



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

St. Marcellus:	15 Denfield Street, Etobicoke, ON M9R 3H2	416-393-5311
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"Please remember us in your will"

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday": that is, Sunday of joy. The liturgy takes up the invitation formulated by the apostle Paul and sings "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. The Lord is near!" (Phil 4:4.5) Man aspires to be happy. Our heart is made for joy. The aspiration to joy is imprinted in the depths of the human being. Beyond immediate and fleeting satisfactions, our heart seeks deep, full and lasting joy, which can give "flavor" to existence. It is not easy to talk about joy in this period. God himself invites us to be in joy, because our hope is not an empty illusion. Christus spes nostra/ Jesus is our hope. He is the true protagonist of joy.

MARY, THE SOURCE OF JOY



Christians have always recognized Mary as the source of joy. According to the liturgical prayer of the Church, she is "the cause of our joy", "the joy of Israel", that is, the joy of the world renewed by God. This recognition is also evident in how Christians throughout the world celebrate the feasts of Our Lady and frequent the many Marian shrines. Why all this? First of all because Mary is Immaculate, that is, all of God who is eternal happiness. But there is an even deeper reason: Mary is the worthy Mother of the Son of God, "who came to give us joy and to give it to us in abundance" (see John 15:11). Precisely because with her wonderful "yes" she became the Mother of the Savior, Mary has reason to rejoice for the presence of the Son of God in her womb and feels the need to manifest this incomparable joy: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Lk 1:46-55).

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PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES 2025

Envelopes for the year 2025 are available in the parish hall for pick-up. They are arranged numerically. Refer to the binder provided for your name or donation envelope number. Please do not start using these envelopes until the new year.

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, Phyllis C., Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radecky, Luis Inting, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ines Granda, Bernice DeGrace, Diana, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Feliciano Ventura

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th

9:30 am: Morning Mass
5:30 pm: Family Christmas Mass
11:30 pm *Carols with the Choir Members*
12 Midnight: Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

7:45 am, 9:00 am Italian, 10:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

ADORATION

Adoration will take place at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day until Boxing Day. We will keep the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, please enter by using the security code.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31st

9:30 am: Morning Mass
12 Midnight: New Year's Day Mass

Wednesday, January 1st

7:45 am, 9:00 am Italian, 10:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will close at 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 24th and will re-open on Friday, December 27th.

The parish office will close at 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 31st and will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd.

NOVENA FOR CANCER

All are welcome to join us for Mass every Tuesday at 9:30 am. After the morning Mass, we will pray a novena to Saint Michael of the Saints: A Trinitarian mystic and patron saint of cancer patients. We will pray for all who are affected by cancer and pray for prevention of getting this illness.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

**Milroy Arulnesarajah, Terressina Reda,
Richard Rozanov, Rosalia Chiara**



ALTAR SERVERS AND YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for adults to bake cookies, brownies, etc.. for the youth group members when we gather. Water and juices are also welcomed. **Please contact Sr. Patricia at this email:** youthattransfiguration@gmail.com

TORONTO SERRA CLUB: VOCATION

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email : vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the last week was \$8,562.00. We are grateful for your donation and support to our parish.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

A Coats for Kids Program has been implemented. The goal of this program is to ensure that no child in our community goes without a coat during the winter season. If you want to assist the Knights in their mission, please pick up a donation envelope by the parish entrance marked "Coats for Kids" and support them. The envelopes will be available the whole month of December. Thank you for your generosity.

PANETTONE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettone for \$10.00 each after all morning Masses this Sunday, December 15th in the vestibule.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL's Christmas get together will take place on Monday, December 16th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Service Pins will be presented. Come and have fun, enjoy good food & fellowship.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS

The Seniors Exercise Group is looking for new members to join their class every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Exercises include stretching, balancing and low-impact aerobics. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

EUCHRE CLUB

Join us for euchre every Tuesday at 1:00 pm starting on January 9th in the parish hall and connect with people who share the same interests. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon & a little friendly competition.

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), winter coats, toques, scarves, gloves, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, Advil, Ensure/Boost and any non-perishable food items. Please place your donated items in the blue bin by the parish office.

