



## 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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### **Perpetual Adoration Chapel OPEN 24 HOURS**

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Catholic Church**

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"*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

The father does not prevent his second-born son from moving away from him. He respects his freedom, which his son will use to live a gray and degraded life. But he never tires of waiting, until the moment when he can embrace him again, at home. In the face of the father's love, the son's sin stands out more. The suffering and privations endured by the younger son are the consequence of his desire for independence and autonomy. The nostalgia for a lost communion awakens in him another desire: to resume the journey of the family hearth. This desire of the heart, aroused by grace, is the beginning of the conversion that we continually ask for to God. The figure of the older brother reminds us that we do not truly behave as sons and daughters if we do not feel the same feelings as the father. Forgiveness comes through the recognition of the need to be constantly welcomed by the Father.

### MARY MOTHER OF MERCY

Mary is Mother of Mercy because her Son, Jesus Christ, was sent by the Father as the revelation of God's mercy (cf Jn 3:16-18). Christ came not to condemn but to forgive, to show mercy (cf Mt 9:13). And the greatest mercy of all is found in His being in our midst and calling us to meet Him and to confess, with Peter, that He is "the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16). No human sin can erase the mercy of God, or prevent Him from unleashing all His triumphant power, if we only call upon Him. Indeed, sin itself makes even more radiant the love of the Father who, in order to ransom a slave, sacrificed His Son: His mercy toward us is Redemption. This mercy reaches its fullness in the gift of the Spirit who bestows new life and demands that it be lived. This renewal, which gives the ability to do what is good, noble, beautiful, pleasing to God and in conformity with His will, is in some way the flowering of the gift of mercy, which offers liberation from the slavery of evil and gives the strength to sin no more. <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles>

### PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

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

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Students enrolled in the First Communion Program will make their first confession on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 pm.

### CONFESSIONS

The Lenten Day of Confessions in our parish will be held on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> was \$7,037.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. We are grateful for your donation.

### 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 at a price of \$25.00 each. Please see an Usher after Mass (or a parish office staff & volunteers).



### HOLY THURSDAY: April 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm (English & Italian)

9:30 pm (Guided Meditation ½ Hour)

Followed by adoration until midnight  
(No Morning Mass)

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: April 18<sup>th</sup>

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 19<sup>th</sup>

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 20<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

Come Celebrate **The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Transfiguration CWL** on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Commencing with Mass at 11:30 am, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall at 1:00 pm. Cost per person is \$35.00. Tickets available in the Parish Office, at Coffee Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> and after all the Masses on the weekend of April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at Church Entrance. All women are welcome.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>

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 for a price of \$25.00 each.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Priest: Fr. Caros Sierra Tobon

## THIS WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

**Our Parish Goal: \$74,000.00**

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

*Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope (located at the entrance of the church), online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).*

## THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed are individually packaged snacks, e.g. chips/cookies/granola bars, 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, sports or event tickets. Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.

## TORONTO SERRA CLUB - VOCATION

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Web: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA (ANNO C)

Il padre non impedisce al suo secondogenito di allontanarsi da lui. Egli rispetta la sua libertà, che il figlio impiegherà per vivere una vita grigia e degradata. Ma mai si stanca di aspettare, fino al momento in cui potrà riabbracciarlo di nuovo, a casa. Di fronte all'amore del padre, il peccato del figlio risalta maggiormente. La sofferenza e le privazioni sopportate dal figlio minore sono la conseguenza del suo desiderio di indipendenza e di autonomia. La nostalgia di una comunione perduta risveglia in lui un altro desiderio: riprendere il cammino del focolare familiare. Questo desiderio del cuore, suscitato dalla grazia, è l'inizio della conversione che noi chiediamo di continuo a Dio. La figura del fratello maggiore ci ricorda che non ci comportiamo veramente da figli e figlie se non proviamo gli stessi sentimenti del padre. Il perdono passa per il riconoscimento del bisogno di essere costantemente accolti dal Padre.

<https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20250330.html>



## MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### 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 Koscic,  
†Denzil Hayward

12:00 pm †Irma Castillo, †Luciana Cordua, †Giovanni Pulsinelli,  
Thanksgiving Mass from Achamma Thomas

7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Vittorio & Anina Bianchi, Special  
Healing for Domenico, In Honor of the Infant of Prague

8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

### Monday March 31 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, †Anna & Joseph  
Vu, †Francesca Lavecchia, Anthony Falzon & Thang Nguyen (L)

### Tuesday April 1 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Rolliffe D'Souza, †Leena & Lizzie Serao, †Antonino, Rosaria,  
and Sheila Scaffidi

6:45 pm First Reconciliation

### Wednesday April 2 Lenten Weekday / St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

9:30 am †Abel Mendes, †Rosie Mendes, †Francesco Gabriele

7:00 pm Parish Lenten Confessions

### Thursday April 3 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Curtis Yec La, †Anthony Misquitta,  
Albina & Amanda Lijoi (L), Lidia (L)

10:30 am Confessions at St. Marcellus School

7:00 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass: Giovannarosa Martino

### Friday April 4 Lenten Weekday / St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of Church

9:30 am †Giuseppina Alfarano, †Matthew & Wayne Dishart, †Mary &  
Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, Anthony Falzon (L)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

### Saturday April 5 Lenten Weekday / St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

9:30 am †Robert Pereira, †Eric Patrao, Edward, Dharmi & family (L)

10:00 am CWL: Mary's Way of the Cross

2:00 pm RCIC: Practice for Baptism & Profession of Faith

3:30 pm Mass at Parkland

4:30 pm Confessions

5:30 pm †Paul Koscic, †Artur Tavares, living & deceased family members,  
Thanksgiving Mass for Edward, Dharmi and family

### Sunday April 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 am †Giovanni Cortese, †Maria Grazia Cristello, †Vincenzo,  
†Salvatore, Francesco & Agnes Armocida

10:30 am †Nicola Biancofiore, †Macario & Teresa Raimondo,  
deceased family members, Pinto & Raimondo Families (L)

12:00 pm †Emanuel Azzopardi, †Mario De Rose, †Domenico & Francesco  
D'Urzo, †Giovannarosa Martino

1:30 pm Igbo Mass

7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Angelo & Costantina Palozzi

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, Karen Radecky, Gary Cullum  
Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Manuel Uy  
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