

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 Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office.

Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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"

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter". It would later be observed in the West during the 6th century, wherein in Rome, it acquires a more penitential character, whereas in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas".

The presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity, and, with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point towards Easter.

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MARY OFFERING HERSELF IN THE OFFERING OF HER SON

Our Lady, with all her humility, prepared her soul to present the Son of God to the Father and to offer herself to Him. By doing so, she renewed her FIAT, her "be it done unto me according to Thy Word." WE, TOO, CAN LEARN FROM HER HUMILITY, AND THAT OF ST. JOSEPH AS WELL, BY OFFERING OUR LIFE AT GOD'S DISPOSITION, convinced that all we are and all we have, we have received as gifts from Our Lord.

Simeon's and Anna's examples of waiting for the Messiah are for us as well a lesson to follow. They aspired for what is most important in this life: to see and live for the Messiah. WE, TOO, SHOULD ASPIRE TO SEEK, FIND, DEAL AND LOVE JESUS AND LIVE FOR HIM IN THIS LIFE IN ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE.

At the same time, today's feast is an open invitation for us to: RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO THE LORD. COMMITTED CATHOLICS, 24/7! NOT JUST AN HOUR A DAY, BUT 24/7, ever vigilant to do that which God asks from each one of us throughout the entire day; LIGHTING UP as lit-candles the environment where we move about by our struggle to be better Christians.

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DONATE ONLINE

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donation page and select our Parish for donation or go to: www.tinyurl.com/DonateTransfiguration

DONATE NOW AND ON-LINE BANKING

The donated amount (January $1^{st} - 15^{th}$) to our parish through the Donate Now website is \$1555.00, and through the On-Line Banking is \$120.00.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for January 25th & 26th was \$7036.00. We are grateful for your donation and for supporting our parish.



PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace: Irene Sabido, Eufrocina Eugenio, Joyce Pascal, Crescenzo Sirizzotti

ST. BLAISE: BLESSING OF THE THROAT

On Monday, February 3rd, we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Blaise, the Patron Saint of Throats. A blessing of the throats with the St. Blaise candle will be performed at the 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a baptism preparation class on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for parents and godparents of the children being baptized in February or later this year. Please contact the parish office at 416.247.0513 to register.

JUBILEE YEAR LAUNCH

We will have a Mass to launch the Jubilee Year and to celebrate the elevation of Frank Cardinal Leo to the College of Cardinals. For those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered at least one hour prior to all celebrations noted below - Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrations in the Western Region will take place:

Wednesday, February 5, 2025:

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke with Bishop Camilleri

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 on Wednesday, February 19th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our Parish Hall. Contact: Ana Orellana aorellan55@gmail.com Material Cost: \$20.00.

DINNER & DANCE: ITALIAN NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Dinner and Dance called ITALIAN NIGHT on Saturday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm. All are invited to come and enjoy a wonderful evening with your fellow parishioners, friends, and family. The menu will include appetizer, breaded chicken cutlets, lasagna, vegetables, dessert, and Coffee/Tea and a cash bar. The cost is \$40.00 per person. For tickets, please contact the Grand Knight Romey Simon Sebastiampillai at romeysimon@hotmail.com

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE, TURKEY, SICILY & ITALY

Featuring a cruise aboard the "Voyager of the Seas" With Fr. Jan Gogolewski & Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon October 11th to 24, 2025 - 14 Days

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For further information and registrations call: 416.444.6666

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(When contacting Halina, please let her know that you are a parishioner of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parsh)

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

PRESENTAZIONE DEL SIGNORE

Questa festa fu osservata per la prima volta nella Chiesa orientale come "L'Incontro". Sarebbe stata poi osservata in Occidente durante il VI secolo, dove a Roma, acquisì un carattere più penitenziale, mentre in Gallia (Francia) con solenni benedizioni e processioni di candele, popolarmente note come "Candelora".

La presentazione del Signore conclude la celebrazione della Natività e, con le offerte della Vergine Madre e la profezia di Simeone, gli eventi ora puntano verso la Pasqua.

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MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

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Sunday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	†Franco & Rocco Mongelli, †Fr. Vito Marziliano, †Luisa Pompili,
	†Anna Scelsi, †Francesca & Giuseppe Giannone
10:30 am	†Marietta De Paola, †Nicola Biancofiore, †Condelora & Emilio
	Caporiccio, †Bernadette Cosburn, †Mary Melito
12:00 pm	†Emanuel Azzopardi, †Mario DeRose, †Maria DeBartolo,
	†Pasquale DeBartolo, †Crescenzo Sirizzotti, †Pierre Pena &
	deceased family members
1:30 pm	Igbo Mass
7:00 pm	†Gawhara Nalbandian, †Zubeda Thawer, †Domenica & Attilio
	Durso, †Jeffrey & Patricia Midgley, Ugiomo Agbofino (L)
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday February 3 Weekday / Fourth Week in Ordinary Time / Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

9:30 am †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, †Mathilde & Franz Lachnit, †Hildegard & Willibald Hect, Anthony Falzon (L)

Tuesday February 4 Weekday

9:30 am †Maria Lima, †Anthony Misquitta, †Joseph Cutajar, A Special Intention & Blessing for Cassandra Matthews A Special Blessing for Anthony Wing

Wednesday February 5 Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:30 †Robert Pereira, †Rowena & Fred Moge, †Marietta Bombardieri, Special Blessings for John & Jeanette Kunciatis and family

Friday February 7 Weekday

<u>Saturday February 8</u> Weekday / BVM / Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

5:30 pm †Bruce Falagario, †Veronica Basa, †John & Kate Geras, †Nicolina Giorgio, †Milan Milche Stefanic

Sunday February 9 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish

9:00 am †Ratko Rajic, †Teresa Francavilla, †Giacomo Giorgio,

†Silvio Boin, †All Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am †Christopher Ferrao & deceased family members,

†Norman & Carmen Viegas & deceased family members,

Special Intention of Teresa Silva,

Special Blessings for Tony & Ivete Pinto and family

12:00 pm †Domenico & Francesco D'Urzo

7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Christopher Hasbun

8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

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 Radeczy, Luis Inting,
Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz,
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