



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"

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

Jesus is presented as the new Adam who, unlike the first, resists temptation. But he is also the representative of the new Israel who, unlike the people of God during their forty-year journey through the desert, radically places their lives in God's hands—while the people consistently refused to be led by God. Each of the three attempts at seduction is about trust in God. It says in Deuteronomy (6:4): "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." This means demanding that God be the only one loved by Israel, the only one to be trusted. This also means renouncing one's own power, "becoming like God" (Gen 3:5).

I DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA (ANNO A)

Gesù viene presentato come il nuovo Adamo che, contrariamente al primo, resiste alla tentazione. Ma egli è anche il rappresentante del nuovo Israele che, contrariamente al popolo di Dio durante la traversata del deserto che durò quarant'anni, rimette radicalmente la sua vita nelle mani di Dio - mentre il popolo regolarmente rifiutava di essere condotto da Dio. In ognuno dei tre tentativi di seduzione, si tratta della fiducia in Dio. Si dice, nel Deuteronomio (Dt 6,4): "Ascolta, Israele: Il Signore è il nostro Dio, il Signore è uno solo. Tu amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il cuore, con tutta l'anima e con tutte le forze". Significa esigere che Dio sia il solo ad essere amato da Israele, il solo di cui fidarsi. Ciò significa anche rinunciare alla propria potenza, a "diventare come Dio" (Gen 3,5). <https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20260222.html>

MARY'S VICTORY PLAN FOR LENT

This year we need to go to Mary and ask her to tell her Son that you have no wine of true contrition, no wine of penance and fasting, no wine of prayer and contemplation, no wine of merciful deeds. And then she will obtain for you the insight to settle on your resolutions in all of these areas, and to keep those resolutions. She will see to it that your vessels are filled to the brim with penance, prayer, and mercy. Mary always has an unbroken vessel to fill with new, unbroken resolve! She is a loving mother who wants no one to be left out of the celebration of Easter for lack of preparation. She is the perfect friend and hostess; she wants no one to be ashamed or embarrassed at her Son's victory parade! <https://www.catholic.com/magazine>

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$6,269.00. We are sincerely grateful to our parishioners for your continued generosity and support of our parish. Pre-Authorized Giving is also available. If you would like to donate through this convenient method, please contact the parish office for more information.

2025 DONATION TAX RECEIPT

2025 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive your tax receipt in the mail on or before Monday, February 23rd.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass will be celebrated during the weekdays at 9:30 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

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

THE MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION FOR 2026

This book includes meditations on the Way of the Cross and a Lenten Penance service. It's a great spiritual resource to prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Copies can be picked up after each Mass for a donation of \$5.00 each.

PRAYER LIFE WORKSHOP

Please join a Prayer and Life Workshop (PLW) at our church starting on Wed., February 25th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The workshop consists of 15 sessions, one session per week, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The cost of the materials is \$20.00. To register or for more information, please contact Ana Orellana at: aorellan55@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, Fr. Joseph Rodrigues

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.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us for coffee this Sunday, February 22nd, following the Masses at 7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 noon. All are welcome. Thank you to the Catholic Women's for hosting this event and to everyone for their donation of baked goods to share with the parish community.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

February 21|22 March 28|29 April 25|26

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parish members who generously support the Good Shepherd Casserole Program. If you would like to become part of this meaningful ministry, please contact the parish office at 416-247-0513 for more information.

PASSION PLAY 2026: CALL FOR CAST

All youth are *strongly encouraged* to participate. We are looking for additional actors to join this powerful and faith-filled production.

Be part of this meaningful and prayerful experience as we bring the story of Christ's Passion to life. Whether you have experience on stage or are trying something new, we welcome you to share your gifts and talents.



How to Join: Simply open your phone camera and scan the QR code below to access the easy sign-up form. If you experience any difficulty with the QR code, please contact Victoria Marcoccia Vercillo for more information at: vic.marcoccia@gmail.com

Rehearsals will take place every Sunday. This Sunday's rehearsal will be held at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall.



Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOUL

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:
Vincenzo Vardaro & Gloria Sanchez Urrea

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Do you have a deep love for the Eucharist? Share that love by serving our parish community as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Transfiguration of Our Lord Church is seeking committed parishioners to assist in the reverent distribution of Holy Communion at Mass.

If you would like more information or feel called to serve, please contact the parish office at 416-247-0513. Ministers are commissioned by the Pastor and will participate in a brief training session.

SHARELIFE

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone. **The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22nd** and the suggested parish campaign goal for our church this year is \$89,500.00.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY, MONTREAL

2 DAYS: Wed. March 18th to Thurs. March 19th, 2026

Join a 2-day pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal in honour of St. Joseph's Feast Day. St. Joseph's Oratory is a breathtaking landmark that blends spiritual serenity with architectural grandeur.

Just \$359.00 Per Person for Double Occupancy, \$345.00 Per Person for Triple Occupancy and \$430.00 for Single Occupancy.

TOUR COST INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, visit to St. Joseph's Oratory upon arrival in Montreal, buffet dinner at The Jade Restaurant, overnight stay at the Travelodge Hotel, continental breakfast at the Travelodge, Mass at St. Joseph's Oratory on Feast Day of St. Joseph, 'Farewell' buffet dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant in Kingston. All taxes and meal tips included. Come join us on this lovely 2-day excursion!

Please contact Josie Panin at 416-453-3618 for further information and book your seat.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday February 22 First Sunday of Lent

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 9:00 am †Girolama Cangemi, †Giuseppina Testa, †Silvio Boin, †Deceased members of the Chimienti family, †Domenica Morello & deceased family members
- 10:30 am †Fiore Camicata, †Yanush Chura, †Ben Leonetti, †Giovanni Mazzanti, †Gabriele & Yolanda Di Tommaso, Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00 pm †John Colosimo & deceased family members, †Ciriaco Grieco, †Lina & Rosario Colosimo, †Ann Zamida, †Vincenzo Vardaro, A Thanksgiving Mass for Heidi Cabilan, Karen & Carlyle Laurie
- 7:00 pm †Artur Tavares, †David Gorman, A Thanksgiving Mass in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday February 23 Lenten Weekday/St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

- 9:30 am †Deceased members of the Fioroni & Bazzoli families, †Deceased members of the Di Leo & Siconolfi families

Tuesday February 24 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am †Domenico Cosentino, †Angelo & Liliana Franceschetti, †Deceased members of the Miele & Minechello families, †Abrehet, Special Blessings for the Ghebreyohannes family

Wednesday February 25 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am †Ines Granda, †Deceased members of the Tacbad Family, †Maria & Nicola Pulsoni, †Patricia Fernandes, †Deceased members of the Defondi Family,

Thursday February 26 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Alessandro De Zorzi, †George & Barbara Lazarus, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanda Lijoi

Friday February 27 Lenten Weekday/St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and doctor of the Church

- 9:30 am †Basilisa Pangan, †Deceased members of the Devellis and Siconolfi families, Thanksgiving Mass for the Misquitta Family
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Bilingual); followed by meditation

Saturday February 28 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am †Rosalina Fernandes, †John & Maria Fernandes
- 11:00 am Mass: First Communion Program
- 2:00 pm Baptism
- 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
- 4:30 pm Confessions
- 5:30 pm †Joseph Valador, †Irma Castillo

Sunday March 1 Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 9:00 am †Pina Locicero, †Vittoria Mazzuca, †Antonio Bombardieri, †Domenica & Francesco Morello, †Ndrek Dema, †Antonio De Persis
- 10:30 am †Anthony, Yvonne & Gideon de Sousa and deceased family members, Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00 pm †Rosario & Caterina Notaro, †Carmelo Notaro, †Melita Dulce, †Diana Virdiramo, Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie
- 1:30 pm Igbo Mass
- 7:00 pm †Nicola Biancofiore, †Christopher Binik
- 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL WITH FR. CARLOS SIERRA TOBON

SEPT 27 to 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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