



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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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

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"Please remember us in your will"

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity - Though every aspect of Christ's life is shrouded in mysteries which will only be fully understood by the faithful when they stand before Him and behold the Beatific Vision, today we especially ponder this beautiful and profound mystery of our faith. As we celebrate the Ascension, try to prayerfully meditate upon the perfect unity of Jesus' human and divine natures. Ponder further the truth that because the Son of God is both God and man, and He beholds His Father and the Holy Spirit as both God and man, He invites each of us to begin to share in that glorious vision. Only after we fully die in and with Him and rise to new life in and with Him will we be able to know Him clearly and share in His glorious resurrected and ascended life. Until that moment comes, it's important to ponder that which is incomprehensible. We must know that we do not know, believe what is beyond belief, hope in that which is more than we can understand. God is a mystery; the Ascension is a mystery - but they are mysteries that must be penetrated by prayer. Do so today as we commemorate this holy culmination of the earthly life and mission of Christ. (My Catholic Life)

MARIAN SHRINES ARE EUCHARISTIC SHRINES



But perhaps nowhere is the close link between Mother and Son, Immaculate Virgin and Eucharistic Christ, more apparent than in the Marian shrines that are found throughout the world. When our Lady came for the first time in her many modern-day apparitions at Rue du Bac in Paris in 1830, she told St. Catherine Laboure to come to the foot of the altar where great graces would be bestowed on all who ask for them. Our Lady asked that a church be built on the site of her apparitions at Lourdes, which of course indicates that she wanted the Eucharistic Sacrifice to be celebrated there as well as Christ's Presence in the tabernacle. In every one of Mary's great sanctuaries Mary is not venerated in isolation. She brings all the pilgrims to the foot of the altar where they may gain great graces from her Divine Son. (Gerald Francis, will continue next week)

WEDDING BANN



THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:
Nordi-Kaye Wiggan & Ifeanyi Alphonsus Nwankwo
Antonino Defina & Marina Ribeiro

GOOD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

We welcome you to drop off a Shepherd Pie Casserole on:
May 25/26 June 29/30 July 27/28

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the last week was \$7,804.05. We are grateful for your donation and support to our parish. A Pre-Authorize Giving plan is available. Please inquire or call the parish office.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

Rev. Mr. Ryan Alexander Nigli was ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto. Please remember him in your prayers.

ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The Catholic Women's League will be selling **ROSES** at all morning Mass this Sunday in celebration of Mother's Day. All proceeds from this sale will go to help our parish. Thank you for your support.

SHARELIFE

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, *Silent Voice*

Thus far we have raised \$37,730.00 toward our goal of \$80,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Roman Cymbal, Rosalia Carnovale

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

PRAY FOR THE 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 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, Luis Inting, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda, Bernice DeGrace, Joseph Borgerding

UPCOMING EVENTS & CEREMONIES

Confessions for Confirmandi:

Tuesday, May 21st at 7 pm

Confirmation Day of Reflection:

Saturday, June 8th at 9 am

Confirmation Ceremony:

Saturday, June 15th at 11 am

FILCAN FRIENDSHIP DINNER & DANCE

We invite you to celebrate the 1st Annual Filipino Canadian Friendship Dinner and Dance on Saturday, June 1st at 7:00 pm in our parish hall. We will be serving authentic Filipino dishes. Help us commemorate a fun night of fellowship and camaraderie. There will be door prizes, raffle draw, and cash bar. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and are on sale now from the parish office or please see an Usher at the church entrance after Mass.

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed are individually packaged snacks, juices, bottled water, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, men's new underwear, 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.

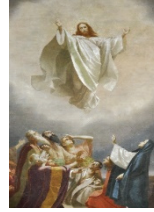
CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION

All are welcome to join the Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) on Sunday, June 2, 2024 following the Noon Mass. A short procession (30-45 minutes) will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction followed by fellowship.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

La nostra meta: l'infinito di Dio - Celebriamo l'Ascensione di Gesù al cielo. Davvero adoriamo la sua presenza, crediamo al suo amore, lo glorifichiamo per l'opera stupenda che ha compiuto con la sua missione sulla terra. Lo contempliamo e lo adoriamo nella gloria del Padre, nello splendore del suo amore, nella luce unica che è la sua eternità. Lo contempliamo, lo adoriamo, lo preghiamo noi che siamo chiamati e inviati da Lui, Gesù, a continuare la sua opera, a portare il suo Vangelo nel mondo, a parlare e a testimoniare il suo amore a ogni persona della terra.

