

Weekly Bulletin

Celebrating 65 Years of Faith, Hope, and Charity

Over the past 65 years, countless individuals - both clergy and laypeople, have selflessly shared their time, talents, and resources to help make Transfiguration of Our Lord Church a vibrant place of worship, where we come together to give thanks to God for all the blessings we've received. Let us carry on this legacy by continuing to glorify God and praying for the salvation of souls.

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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 Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sacrament of Penance: Every Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Schools

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"Please remember us in your will"

65TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE



Our 65th Anniversary Committee is hosting a special raffle featuring wonderful prizes (please see the list below). Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend and next weekend, as well as through the parish office. Prizes will be drawn in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 7th following the 12:00 noon Mass. Winners do not need to be present to claim the prize. Proceeds will support our

65th Anniversary celebrations and ongoing parish projects. Thank you for your support and participation as we celebrate this milestone together!

Prizes: 55" Colour TV, Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Pittsburg Penguins (2 tickets for Dec. 23rd), Breville Cafe Roma stainless steel espresso and cappuccino maker, His and Hers Ray-Ban sunglasses of your choice, Nexgrill 5 burner stainless steel bbq, Vissani mini refrigerator, Yeti cooler, and many more prizes!

Ticket prices: 1 for \$5.00; 3 for \$10.00; 7 for \$20.00

CALLING FOR OLD PHOTOS!

As we joyfully prepare to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, we're inviting parishioners to help us honour our rich history by sharing photos from past parish events, sacraments, and community gatherings.

Whether digital or printed, your photos are welcome! Please bring them to the parish office at your convenience.

To respect everyone's privacy, we kindly ask that any individual visible in the photos complete a Photo Release Form. These forms are available at the parish office or can be downloaded from our website. Let's bring our shared story of faith, hope, and charity to life through your treasured memories. Thank you for being part of our parish journey!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ADVENT PREPARATION

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas, we invite everyone to join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on:

Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." - 1 John 1:9
Come and experience God's mercy, healing, and peace this Advent season.

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

Please note that the 2026 donation envelopes will <u>not</u> be available for pickup this weekend. They will be ready for pickup next week either at the parish office or in the parish hall. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

COLLECTIONS

Our regular collection last week was: \$7,572.20. Thank you to all the parishioners for your contributions and for supporting our parish. We truly appreciate your kindness. The Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.) program is also available for your consideration.

I SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

At the beginning of the liturgical year, the Church deliberately chooses a text to challenge us. It calls for abandoning routine, habits, and customs, for conversion and a fresh start. Beyond the joyful news of the Gospel announcing God's redemptive coming, the possibility of judgment is easily forgotten and dismissed, even if it is not absolutely contested "in theory." This is the danger faced by disciples throughout the ages.

MARY & ADVENT

"To celebrate Advent means: to become Marian, to enter into that communion with Mary's 'Yes,' which, ever anew, is room for God's birth, for the 'fullness of time'. Advent is a Marian time in many ways, from preparing for Jesus' birth to celebrating feasts such as the Immaculate Conception. Among creatures, no one knows Christ better than Mary; no one can introduce us to a profound knowledge of his mystery better than his Mother. it's inconceivable to celebrate Advent without the woman who makes it possible. Our Lady in Advent goes to the whole root of what Advent is celebrating — the coming of Jesus. To quote St. Teresa of Calcutta: 'No Mary, Jesus.' https://www.ncregister.com/features/advent-is-mary-s-time

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Membership Fees for 2026 remain at \$40.00. The fee can be brought to the parish office or placed in the collection basket marked CWL. Please make sure your name and phone number is on the envelope. Thank you for your continued support of a voice for Catholic, Christian values.

The CWL is holding its Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 4th in the Parish Hall at 6:30 PM. All ladies are welcome. Come enjoy a little festive fun.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM NOV. 29th/30th & DEC. 27th/28th

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the members who have helped feed the poor and disadvantaged through their generosity and service. If you are interested in becoming part of this meaningful program, please contact our parish office at 416.247.0513.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a Baptism Preparation Class on Monday, December 1st at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall for parents and godparents of children being baptized this month or in the new year. Please contact the parish office at 416-247-0513 to register.

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed items are individually packaged snacks, juices, bottled water, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, men's new underwear, socks, jackets, coats, jeans, Advil, Ensure/Boost, art supplies, blank notebooks. Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.

COFFEE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 30th

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the 7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 Noon Masses. All are welcome! We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated baked goods to share with our parish community.

Special gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this month's Coffee Sunday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will also be holding a membership drive following all Masses on Coffee Sunday. November 30th.

