



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"

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman revolves around the theme of "living water." This water is essential to life, and it is not surprising that, in the drought-ridden regions of the Middle East, it is simply the symbol of life and, more generally, of human salvation. This life, this salvation, can only be received by opening oneself to receive God's gift. This is the conviction of ancient Israel as well as of the young Christian community. And the author of the Psalms speaks to his God thus: "With you is the fountain of life" (Ps 36:10). This is his profession of faith: "As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God" (Ps 42:2). The salvation that God brings is expressed with the image of the spring that springs up beneath the entrance to the temple and becomes a great river that transforms the Judean desert into a garden and makes the Dead Sea a sea of life (Ezek 47:1-12).

III DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA (ANNO A)

La conversazione di Gesù con la Samaritana si svolge sul tema dell' "acqua viva". Quest'acqua è indispensabile alla vita, e non è sorprendente che, nelle regioni del Medio Oriente dove regna la siccità, essa sia semplicemente il simbolo della vita e, anche, della salvezza dell'uomo in un senso più generale. Questa vita, questa salvezza, si possono ricevere solo aprendosi per accogliere il dono di Dio. È questa la convinzione dell'antico Israele come della giovane comunità cristiana. E l'autore dei Salmi parla così al suo Dio: "È in te la sorgente della vita" (Sal 036,10). Ecco la sua professione di fede: "Come la cerva anela ai corsi d'acqua, così l'anima mia anela a te, o Dio" (Sal 042,2). La salvezza che Dio porta viene espressa con l'immagine della sorgente che zampilla sotto l'entrata del tempio e diventa un grande fiume che trasforma in giardino il deserto della Giudea e fa del mar Morto un mare pieno di vita (Ez 47,1-12). <https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20260308.html>

MARY AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Mary, the mother of Jesus, teaches us humble obedience. The Samaritan Woman shows us that Jesus's grace is transformative. The Samaritan woman's journey from outcast to deeply involved in the ministry illustrates Jesus' ability to transform. Through her eyes, Jesus teaches us that Jesus meets us exactly where we are, regardless of our past. Jesus knows our deepest secrets and our greatest hurts, yet He extends an offer of grace and transformation. Secondly, her story demonstrates that a personal encounter with Jesus compels us to share Him with others. Her zeal and courage can encourage women today to be bold witnesses for Christ in their own communities, even in the face of shame or social stigma. <https://www.familychristian.com/faith>

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$6,520.00. 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.



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 LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Join us on Tuesday, March 24th 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 2nd

7:30 pm (English & Italian)

Followed by adoration until midnight
(No Morning Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: April 3rd

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 4th

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: March 31st

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

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

CHAPEL HOURS

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

PASSION PLAY

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who have signed up to take part in this year's Passion Play on Good Friday. Your willingness to share your time and talents helps bring this powerful and prayerful tradition to life for our entire parish community. We are truly grateful for your enthusiasm and commitment.

We look forward to gathering for our rehearsal this Sunday at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

We are excited to journey with you as we prepare to reflect on and share the story at the heart of our faith.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH



St. Joseph, the beloved foster-father and guardian of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family, is celebrated the whole month of March. All are invited to attend a Solemn Mass for St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19th at 9:30 am (English) and 7:00 pm (English & Italian).

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will be hosting Mary's Way of the Cross on Saturday, March 21st (after the 9:30 am Mass). All are invited to attend. Refreshments and a general meeting are to follow in the Parish Hall.

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

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.

SHARELIFE

Many of our brothers and sisters are struggling in silence. Because of your support of ShareLife, Tyler didn't face his hardships alone. When he first came to counselling at a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, he was withdrawn and guarded—reluctant to open up. But slowly, with support, he began to share the weight he carried: the trauma of losing his father to a drug overdose and the pain of repeated loss in his family life.

Over time, Tyler found the courage to face his story, make sense of his struggles, and take steps toward healing. Today, he says counselling has become something he looks forward to—even when it's hard—because it's helping him grow. Through ShareLife, you help people in our community access mental health services. You offer healing to those who feel forgotten and hope to those who are hurting. **The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22nd.** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday March 8 Third Sunday of Lent

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Domenica Morello, †Libero Boroni and deceased family members, †Vincenza Valenza, Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am †Josephine Laporte, †Bernadette Coleman, †Joseph Sebastiano, Special Blessings for Dorian & Susie Cimicata and family
12:00 pm †Francesco & Domenico D'Urzo, †Carlo D'Angelo, †Mario Bellisario, †Vera Bellisario, †Vito Manchisi, A Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie,
7:00 pm †Eric Patrao, †Fr. Roman Hoppe, A Special Blessing for Anna Blanco, A Special Healing for Karina Buttista
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday March 9 Lenten Weekday/Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

9:30 am †Janina Chmielewska, A Special Intention of Teresa Silva, A Special Healing for Ivan Raic

Tuesday March 10 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Carmen & Vincent Micallef, A Special Healing for Joao Rego
10:30 am Confessions in Church: Transfiguration of Our Lord School

Wednesday March 11 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Raphael Fenandes, For healing the family tree: Drazem Kelava
10:30 am Confessions at Dante Alighieri School
7:00 pm Memorial Mass (English): Maria D'Angelo & Carlo D'Angelo

Thursday March 12 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Edward Thurainayagam, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanda Lijoi
10:30 am Confessions at St. Maurice School

Friday March 13 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Antonio Pietroniro, All Souls especially the F.O.S.S. Members
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Bilingual); followed by meditation

Saturday March 14 Lenten Weekday

9:30 am †Mila Barberi
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm †Giovanni Pulsinelli and deceased family members

Sunday March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Rosaria & Nunzio Di Millo, Deceased Members of the Fantini Family, Special Blessing for Domenica Fantini
10:30 am †Norman & Carmen Viegas, †Angelina & Federico Vumbaca, †Rosario Sia, Souls in Purgatory
12:00 pm †Maria & Natale D'Urzo, †Luigi & Elena Tarantino, †Adamo & Vincenza Fata, †Manuel Pereira, Karen & Carlyle Laurie (L)
1:30 pm Igbo Mass
7:00 pm †Vittorio & Anna Bianchi, Special Blessings for Victorio, Maria Arcuri & family
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

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