



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"

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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The Holy Spirit comes to solemnly attest to the divinity of Jesus at the moment in which he performed, like any man, the penitential gesture, having undergone the baptism of John. During his earthly life, Jesus will never show himself as great as in the humility of his gestures and words. This is an important lesson for us who see things so differently. Following Christ means undertaking this path of humility, that is, of truth. Christ, true God and true man, teaches us the truth of our being. Wounded by sin, purified by baptism, we oscillate between the two extremes, both attractive, of evil and holiness. And this is experienced in the humblest daily life. At every step we can choose God and his love, or, vice versa, reject it. Following in the footsteps of Jesus means ensuring a path that, despite being narrow and stony, leads to eternal life, to true bliss.

MARY: AN ICON OF THE CHURCH THAT BAPTIZES

The Virgin Mother not only reveals the Mystery of the Son to believers, but she gives Him to them for all time: indeed, her motherhood is ordered to the continual presence of Christ among humankind. Now since Christ is present among us in a very special way in the liturgy, it is in the sacramental economy that also Mary's mediation acquires meaning.

Mary's maternal action in the life of the faithful is expressed supremely well in liturgical actions: it is here that the relationship willed by Jesus on the cross between Mary and her children is expressed and deepened. Mary's indispensable presence in the historical event which we profess in our baptismal belief (Do you believe in Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary?), leads us to reflect on her commemoration in the sacramental event. In fact, reflection on baptismal rebirth developed from the first centuries onwards, in the light of Christ's conception by the power of the Holy Spirit. In her understanding of Baptism, the Church is naturally oriented to the mystery of Christ's conception from the Virgin who believed: the human birth of the Son of God, destined for the rebirth of men and women as God's children, led to a spontaneous connection between the mysteries.

https://www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/magazine/documents

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Philomena Vaswani, Ercole Russo, Ilario Marchesan

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for January 1st, 4th & 5th was \$14,452.50. We are grateful for your donation and for supporting our parish.

ALTAR SERVERS AND YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to the parents who have supported their children in being faithful to their altar server commitment.

We will begin a new training session for those young people from grades 3-9 who have made their First Communion and who are supported by their families to fulfill the commitments of service to the Parish. Forms for registration are found at the main entrance of the church. Please complete the form so that I can get in touch with you before the formation begins. You may put the form in the collection basket whenever you attend Mass or bring it to the office.

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: youthattransfiguration@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all our donors, sponsors and volunteers for helping in making our Christmas Drive a success. This year, with your help, a total of 78 families (141 adults and 111 children) received toys, gifts, gift cards and food vouchers. Your thoughtfulness and generosity brought excitement and joy to so many families who really do need our help.

We received a total of \$12,650.40 in cash donations for the month of December. Of the total, \$8579.95 was for the Christmas Collection. We also received an additional \$1,600.00 in gift cards. We would like to thank all our donors for their generosity.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Participants will learn and deepen their understanding and skills in the art of prayer in 15 weekly sessions of two hours each. Participants will overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance and surrender.

Start date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

Time & Place: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our Parish Hall.

Contact: Ana Orellana aorellan55@gmail.com

Registration Fee: 0 **Material Cost:** \$20.00

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

LITURGICAL MUSIC

We have switched music for the liturgical settings from the Mass of Creation (Haugen) to the Mass of Renewal (Stephan). You can listen to them on the website below to help you join us in song at Mass: <https://bit.ly/4iNeWOy>

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Do you want to grow in your understanding of the Eucharist? Do you ever wonder what is so extraordinary about being a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion as you help with the distribution of the Eucharist during the Communion Rite Mass? Come find out! Volunteer at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you have any questions or would like more information on becoming a Eucharistic Minister, you can contact us in the parish office at 416.247.0513. Individuals are commissioned by the Pastor and will go through a brief training.

FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO

Please join us for a special celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño to be held on Saturday, January 18th (Rosary at 11 am and Mass at 11:30 am). A pot-luck lunch will be held in the parish hall after Mass and procession. Everyone is invited.