Members will be available to answer questions, share information about the Knights' charitable works, and assist anyone interested in joining. If you've ever considered becoming a Knight - or simply want to learn more - please stop by their table in the parish hall

PANETTONE SALE

The Knights of Columbus, Humber Valley Council #3945, will be reviving one of their beloved traditions by selling Panettone after all morning Masses on this Coffee Sunday.

Classico – \$12.00 Chocolate – \$14.00

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

At all Masses on the weekend of Dec 13th and 14th, envelopes will be handed out for our annual Christmas collection and will be taken up on the following weekend. Last year at Christmas, we helped 73 families (141 adults and 111 children). The collection also helps us through the summer months when the poor box receipts are at their lowest and the need is the greatest. Income tax receipts will be mailed for donations of \$20.00 & over. Please include your name, address and envelope number (if you have an envelope number assigned to you). Cheques should be made payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The bank is now very strict on the issue of the name and will not allow us to cash checks that are not made out exactly as specified above.

If you would like to sponsor a family, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office, and one of our members will get in touch with you. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:
Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Tony Elia Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Ines Roman Zakrajse, Teresa Pirrello, William Bennett, Emily Williams, Margaret Speciale, Mark Ramjattan, John Benjamin, Jane Delgado Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Gary Cullum, Manuel Uy, Luisa Spinato, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Alba Micelli, Joseph Borgerding, Vera Cymbal, Leo Bombardieri, Ann, Liz Di Cecco Feliciano Ventura Jr., Domenica Fantini, Ivy D'Souza, Luca, Naz, Giuseppe Staibano, Bert, Geoffrey, Mary Sue Snow

Lord, hear our prayers for those in need. Grant them healing, peace, and strength. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

November 30 First Sunday of Advent

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

9:00 AM †Domenico Cosentino †Girolama Cangemi & deceased members of the Filangi family

10:30 AM †Concepta Leena, †Victor Mendonza, †Concetta Gaudio, †Antonietta Di Cerbo, †Salvatore Ricchio

12:00 AM †Irma Castillo, †Lina & Rosario Colosimo, †Luigi Maone, †Vittorio Simone, †Richard Rozanov, †Ester Andam Viloria

3:00 AM Rosary & Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Special Healing for Guido De Vellis

8:00 AM Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday December 1 Advent Weekday

8:45 AM Rosary & Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30 AM †Giovannarosa Martino & Nicola Martino †Robert Pereira,
†Lucia Piertroniro & deceased family members

Tuesday December 2 Advent Weekday

8:45 AM Rosary & Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary 9:30 AM †Francesco Gabriele, †Alex Risavy, †Avis Antoine, †Stella Nowak

10:30 AM Confessions: Transfiguration of Our Lord School

Wednesday December 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:45 AM Rosary & Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary 9:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Thursday December 4 Advent Weekday/Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:45 AM Rosary & Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary 9:30 AM †Anthony Misquitta, †Gianluigi Lijoi, Albina & Amanda Lijoi (L)

Friday December 5 Advent Weekday

8:45 AM Rosary & Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 AM †Robert Pereira, †Julita Pejiard for the faithful departed

10:15 AM Mass at Dante Alighieri Academy

Saturday December 6 Advent Weekday/Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:45 AM Rosary & Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 AM †Francis Fernandes, †Armando Gomes

3:30 AM Mass at Parkland

4:30 AM Confessions

5:30 PM †Deceased Members of the Reyes & Ortiz Families, †Artur Tavares and living & deceased family members, †Evaristo De Faria, †Marty Russemi, †Bryan Simard & Connie Vercillo (L)

Sunday December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

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

9:00 AM †Deceased members of the Trelle Family, †Rosa Caterino

10:30 AM †Donato Marinucci, †Pierino Marinucci, †Nicola Biancafiore

†Jose Vaz, †Adelina Oliveira, Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM †Emanuel Azzopardi, †Domenico & Francesco D'Urzo, †Mario Bellisario, †Maria & Vera Bellisario, †Maria Carolina Valador

3:00 PM Rosary & Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM †Ignacio & Marta Martinez, †Tony Reilly

8:00 PM Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

THE FOUR CONSTITUTIONS OF VATICAN II

All are invited to attend the fourth and final presentation of the online study of "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II." Featuring presentations by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. There will be an opportunity for reflection and discussion, led by our team. The presentation topics and presenters are:

- 1. Sacrosanctum Concilium Msgr. Murray Kroetsch, PH, VG Sept. 23rd
- 2. Dei Verbum Msgr. Yvan Mathieu, SM October 28th
- 3. Gaudium et Spes Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC November 18th
- 4. Lumen Gentium Dr. Catherine Clifford, PhD December 2nd

Sessions: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PMREGISTER: https://bit.ly/FCV2-Register2025

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