



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"

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

The Gospel from this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear from Jesus the words that sum up the meaning of his mission: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). That is what a good shepherd does: he gives his life for his sheep. Jesus, like a shepherd who goes in search of his flock, came to find us when we were lost. Like a shepherd, he came to snatch us from death. Like a shepherd who knows each of his sheep and loves them with infinite tenderness, he brought us back to the Father's fold and made us his children.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents>

IV DOMENICA DI PASQUA (ANNO A)

Nel Vangelo di questa Quarta Domenica di Pasqua, ascoltiamo le parole di Gesù che riassumono il significato della sua missione: «Io sono venuto perché abbiano la vita e l'abbiano in abbondanza» (Gv 10,10). Questo è ciò che fa un buon pastore: dà la sua vita per le sue pecore. Gesù, come un pastore che va in cerca del suo gregge, è venuto a trovarci quando eravamo smarriti. Come un pastore, è venuto a strapparci dalla morte. Come un pastore che conosce ciascuna delle sue pecore e le ama con infinita tenerezza, ci ha ricondotti all'ovile del Padre e ci ha resi suoi figli.

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In the year 1703, Br. Isidore of Sevilla, a great popular preacher, was inspired to be accompanied in his mission by a banner with a particular representation of the Virgin Mary: dressed with the humble clothes of a shepherdess, sitting on a rock, under a tree, wearing an ordinary wide-brimmed hat (sombbrero), and with some lambs portrayed around her. Certainly, this image was in stark contrast to numerous exuberant images of the Virgin used at the time, represented with very sumptuous costumes, splendid crowns and imposing thrones. The Capuchin preacher could sense that the simplicity of the Mother of God, so close to all of her children—and especially her concern for the estranged sheep. As a matter of fact, the aforementioned indeed took place and the devotion to the "Shepherdess of souls", which popularly became known as the "Divine Shepherdess", expanded rapidly with the creation of many groups of the faithful linked to her throughout Spain.

<https://www.capuchins.ca/wp-content>

PRE AUTHORIZED GIVING

The donated amount to our parish through the P.A.G for April is \$2,093.54. Thank you to the parishioners enrolled in this program. If you would like to donate through this convenient method, please contact the parish office for more information.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$6,254.00. We are sincerely grateful to our parishioners for the continued generosity and support of our parish.

NEW CHAPEL ACCESS SYSTEM

On Wednesday, April 22nd, the chapel's door access system was upgraded. Please note that the old entry code will no longer work. To obtain the new access details, kindly stop by the Parish office to fill in a "Chapel Access form". Door access will be granted in 48 hours. We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for the inconvenience.

WEDDING BANN



THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:
Samantha Davad-Daniel & Eduardo Gonzalez

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

REHEARSALS:

Tuesday, April 28th at 6:45 pm

Tuesday, May 5th at 6:45 pm

CEREMONIES:

Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00 am

Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 am

COFFEE SUNDAY: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF COUNSEL

Sunday, April 26th is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel the Patroness of the Catholic Women's League. The CWL will host Coffee Sunday following all the morning Masses: 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:00 noon. The CWL invites you to join them for cake & coffee to celebrate this Feast of Our Lady. All are welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

April 25|26 May 30|31 June 27|28

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.

MANDATORY MEETING NOTICE

There will be a mandatory meeting on Saturday, May 30th at 10:30 am in our Parish Hall for all those who bring Holy Communion to the sick at home using a pyx. The meeting will be led by Fr. Carlos and Fr. Sami. **Attendance is required.** Please bring your pyx. Thank you for your commitment to this important ministry.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Eileen Rademacher, Antonio Reda,
Antonietta Bertola



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, Nevaeh, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Alba Micelli, Naz, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Ann, Feliciano Ventura Jr., Luca Ivy D'Souza, Margaret Ramjattan, Sandra Rodrigues, Fr. Joseph Rodrigues, Mary Sue Snow, Angelina Vumbaca

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – APRIL 26, 2026

This Sunday, April 26th, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, a special day dedicated to praying for our priests and for vocations to the priesthood. As Christ is the Good Shepherd who guides and cares for His flock, we give thanks for the faithful service and leadership of our priests who shepherd our parish community.