Così disse: "Andate in tutto il mondo e proclamate il Vangelo ad ogni creatura. E dopo avere parlato con loro fu elevato in cielo e sedette alla destra di Dio. Allora essi partirono e predicarono dappertutto e il Signore agiva insieme con loro e li confermava con i segni del suo amore". Gesù aveva detto: "Vado a prepararvi un posto, poi verrò e vi prenderò con me, perché siate anche voi dove sono io". L'apostolo scrive: "Noi saremo sempre con il Signore e saremo simili a lui perché lo vedremo così come egli è". Paolo, nelle sue lettere, esorta: "Pensate alle cose di lassù, cercate le cose di lassù, non quelle della terra, le cose visibili sono di un momento, le cose invisibili sono eterne. Gesù stesso aveva detto: "Che cosa serve all'uomo guadagnare il mondo intero se poi perde la sua anima? Comprendiamo allora che la cosa veramente importante è salvare la propria anima, la propria vita, per sempre. (don Roberto Rossi)



MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday May 12 The Ascension of the Lord	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Francesca Maietta, Girolama Cangemi, † Armando Nemi, Special blessings for Enzo & Mima Fantini's 56 years of marriage
10:30 am	† Souls in Purgatory, Special blessings for Angelo, Marsha Dias & Danzel, Rukku Pinto & families
12:00 pm	† Lina & Caterina Colosimo † Anna Schiavone † Michele & Nicolina Pallotta, † Eugenio & Carlo Borrelli † Ernesto Bevacqua, † Anna Maria Lodeserto, † Rosalia Carnovale
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, † Grace & Peter Payo, Florinda & Isac Mendis
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)
Monday May 13 Our Lady of Fatima	
9:30 am	† Domenico D'Urzo, † Lois Langley & deceased family members, Thanksgiving Mass from the Wong family, Special intention of Magdalene Labrador, Special blessing for John Francis Labrador
1:00 pm	Rosary at Church by Transfiguration of Our Lord School
1:15 pm	Mass at St. Marcellus School
Tuesday May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle	
9:30 am	† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special blessings for Anthony Falzon, Darryl Wells & family, Special healing for Carmela Zito
7:00 pm	1-Year Memorial Mass (Italian): Maria Gentile
Wednesday May 15 Easter Weekday	
9:30 am	Special healing for Caterina & Mike Nocera, Peter Matthew & Michael Zito, Special birthday blessing to Andre Nguyen, Special intention of Magdalene Labrador, Special blessing for John Francis Labrador
1:30 pm	Mass at Dante Alighieri Academy
Thursday May 16 Easter Weekday	
9:30 am	† Gianluigi Lijoi, † Filomena Greco, † Dominic Greco, A Special blessing for Albina & Amanda Lijoi
Friday May 17 Easter Weekday	
9:30 am	† Liliana & Angelo Franceschetti, † Nathan Wong
Special blessing for Claude	
Saturday May 18 Saint John I, Pope and Martyr	
9:30 am	† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special blessing for Anthony Falzon
11:00 am	Wedding: Nordi-Kaye Wiggan & Ifeanyi A. Nwankwo
1:00 pm	IGBO Baptism
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confessions
5:30 pm	† Eldon Laporte, † Jean Pettigrew, † Sandra Crespo, † Nicola Martino, † Melita Dulce
Sunday May 19 Pentecost Sunday	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Yolanda Monti, Mario Morano, † Giuseppe Mastrulo, † Maria Gentile
10:30 am	† Lilliana & Angelo Franceschetti, Deceased members of the Napoli family, † Joe Colonna, † Maria Gentile
12:00 pm	† Ramona Pelly, † Rosalina & Francisco Brum † Natale D'Urzo, Special Blessing for Michael
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, Lillie Hennessy
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

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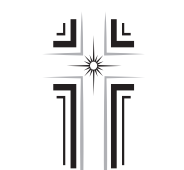
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