



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

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

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"Please remember us in your will"

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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. 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.

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. 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>

MARY AN ICON OF THE CHURCH THAT BAPTISES

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. 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 Baptism, the Church is naturally oriented to the mystery of Christ's conception from the Virgin who believed. https://www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000



PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:
Louis Peters, Ann Zamida, Giovanna Ciantar

FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATION

Everyone is joyfully invited to a special celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño on Saturday, January 17, 2026.



The celebration will begin with the Rosary at 11:00 am, followed by Mass at 11:30 am in honour of the Holy Child Jesus. A procession will follow, and a potluck lunch will be shared in the Parish Hall afterward. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow parishioners.

Please note that a nine-day Rosary and Novena to Santo Niño will begin on January 8th. All are welcome to participate as we prepare our hearts for this beautiful feast.

EXERCISE CLASS (55 PLUS)

The 55 Plus Exercise Class meets twice a week in the parish hall from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and will resume on Monday, January 12th and Wednesday, January 14th. Join us to stay active, improve strength and balance, boost energy, and enjoy good company in a fun and supportive setting.

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, Leo Bombardieri, Ann, Feliciano Ventura Jr., Domenica Fantini, Ivy D'Souza, Luca, Naz, Bert, Mary Sue Snow, Neveah, Patricia

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), winter coats, toques, scarves, gloves, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, Advil, Ensure/Boost and any non-perishable food items. Please place your donated items in the blue bin by the parish office.

PRAYER LIFE WORKSHOP

Please join a Prayer and Life Workshop, PLW at our Parish starting on Wed. Feb.25 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The workshop consists of 15 sessions, one session per week, from 7:00-9:00 pm, The cost of the materials is \$20.00

The workshop is: A transformative experience as you develop a relationship with GOD Liberate yourself from sadness and anxiety, heal wounds, surpass complexes and fears. Established daily prayer habits of praying with scriptures and over a dozen different prayer methods Life tools that move you closer to living like Jesus and develop a deepening commitment with the Church. Please contact Ana Orellana at aorellan55@gmail.com.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year begins on January 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM EST. Children born in 2022 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten in September 2026. For more information, please visit: www.tcdsb.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League is holding a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, January 24th following the 9:30 am Mass. The guest speaker will be Sr. Kristine Fernandes, who is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She will speak about the Mustard Seeds Program as part of the Fontbonne Ministries in the south Riverdale/Riverside area. They offer a safe, inclusive space with services for vulnerable adults seeking community, healing & empowerment. Join us in our parish hall for refreshments & our talk following Mass. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session:

January 28th at 7:00 pm

Registration at: <https://nbbd0126.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session:

January 29th at 7:00 pm

Registration at: <https://nbsdd0126.eventbrite.ca>

For more information, visit: www.cfstoronto.com

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2026

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

On the weekend of February 27 - March 1, 2026, St. Augustine's Seminary is offering a Discernment Retreat at their seminary for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30 PM and will end on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Meals & Accommodations will be provided. A suggested donation of \$100.00 is appreciated.

Register now or for more information, please contact:

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Jesus comes from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. John hesitates, saying he should be baptized by Jesus, but "Jesus insists so that God's will may be fulfilled.



After Jesus is baptized, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and a voice from heaven declares Jesus as God's beloved Son, with whom He is well pleased". *Matthew 3:13-17*

After His baptism, Jesus begins His public ministry —preaching, healing, and calling disciples. The feast marks the transition from Jesus' hidden life to His mission of salvation.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday January 11 The Baptism of the Lord

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Giacomo Giorgio
10:30 am †Richlieu & Francis Logronio, †James & Tennyson Laporte, †Bruna Bellemo, †Salvacion Trinidad, Special Blessings for Rowan, Maureen & John Dias & Family
12:00 pm †Francesco & Domenico D'Urzo, †Maria & Natale D'Urzo
Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie
3:00 pm Rosary & Novena for Santo Niño
7:00 pm †Manny Poulo, †Fr. Frank Kelly
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday January 12 Weekday/First Week in Ordinary time

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
9:30 am †Simon & John Dias, †Neil & Sean Carreon, Special Blessings for Arlene & Brenda Hicks & Margaret Hicks, Special Birthday Blessings for Michael Anthony

Tuesday January 13 Weekday/Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
9:30 am †Ann Zamida, Special Blessings for Dianne & Jesse Hicks, Special Blessings for Harold & Jacki Hicks

Wednesday January 14 Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
9:30 am †Silvano Berrtola, A Birthday Blessing for Darlene Thorburn, Special Blessings for Margaret Planck, Janine Guile & Family

Thursday January 15 Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanda Lijoi, Special Blessings for Kim Wright & Family, Special Blessings for Brenda McMath & Family,

Friday January 16 Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
9:30 am †Irene Sabido, †Francesco Brabara, †Rosina Scopacasa

Saturday January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot

9:30 am †Mariano De Sousa, †Mato Pavlakovic
11:00 am Rosary for Santo Niño
11:30 am Mass for Santo Niño
12:30 pm Rosary for Santo Niño
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm †Silvano Bertola, †Gilda Gabriele, †Tony Picchiello & Deceased Fam. Mem., †Giovanni & Nicolina Scioi & Deceased Fam. Mem.

Sunday January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Vincenzo Pannaci, †Marilyn
10:30 am †Norman & Carmen Viegas, †Joe Staibano, Souls in Purgatory
12:00 pm †John Colosimo & deceased family members, †Ciriaco Grieco, Special Blessings for Noel & Vivienne Rodrigues' 55th Anniversary
Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie, Special Birthday Blessing for Divina Castillo
1:30 pm IGBO Mass
7:00 pm †Lidia Scacci
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

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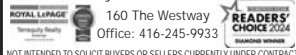
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