We invite all parishioners to keep our priests in your prayers in a special way this week. May God continue to bless them with strength, wisdom, and joy in their ministry, and may He inspire more men to respond generously to His call to serve.

SHARELIFE: APRIL 26 | MAY 31

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families. ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

Thus far we have raised \$21,381.00 toward our goal of \$89,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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.

THE MICHAEL POWER-ST. JOSEPH CLASS OF 1976

The Michael Power-St. Joseph High School (MPSJ) graduating class of 1976 is happy to announce its 50th Anniversary Reunion Celebration taking place on Thursday evening, June 11th at Markland Wood Golf Club in Etobicoke. If you or a family member or someone you know graduated from MPSJ in 1976 please invite them to register for the reunion at mpsjclassof76.com, where ticket and menu information can be found.

FILIPINO CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP DINNER & DANCE

Join us for our 3rd Annual Filipino Canadian Friendship Dinner and Dance on Saturday, June 13th at 7:00 PM in the parish hall!

Enjoy an evening of fellowship and camaraderie while savoring a delicious selection of authentic Filipino and Canadian dishes. The night will also feature exciting door prizes, a raffle draw, and a

cash bar. Tickets: \$40.00 per person and will be available soon from the parish office.

Come celebrate with us - we look forward to sharing a fun and memorable evening together!



MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday April 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Nella Tonelotto, †Isabel Tomassi, All Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am †Choezom, †Lawrence Fernandes, For the intentions of the Catholic Women's League
12:00 pm †Lina & Rozario Colosimo, †Adamo & Vincenzina Fata, Albert Debono & deceased members of the Perfetti & Debono families, †Michelina & Nicola Sebastia, †Cesarino Perri, †Antonio Reda, †Rosa DeFrancesco, †Antonietta Bertola
7:00 pm †Ivan Lazor
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday April 27 Easter Weekday

- 9:30 am †Franz Velez, †Bert Vanderwyst, †Maria Christina Cirillo, †Maria Catena Cirillo, Spec. Birthday Blessing: Donna Antoine

Tuesday April 28 Easter Weekday/St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

- 9:30 am †Joseph Valador, †Pacífico & Rosario Abilay, Special Blessings: Albina & Amanda Lijoi
6:45 pm First Communion Practice

Wednesday April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of Church

- 9:30 am †Ciriaco Grieco, †Domenico Prestinaci, Special Intention of Thuy Vu & family, Special Blessings for Chiara

Thursday April 30 Easter Weekday/Saint Pius V, Pope

- 9:30 am †Irma Castillo, †Helen & John McErlain, †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Patricia Gieshe, †Robert Slark

Friday May 1 Easter Weekday/Saint Joseph the Worker

- 9:30 am †Mira Shmakov, †Margherita Virtudes Bartolini, †Yuriy and deceased family members, Spec. Blessing of St. Joseph for Kovbel, Spec. Blessing for Mary, Chorniy & family

Saturday May 2 Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 9:30 am †Kim Dong Min Yosef
11:00 am First Communion Ceremony
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm †Artur Tavares & all living & deceased family members, †Francesco Gabriele, †Dorin Arulnesarajah

Sunday May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Rosalia Carnovale
10:30 am †Carmen Falzon, †Maria Rosaria Galle, †Philomena Mascarenas, †Sudesh Rodrigues, Special Blessings for Angelo, Marsha, Maureen & John Dias and family
12:00 pm †Deceased Members of the Birko & Kustec families, †Alexis Vecasquez, Special Birthday Blessing for Michael Tomczak
1:30 pm Igbo Mass
7:00 pm †Nicola Biancofiore, †Constancia Bugay
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Join the Toronto Chapter for the 52nd Magnificat breakfast. Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry. Priests will also be available for those women who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confession.

Saturday May 30th at 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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