



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

Schools

St. Marcellus: 15 Denfield Street, Etobicoke, ON M9R 3H2 416-393-5311

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"Please remember us in your will"

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD -YEAR A

With the Apostolic Letter issued Motu Proprio "Aperuit illis," Pope Francis established that "the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time be dedicated to the celebration, reflection, and dissemination of the Word of God." The evangelist Matthew, drawing on an image from the book of Isaiah, tells us what Jesus is for us: light. In our lives, we often see darkness, resistance, difficulties, unfinished business that piles up before us like a huge mountain, problems with children or friends, loneliness, unpleasant work. It is amidst all these painful experiences that the good word reaches us: do not see only the darkness, see also the light with which God illuminates your life. He sent Jesus to share your sorrows with you. You can count on him who is at your side, a light in the darkness.

III DOMENICA DELLA PAROLA DIO (ANNO A)

Con la Lettera apostolica in forma di Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", Papa Francesco ha stabilito che "la III Domenica del Tempo ordinario sia dedicata alla celebrazione, riflessione e divulgazione della Parola di Dio". L'evangelista Matteo, riprendendo un'immagine del libro di Isaia, ci dice quello che è Gesù per noi: la luce. Nella nostra vita, vediamo spesso tenebre, resistenze, difficoltà, compiti non risolti che si accumulano davanti a noi come un'enorme montagna, problemi con i figli, o gli amici, con la solitudine, il lavoro non gradito. È tra tutte queste esperienze penose che ci raggiunge la buona parola: non vedete solo le tenebre, guardate anche la luce con cui Dio rischiara la vostra vita. Egli ha mandato Gesù per condividere con voi le vostre pene. Voi potete contare su di lui che è al vostro fianco, luce nell'oscurità.

<https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20260125.html>

MARY AND THE WORD OF GOD

The angel's announcement, when angel greets Mary as the kecharitomene, the full of grace, and she remains troubled. Faced also with the promise of a son conceived by the holy spirit, Mary asks, questions the angel, and at the end of her dialogue she pronounces behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it fulfilled in me according to your word. We can imitate Mary in this path of welcoming God's word. The word is listening, it is the ability to put oneself like this, even upset before the word. On the other hand, welcoming the word involves questions. But our ultimate response to God is the willingness to accept this word. This is how Mary first conceives the word in her heart, and then it becomes flesh and the Father's personal word becomes incarnate in her.

<https://www.cmc-terrasanta.org/en/media/terra-santa-news>

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Bert Wooning, Edward Thurainayagam

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**MASS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Everyone is welcome to join us for the 9:30 am Mass on Monday, February 2nd, as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. A special candle will be available for purchase prior to the start of Mass.

This feast is celebrated in the Church forty days after Christmas and commemorates the day Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. The feast is also traditionally known as *Candlemas*. As early as the fifth century, the Church marked this celebration with the blessing and lighting of candles. These candles symbolize Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles."

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a baptism preparation class on Monday, February 2nd 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.

ST. BLAISE: BLESSING OF THE THROAT

On Tuesday, February 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Blaise, the Patron Saint of Throats. The Blessing of the Throats, using special candles, will take place during the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: ITALIAN NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus Humber Valley Council #3945 invite everyone to their Annual Dinner and Dance, "Italian Night," on Saturday, February 21st, at 7:00 pm in our Parish Hall. Join us for an enjoyable evening with fellow parishioners, friends, and family. For tickets, please contact Grand Knight Romey Sebastiampillai at: romeysimon@hotmail.com.

PASSION PLAY 2026: CALL FOR CAST & CREW

Our parish of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is hoping to present a Passion Play on Good Friday, April 3rd, dependent upon participation.

We warmly invite all youth ages 12 - 20 to take part, either as actors or by assisting in various behind-the-scenes roles. Sunday rehearsals will take place once a week beginning in February.

We are also seeking the help of adult volunteers to assist with costumes, lighting, and the sound system. Your time and talents would be greatly appreciated as we work together to bring this meaningful presentation to our parish community.

How to Join: Kindly open your phone camera and please scan the QR code below to access the simple sign-up form.



Having trouble with the code? You can also contact Victoria Marcoccia Vercillo for more information at: vic.marcoccia@gmail.com

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,
 Roman Zakrajse, Teresa Pirrello, William Bennett, Emily Williams,
 Margaret Speciale, Mark Ramjattan, John Benjamin, Jane Delgado,
 Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Gary Cullum, Manuel Uy, Katherine
 Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Alba Micelli, Ines, Nevaeh,
 Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Ann, Feliciano Ventura Jr.,
 Domenica Fantini, Ivy D'Souza, Luca, Naz, Bert,
 Mary Sue Snow, Angelina Vumbaca

MASS HONORING AND IN GRATITUDE TO ANN ZAMIDA

Fr. Carlos and the community of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish invite all friends and parishioners to join us for a Farewell Mass in faith and prayer. This Mass will be offered on Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 pm in gratitude for Ann's dedication in promoting the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and for her faithful service in caring for the chapel.

Please help us spread the word and join us for this special Mass.

PRAYER LIFE WORKSHOP

Please join a Prayer and Life Workshop, PLW at our Parish starting on Wed., February 25th 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.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL WITH FR. CARLOS SIERRA TOBON SEPT 27 – OCT 9, 2026 13 DAYS \$5,190.00

(Toronto Departure including all taxes & tips)

Brochures with additional information are available at the entrance of our church.

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For information and registrations call:

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MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday January 25 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
 9:00 am †Girolama Cangemi, †Giovanni Cortese, †Salvatore & Maria Agnese, †Giuseppina Testa, †Deceased Members of the Abbattista Family, †Ignacio Saladino
 10:30 am †Mario Restante, †Deceased Members of the Saluzinho, Valdemir & Pinto Families, †Nora Laguna, †Lorna Laguna, †Carla Chiulli, Souls in Purgatory
 12:00 pm †Simon Okoroji, †Edward Thurainayagam, Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie
 7:00 pm †Joseph Nguyen Van Thien, †Creszenzo Sirizzotti, †Agostina Sirizzotti, †Derek Binik
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday January 26 Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops

9:30 am †Conchita Guemo, †Salvatore Lavecchia, †Maria Villani

Tuesday January 27 Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder

9:30 am †Ann Zamida, †Silvia Cintia Joanes, †Abrehet Gebremedhin, Special Blessing for the Gebremedhin Family

Wednesday January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:30 am †Joseph Valador, †Louis Peters, †Helen McErlain
 7:00 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass (English & Italian): Giuseppina Testa

Thursday January 29 Weekday

9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Maria & Nicola Micelotta, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanda Lijoi, Special Birthday Blessings for Stefania

7:00 pm 1-Year Memorial Mass (English): Maria Tenuta

Friday January 30 Weekday

9:30 am †Irma Castillo

Saturday January 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest

9:30 am †Doug Hilmer, †Rosalina & Manuel Pastore, †Mildred Ventura, †Daniel Yurchesyn
 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
 4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm †Ann Zamida, †Domenico Corrado, †Margaret McGee, †Luka Markotic, Special Blessing for Janice Jucke

Sunday February 1 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
 9:00 am †Pina Locicero, †Giuseppina Testa
 10:30 am †John & Helen McErlain, †Gina Bafundi, †Luigi Ferraro, Special Blessings for Tony Pinto's 80th Birthday,
 12:00 pm †Giovanni Martino, Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie
 1:30 pm Igbo Mass
 7:00 pm †Nicola Biancofiore
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

LEARN:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

2. follow this registration link:

<https://qrco.de/WedFeb7>

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