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE, TURKEY, SICILY & ITALY

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COST \$5390.00 Includes: Air transportation from Toronto, (unless specified otherwise), incl. all airport taxes and surcharges, all inside cabins, supplement \$640 per person for outside cabin. First class hotel based on double occupancy – single supplement \$1400. 3 meals daily while on the ship, breakfast and dinner in hotels. All sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide, all tips in restaurants and hotels. Tips to bus driver and guides on land tours.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE TOUR: Meals not specified, tips on ship, insurance, documentation.

For further information and registrations call: 416.444.6666

Halina: ext.315 or 647.294.4116 halina@ihtours.com

Alex: ext. 317 alex@ihtours.com

Liliana: ext. 324. liliana@ihtours.com

Please join us for the first information session on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Upper Hall.

BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE

Lo Spirito Santo giunge ad attestare in modo solenne la divinità di Gesù nel momento in cui ha compiuto, come un uomo qualsiasi, il gesto penitenziale, essendosi sottoposto al battesimo di Giovanni. Durante la sua vita terrena, Gesù non si mostrerà mai tanto grande come nell'umiltà dei gesti e delle parole. Importante lezione questa, per noi che vediamo le cose in modo tanto diverso. Seguire Cristo significa intraprendere questo cammino di umiltà, cioè di verità. Cristo, vero Dio e vero uomo, ci insegna la verità del nostro essere. Feriti dal peccato, purificati dal battesimo, noi oscilliamo fra i due estremi, entrambi attraenti, del male e della santità. E questo si vive nella quotidianità più umile. Ad ogni passo possiamo scegliere Dio e il suo amore, o, viceversa, rifiutarlo. Seguire le orme di Gesù, significa assicurarsi un cammino che, nonostante sia stretto e sassoso, conduce alla vita eterna, alla vera beatitudine. <https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20250112.html>

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday January 12 Baptism of the Lord

7:45 am All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
 9:00 am †Angela, Martino & Pinuccio Abbattista, †Vito & Luisa Piacente, †Caterina & Leonardo D'Urso
 10:30 am †Giacomo Giorgio, †Neil Carron, †Sean Carreon, Special Blessings for Rowan Dias and Family, Special Blessings for the RCIC Catechists Team
 12:00 pm †Liza Ramaj, †Richard Rozanov, †Natale, Francesco & Domenico D'Urzo, †Domenico Tissi, †Ercolo Russo, †Ilario Marchesan
 3:00 pm Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
 7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Francesca Primerano, Special Blessing for Michael Anthony
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday January 13 Weekday / First Week in Ordinary Time

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
 9:30 am †Norma Walsh, †Melin Tassone, A Special Blessing for Hermine Madvo

Tuesday January 14 Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
 9:30 am †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, †John & Mary Simard, †Claire-Lise Rossel Marra, Souls in Purgatory, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
 7:00 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass: Antonio De Francesco

Wednesday January 15 Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
 9:30 am †Everest De Souza, †Rod MacLean, Special Intention and Blessings for Arlene & Diane Hicks

Thursday January 16 Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
 9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Francesco Barbara, †Rosina Scopacasa, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanada Lijoi,
 1:00 pm Transfiguration of Our Lord School Mass
 7:00 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass: Teresa Reda

Friday January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbott

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
 9:30 am †Mato Pavlakovic, †Maritza & Niko Pavicic, †Christina & Stefano Kim, Special Blessing for Health for Fr. Ron Cafeo & Community

Saturday January 18 Weekday / BVM

9:30 am †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessings: Anthony Falzon & Dr. Andrew Pierre & Family
 11:00 am Rosary for Santo Niño
 11:30 am Mass for Santo Niño
 12:30 pm Procession for Santo Niño
 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
 4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm †Silvano Bertolo, †Honorada Park, †Maria Kim, †Tony Picchiello & Deceased Family Members

Sunday January 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
 9:00 am †Vito Chimienti, †Mannino Seca, †Giovanni Costanza, †Lucia Mongelli, †Alessandro & Anna Panza, †Angela Tersigni
 10:30 am All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
 12:00 pm †Patrick Kil, †Vincent Kil, †Domenic & Adelia Pistocia,
 7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

PAG helps support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. Parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. It 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. For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org

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