



## 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"*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Background on the Gospel Reading** - Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus. (Loyola Press – Sunday Connection)

### MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH



St. Joseph, the beloved foster-father and guardian of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family, is celebrated the whole month of March. All are invited to attend a Solemn Mass for St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (English) and 7:00 pm (English & Italian).

### CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We are facing difficult times as we all know, let us follow what the Archbishop Francis Leo is calling us to do: the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary to be done for all Catholics in the Greater Toronto Area. The Blessed Virgin Mary is always there for us, she is our refuge in times of trouble. We invite you on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (this year Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>) to come to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm (English & Italian).

### 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, please contact the parish office to arrange a date & time to pick up your envelopes.



### PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

**Vittoria Mazzuca, Antonio Moretti**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the last week was \$5,961.75. We give gratitude to all your support and donations to our parish. 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 attend our weekly confessions every Saturday from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm.



### HOLY WEEK

#### HOLY THURSDAY

#### MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD: March 28<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm (English & Italian)

9:30 pm Guided Meditation (1/2 hour)

Followed by adoration until midnight

(No Morning Mass)

#### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: March 29<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Outdoor Weather Permitting)

1:00 pm (Italian) / 3:00 pm (English) / 5:00 pm (English)

7:30 pm Meditation on the Seven Words of Jesus

Church is open until 11:00 pm

No Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### HOLY SATURDAY: March 30<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows)

11:00 am Marian Meditation

11:30 am Blessing of Easter Baskets



#### HOLY SATURDAY: March 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm Solemn Mass Celebration of Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY: March 31<sup>st</sup>

7:45 am (English) / 9:00 am (Italian) / 10:30 am (English)

12 Noon (English) / 7:00 pm (English)

#### CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am

**SHARELIFE**

March 17 | April 28 | June 2

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday. ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our parish goal this year is \$80,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**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 J. Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Phyllis C. 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

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO**

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session

March 27, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbbd0324.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session

March 28, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbsdd0324.eventbrite.ca>

For more information: Arcangelo Limanni, (647) 215-3978

[alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com); [www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com)

**MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE**

**Passare da morte a vita: un vero e proprio mistero!** - Da un insignificante chicco di frumento, chiuso nella sua dura corazza, il mistero della vita e della morte, della rinascita e del dolore, della sofferenza e della prova, è capace di tirare fuori il pane della vita di ogni giorno e il pane della vita eterna. Dalla nostra vita, spesso desiderosa di "stare sulle sue" e di rinchiudersi nella corazza del proprio egoismo, il mistero del dolore e della morte è capace, dopo un lungo e meticoloso processo, di tirare fuori la fragranza di una vita condivisa con gli altri, spezzata con i fratelli, degna di essere chiamata vita proprio perché spezzata e condivisa.

Ma per fare questo, il chicco di grano deve cadere in terra e morire, e accettare che il mistero della vita lo trasformi a sua volta in vita, per tutti.

In fondo, tutto questo mistero altro non è che l'amore.

(don Alberto Brignoli)

**MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday March 17</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Felice Labrozzi, † Vittoria Bellissimo, † Michele Sgro † Gildo Pasquali, † Francesco Bellissimo, † Antonio Moretti, † Felicia Lopreiato
10:30 am	† Reynaldo Morta, † John & Helen McErlain, † Patricia Gieshe, † Gerry Alfonso, † John Gonsalves
12:00 pm	† John & Rosario Colosimo, † Ciriaco & Vito Grieco, † Patrick Concessio, † Theresa Gaol, † Gabriele & Gina Iannetti, † Antonio Moretti
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)
<b>Monday March 18</b> Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	
9:30 am	† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, † Rudy Abejo, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
<b>Tuesday March 19</b> Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
9:30 am	† Giuseppe Fonte, † Giuseppe Alfarano, † Antonino & Serafina Mulé, † Antoine Hai Huynh & Special Blessing for Denver D'Sylva
10:30 am	Confessions at St. Marcellus School
7:00 pm	Solemn Mass (English/Italian)
<b>Wednesday March 20</b> Lenten Weekday	
9:30 am	† Nesta & Wilfred Cooray, Thanksgiving Mass for Micah Bastiampillai, A Special Blessing for Aleksandra Zubalska's 87 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
7:00 pm	Memorial Mass (English/Italian): Francesco Bellissimo
<b>Thursday March 21</b> Lenten Weekday	
9:30 am	† Damiao Rodrigues, † Gianluigi Lijoi and A Special Blessing for Albina & Amanda Lijoi
7:00 pm	Baptism Rehearsal: RCIC Candidates
<b>Friday March 22</b> Lenten Weekday	
9:30 am	† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, † Laura Nervo, † Michele Pizzacalla, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
<b>Saturday March 23</b> Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bshop	
9:30 am	† Antonio & Maria Lourdes Tavares, Thanksgiving Mass in Honour of St. Joseph and St. Anthony, A Special Blessing for Domenico
2:00 pm	Baptism & Reception into Church
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Franco Mancuso, † Matthew & Wayne Dishart, † Antonio De Santis, † Alicia & Benito Ong
<b>Sunday March 24</b> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Divina, Francesca & Salvatore Muto, † Domenico Cosentino, † Dante Crispino
10:30 am	† Concetta Fata, † Teofilo Conde
12:00 pm	† Giuseppe Barion
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, † Florencio Bucu Salvador, † Francesco Primerano
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

**VOCATION SEEDS**

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, 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)



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