:30 am	† Robert Pereira, † Marietta Bombardieri, † Tomas Villar
Tuesday February 6	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
9:30 am	† Lucy & Paul Sciberras, † Carmel De Bono, † Antonio Alano Jr., † Elena Pizzacala
Wednesday February 7	Weekday
9:30 am	† Donald Bastiampillai
7:00 pm	1-Month Memorial Mass (English): Domenic Tissi
Thursday February 8	Weekday / Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
9:30 am	† John & Kate Geras, † John Anthony Daniele
7:00 pm	1-Year Memorial Mass (Eng/Ita): Domenico D'Urzo
Friday February 9	Weekday
9:30 am	† Jose Tolentino, † Special Intention of Teresa Silva
Saturday February 10	Saint Scholastica, Virgin
9:30 am	† Carmen & Ana Maria Maietta
2:00 pm	Baptism
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Jose Tolentino, † Hector Fernandes, † Christopher Hasbun, † Giuseppe & Concetina Vannelli
Sunday February 11	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Giacomo Giorgio, † Antonio Virdo, † Franca & Innocenzo Armata, † Diana & Vincenzo Saladino
10:30 am	† Kevin Fernandes, † Marie & Joseph Miranda, † Julie Bikoo Patel, † Deceased Members of the Pinto & Raimundo Families, Special Blessings for Tony & Ivete Pinto
12:00 pm	
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, Souls in Purgatory
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates are: Feb 10th, April 20th and July 20th.

For more details, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or by email at toronto@sistersoflife.org

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