DOMENICA GAUDETE

La terza domenica di Avvento è denominata "Domenica Gaudete": ossia domenica della gioia. La liturgia si appropria dell'invito formulato dall'apostolo Paolo e canta «Rallegratevi sempre nel Signore, ve lo ripeto: rallegratevi. Il Signore è vicino!» (cf. Fil 4,4.5) L'uomo aspira a essere felice. Il nostro cuore è fatto per la gioia. L'aspirazione alla gioia è impressa nell'intimo dell'essere umano. Al di là delle soddisfazioni immediate e passeggiere, il nostro cuore cerca la gioia profonda, piena e duratura, che possa dare «sapore» all'esistenza. Non è facile parlare di gioia in questo periodo. Dio stesso ci invita ad essere nella gioia, perché la nostra speranza non è una vuota illusione. Christus spes nostra/Gesù e la nostra speranza. È lui il vero protagonista della gioia.
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MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am †Rocco & Tommaso Coia, †Isidoro Spinato, †Enrichetta Mazzacchi, †Michelangelo Ferraro, †Ugo Sisinni
10:30 am †Maria Teresa & Angelo Napoli & Deceased Family Members, †Nunziata Pasquale, †Claire Bui, In Thanksgiving & Special Blessings for Rochelle Oswyn, Noah & Cleo
12:00 pm †Douglas, Theresa & Azam Lyall, †Gregorio Mule, †Tony Picchiello, †Salvatore Fata, †Pietro & Angela Mule, †Pierina Vendittelli, †Sabrina Tucci, †Richard Rozanov
1:30 pm IGBO
7:00 pm †Charles & Joan Kelly, †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Vittorio Terzini, Thanksgiving from Ivy D'Souza, †Henry & Therese Li Pak Tong Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday December 16 Advent Weekday

- 9:30 am †Filomena & Gerardo Grella, †Antonio & Franca Manchisi, †George Mydlak, †Vivian & Gertrude D'Sylva, Personal Intention of Teresa Silva
9.15 am Advent Mass at St. Maurice Gym

Tuesday December 17 Late Advent Weekday

- 9:30 am †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, †Kristina Juchniewicz †Apolonia Dynak, Anthony Falzon (L)
10.30 am Confessions by Transfiguration of Our Lord School

Wednesday December 18 Late Advent Weekday

- 9:30 †Manuelita Coelho, †Theresa Tigani D'urzo, †Teresa Corvinelli, Special Blessing for Luigi Corvinelli, Souls in Purgatory
1.00 pm Advent Mass for Transfiguration School
7:00 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass: Felice Tarantino

Thursday December 19 Late Advent Weekday

- 9:30 am †Ramona Pelly, †Giovanna & Armando Torchia, † Gianluigi Lijoi, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanda Lijoi, Noel & Vivienne Rodrigues

Friday December 20 Late Advent Weekday

- 9:30 am †Vincenzo De Paola, †Giovanni Ferri, †Federico, Francesca, Michele Vumbaca, Thanksgiving Mass from Cheryle Pereira, Special Blessing for Jacqueline Ball

Saturday December 21 Late Advent Weekday/St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr.

- 9:30 am †Anthony Menezes, †Nicola Malfara, †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm †Elisabetta & Felice Tarantino, †Jocelyn Gajdewski, †Dr. Watt, †Dr. Milan, †Elena & Tommy Nagy

Sunday December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Gilda Gabriele, †Enzo Fantini, †Vincent Genova, †Filomena Foglia, †Brigida & Francesco Giannone
10:30 am †Paul Fantauzzi, †Bruno Mario Bellissimo, †Alex Risavy, †Rosina & Salvatore Vumbaca, †Giovanni & Domenica Vumbaca
12:00 pm †John & Lina Colosimo, †Ciriaco & Antonio Grieco, †Rajamma Mathews, †Ramona Pelly
7:00 pm †Charles & Joan Kelly, †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Tommasina Grella and Ada, In Gratitude to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Blessings Received
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to join in this special celebration.

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