



## 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

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*"Please remember us in your will"*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

This passage, in chapter 11 of the Gospel of John and which it does a great deal of good to read, is a hymn to life, and it is proclaimed when Easter is near. Perhaps we too in this moment carry in our heart some burden or some suffering, that seems to crush us; something bad, some old sin we cannot bring out, some youthful mistake, you never know. These bad things need to come out. And Jesus says, "Come out!". So, it is the moment to take away the stone and to go out towards Jesus, who is close.

### V DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA (ANNO A)

Questo brano del capitolo 11 del Vangelo di Giovanni, che fa tanto bene leggere, è un inno alla vita, e lo si proclama quando la Pasqua è vicina. Forse anche noi in questo momento portiamo nel cuore qualche peso o qualche sofferenza, che sembrano schiacciarsi; qualche cosa brutta, qualche peccato vecchio che non riusciamo a tirare fuori, qualche errore di gioventù, non si sa mai. Queste cose brutte devono uscire. E Gesù dice: "Vieni fuori!". Allora è il momento di togliere la pietra e di uscire incontro a Gesù, che è vicino. <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/angelus>

### MARY'S ROLE IN THE RESURRECTION

Fulfillment of the Annunciation: The Resurrection is seen as the culmination of Mary's mission that began at the Annunciation. Having brought the Redeemer into the world through her "yes," she shared in his resurrection joy. The "New Eve": As the first to believe, Mary is seen as the New Eve, whose steadfast faith reversed the disobedience of the first Eve. Hope for All: Mary's steadfast faith on Holy Saturday, while others were in fear, makes her an image of the Church's hope in the resurrection. The Assumption as Participation in the Resurrection. Body and Soul: The Immaculate Virgin, having finished her life, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory. The Assumption is viewed as a unique participation in her Son's Resurrection, offering an anticipation of the resurrection promised to all Christians.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=the+virgin+mary+and+the+resurrection>

### PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

**Flavia Galati, Gift Ilekuoba,  
Jose Valinhas, Francesca Collini**



Prayer Requests

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us for coffee this Sunday, following the Masses at 7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 noon. All are welcome in the Parish Hall. 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.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$5,564.40. 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.



### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

Please join us every Friday at 7:00 pm throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our church followed by spiritual meditation.

### PARISH DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Join us on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome to come and experience God's mercy.



## HOLY WEEK

### HOLY THURSDAY

#### MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD: April 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 pm (English & Italian)

Followed by adoration until midnight  
(No Morning Mass)

#### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: April 3<sup>rd</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 Passion Play

No Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### HOLY SATURDAY: April 4<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows)

11:00 am Marian Meditation

11:30 am Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Solemn Mass Celebration of Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY: April 5<sup>th</sup>

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

12 Noon (English) / 7:00 pm (English)

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

### 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., Ivy D'Souza, Luca, Naz, Bert, Margaret Ramjattan, Mary Sue Snow, Angelina Vumbaca, Fr. Joseph Rodrigues

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus' Youth Group, The Squires, will be selling their handmade wooden crosses at the vestibule after all Sunday morning Masses on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>. Each cross has been carefully stained and painted and will be available for \$20.00 each. All proceeds will go toward supporting the Squires as they prepare to attend their convention in June. Thank you for your support!

### ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place this weekend on March 22. 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976—an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage.

Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen.

Our goal this year is \$89,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### ANNUAL MASS FOR SR. CARMELINA TARANTINO

The Annual Mass for Sr. Carmelina Tarantino will be celebrated on Friday, March 20, 2026 at 7:30 pm at St. Margaret Mary Church, 8500 Islington Ave., Woodbridge. Telephone: 905.851.2661

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer as we remember Sr. Carmelina and give thanks for her life and service.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL is holding a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30 am Mass. The guest speaker will be Sr. Kristine Fernandes from the Sisters of St. Joseph. She will speak about the Mustard Seeds Program run as part of the Fontbonne Ministries in the South Riverdale/Riverside area of Toronto. They offer safe inclusive space for vulnerable adults seeking community, healing and empowerment. Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments & to learn about their work. All are welcome.

### GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

March 28|29 April 25|26 May 30|31

Thank you 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.

### THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), jackets, hats, t-shirts, 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

##### Sunday March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am †Mario Panin & deceased family members, †Giuseppina Battaglia, †Francesco Chiara, †Dante Crispino, †Enrico Di Lisi  
10:30 am †Hugo Raimundo & deceased family members, †Laura Nervo, †Jose Henriques, †Leena & Victor Mendoca, Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 pm †Anton & Ema Jakovac & deceased family members, †Ralph Carpino, †Santina & Silvio Covelli, †Francesca Collini, A Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie  
7:00 pm †Jose Hasbun & deceased family members, †All Souls especially F.O.S.S. Members, †Angelo & Costantina Palozzi, †Nina Pacaten Special Blessings for Jadwiga Zajac & Family  
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

##### Monday March 23 Lenten Weekday/St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

- 9:30 am For healing the family tree of Drazem Kelava, Birthday Blessings for Denver & The D'Sylva Family in Australia, For Protection and Special Blessing for Jesse Murphy

##### Tuesday March 24 Lenten Weekday/Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop, Martyr

- 9:30 am †Domenico Cosentino, †Basila Rosemon, †Maria & Giovanni Minicucci, Special Blessings for Teresa & Helena Kim  
7:00 pm Parish Lenten Day of Confessions

##### Wednesday March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

- 9:30 am †Nadia Rosemon, Special Blessings for Mariana & Paulina Kim, For the Intentions of Diane Hicks  
10:15 am Mass at Dante Alighieri  
7:00 pm 1-Year Memorial Mass (English): Laura Longo

##### Thursday March 26 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Antonio Pietroniro, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanda Lijoi, Dennis Kwon & Christina Kwon

##### Friday March 27 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am †Maria & Giovanni Minicucci, †Special Birthday Blessing for Lidia Mydlak  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Bilingual); followed by meditation

##### Saturday March 28 Lenten Weekday

- 9:30 am †Deceased Members of the St. Helen family, †Mate Granic  
2:00 pm Baptism for the RCIC Candidates  
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland  
4:30 pm Confessions  
5:30 pm †Joseph Valador, †Silvano Bertola, In Thanksgiving from Cynthia Perez, For the Health of Shirley & Wilfred De Souza

##### Sunday March 29 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am †Salvatore & Divina Muto, †Francesca Giuseppina Muto, †Anna & Antonio Virdo, †Francesco Giannone, †Guido Pasquali  
10:30 am †Girolama Cangemi, †Macario & Teresa Raimundo, †Mary Carnevale, †Leena & Victor Mendonca, Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 pm †John Colocimo & deceased family members, †Ciriaco Grieco, †Lina & Rosario Colosimo, A Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie (L)  
7:00 pm †Leonila Maglian, †Frank Lippa, †Bogdan Zajac  
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

### MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL

#### WITH FR. CARLOS SIERRA TOBON

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