



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 LENT

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Man was not created to ruin his life. It is unimaginable that, endowed with reason, he would desire it. And yet everything seems to unfold in such a way that this happens to the point that one comes to doubt one's own desires for fullness and even to deny their possibility. A new fact has occurred in history, which "many prophets and kings wanted to see and did not see, and to hear and did not hear". An inevitable, provocative Presence, of an authority hitherto unknown, which has the power to awaken in the heart of man his truest desires; a Man who easily recognizes himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life to reach his own completeness. The moment is therefore decisive, serious. This man calls all those who are with him to define their life before him.

MARY & THE TREE LIFE

It is a long-held tradition to interpret Mary as the Tree of Life. After all, the fruit of Her womb was Jesus the saving Fruit of Eternal Life (Lk 1:42; 1 Cor 15:20). Tertullian (160-220 C.E.) refers to Jesus as the fruit sprung from the shoot of Mary: In what sense, really, is Christ the fruit of her womb? Is it not because he is himself the flower from the stem which came forth from the root of Jesse, while the root of Jesse is the house of David, and the stem from the root is Mary, descended from David, that the flower from the stem, the Son of Mary, who is called Jesus Christ, must himself also be the fruit? There's an Edenic parallel to the symbolism. The first Adam was barred from the tree of life because of his transgression, Jesus the second Adam opened the gate to Mary the Tree of Life. The "way to the tree of life" (Gen 3:24) once shut to all in Adam, is now opened to all who abide in Christ as adopted sons of the Father. All who eat of the Fruit of the Tree of Life – entering into communion with Jesus – pluck this Fruit, knowingly or unknowingly, from Mary the Tree of Life, the one through whom God willed and wills to come to men.

<https://tenstringedlyreofthenewisrael.blogspot.com/2016/12/mary-immaculate-conception-tree-life.html>

HEALING THE SOUL

Many people have asked for assistance in understanding to become free of disturbances of spiritual order (attacks of evil spirits). Our parish has decided to do a general session of deliverance and healing followed by the Holy Eucharist Mass.

Where: Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
Date & Time: Friday, May 2nd from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Priest: Fr. Caros Sierra Tobon



Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

**Eric Patrao, Carlo D'Angelo,
Luciana Cordua, Giovanni Pulsinelli**

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Let us come together and listen to Fr. Roni George, of the Divine Retreat Centre, as he reflects about the "Pilgrims of Hope" in our church on:

Monday, March 24th: 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Tuesday, March 25th: 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm; Followed by a Mass

CONFESSIONS

The Lenten Day of Confessions in our parish will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00 pm followed by spiritual meditation.

EASTER PASCHAL CANDLE SOUVENIRS

There are limited number of Easter Pashal Candles that are available for use in your home during Easter. These special candles are available for sale in the parish office this week for a price of \$25.00 each.



HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY: April 17th

7:30 pm (English & Italian)

9:30 pm (Guided Meditation ½ Hour)

Followed by adoration until midnight
(No Morning Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: April 18th

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 7 Words of Jesus

No Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY: April 19th

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

11:00 am: Marian Meditation

11:30 am: Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Solemn Mass Celebration of Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: April 20th

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

12 Noon (English) / 1:30 pm (Igbo) / 7:00 pm (English)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 27th

All are welcome to join us for a special celebration.

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 pm - Holy Mass

Special Divine Mercy Paschal Candle Souvenirs are available for you to take home. There are limited quantities available, and the candles will be on sale in the parish office this week for a price of \$25.00 each.

MARCH 23, 2025

SHARELIFE SUNDAY IS MARCH 30th

Our Parish Goal: \$74,000.00

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

TRANSFIGURATION'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On Saturday, April 5th, the CWL will host Mary's Way of the Cross beginning with Mass at 9:30 am, followed by the Stations of the Cross, after which coffee & refreshments will be served in the parish hall. All are welcome. *Special Note: There will be a brief meeting for members only after the refreshments.*

CWL members: please save the date of April 26, 2025 for lunch and let us celebrate our 65th Anniversary.

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, Karen Radeczy, Gary Cullum, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Manuel Uy, Jane Delgado, Bernice DeGrace, Diana, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Feliciano Ventura, Angelito Olinda

DONATE NOW AND ON-LINE BANKING

The donated amount (February 16th – 28th) to our parish through the Donate Now website is \$490.00, and through the On-Line Banking is \$20.00.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for March 15th & 16th was \$7,007.50. We are grateful for your donation

III DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA (ANNO C)

L'uomo non è stato creato per rovinarsi la vita. Non si può neanche immaginare che, fornito di ragione, egli lo desideri. E tuttavia tutto sembra svolgersi in modo che ciò avvenga, a tale punto che si arriva a dubitare dei propri desideri di pienezza e perfino a negare la loro possibilità. Un fatto nuovo è accaduto nella storia, che "molti profeti e re hanno voluto vedere e non hanno visto, e udire e non hanno udito". Una Presenza inevitabile, provocatoria, di un'autorità fino ad allora sconosciuta, che ha il potere di risvegliare nel cuore dell'uomo i suoi desideri più veri; un Uomo che si riconosce facilmente come la Via, la Verità e la Vita per raggiungere la propria completezza. Il momento è quindi decisivo, grave. Quest'uomo chiama tutti quelli che sono con lui a definire la propria vita davanti a lui. <https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20250323.html>



MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday March 23 Third Sunday of Lent

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Mario Panin, †Dante Crispino
10:30 am †Wayne & Matthew Dishart, †Gildo Pasquali, †Eric Patrao
12:00 pm †John Colosimo & deceased family members, †Ciriaco Grieco
†Carlo D'Angelo, †Francesco Bellissimo, Rosa Senna (L)
7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Giuseppe & Lena Garofalo,
Thanksgiving Mass
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday March 24 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Domenic Cosentino, †Rosaria Scaffidi, Cassano Family (L)
10:45 am Funeral Mass: Luciana Cordua
1:00 pm Funeral Mass: Giovanni Pulsinelli
7:00 pm Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Roni George

Tuesday March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

9:30 am †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, †A. J. Mathew,
†Agnes Costa, Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
7:00 pm Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Roni George
7:45 pm Mass with Fr. Roni George

Wednesday March 26 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Antonio Pietroniro, †Caetano & Philomena Sequeira,
†Nelson Fernandes, †Deceased members of the Meglio,
Mendolia & De Marco Families, William Nguyen (L)

Thursday March 27 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Eric Patrao, †Agnes Rocha, Special Blessings for
Albina & Amanda Lijoi, In Honour of St. Joseph

Friday March 28 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Joseph Valador, †Catena Cirillo, †Deceased members of the
Miele, Celetti & Devellis families
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

Saturday March 29 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessings
for Anthony Falzon and Coco Pet
3:00 pm Practice for First Reconciliation
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm †Teresa Perdue

Sunday March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Divina & Salvatore Muto & deceased family members
†Francesco Giannone
10:30 am †Mary Carnevale, †Girolama Cangemi, †Paul Kosic
12:00 pm †Irma Castillo, †Luciana Cordua, †Giovanni Pulsinelli
7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian, Special Healing for Domenico, In Honor
of the Infant of Prague
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday will be held next Sunday, March 30th following the Mass times of 7:45am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon. We would welcome donation of baked goods to share with our parish community. Thank you to the Catholic Women's for hosting this event.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

March 29/30 April 26/27 May 24/25

If you are interested in becoming a member of this program, please call our parish office at 416.247.0513. We are thankful to our members for helping feed the poor and disadvantaged.

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