



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"

XV SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

The Gospel presents us the parable of the sower (cf. Mt 13:1-23). "Sowing" is a very beautiful image, and Jesus uses it to describe the gift of his Word. Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it. So, if the Word is the seed, we are the soil: we can receive it or not. But Jesus, the "good sower", does not tire of sowing it generously. He knows our terrain, he knows that the stones of our inconstancy and the thorns of our vices (cf. vv. 21-22) can suffocate the Word, yet he hopes, he always hopes that we can bear abundant fruit.

MARY AND THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

St. Ephrem the Syrian (c. 306–373): often describes Mary as the "Good Earth" who received the divine seed of the Word, paralleling the parable. St. Ambrose (c. 340–397): frequently describes Mary as the "earth" from which Christ, the grain of wheat, sprang. St. Augustine (354–430): In his Marian theology strongly supports the idea that she is the most perfect recipient of the Word. St. John Damascene (c. 675–749) describes the Virgin Mary as "good soil," drawing on the biblical imagery of the Parable of the Sower. He presents her as the fertile ground that received the divine seed of the Word and bore fruit abundantly. "Rejoice, you that are full of grace, the Lord is with you! You are the paradise of the second Adam, the soil that bore the ear of wheat that never withers." This reflects his view that Mary, as the immaculate and receptive ground, was prepared by God to bring forth Christ, the "fruit of life."

<https://schoolofmary.org/mary-and-the-parable-of-the-sower/>

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL: JULY 4TH/5TH

Last week, we welcomed Fr. John Ngbapia Bakiri from the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio, South Sudan, who shared the needs of his Diocese, particularly support for women affected by war and scholarships for seminarians preparing for the priesthood. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, the Mission Co-op envelopes are available at the church entrance. Thank you for your generous support and prayers.

SHARELIFE

We have raised a new total of \$69,926.15 towards our goal of \$89,500.00 for our **ShareLife Campaign**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$6,266.37. We are sincerely grateful to our parishioners for the 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.

2026 - 2027 SACRAMENTS

For those students eligible to receive their First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2027, please contact the parish office to receive the registration form.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catechist team, please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment for an interview with our pastor.

**ROSARY**

All are welcome to join us in praying the Holy Rosary in our church from Monday to Saturday at 8:45 am.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is the process through which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church and prepared to receive the sacraments.

Registration is now open for the 2026 - 2027 program. For more information or to arrange an interview with the pastor, please contact the parish office at 416-247-0513.

BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLMENT CEREMONY

The Enrolment Ceremony for the Brown Scapular will take place on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Thursday, July 16th, following the 9:30 am Mass in our church. All parishioners who have not yet been enrolled in the Brown Scapular are warmly invited to attend. Brown Scapulars will be blessed and distributed during the ceremony. We encourage all interested parishioners to join us for this special devotion.

**WEDDING BANN****THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:**

Hennie Tan & Jonathan Pinto

"So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

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THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed items for the Good Shepherd Centre are individually packaged snacks, juices, bottled water, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, men's new underwear, socks, jeans, Advil, Ensure/Boost, art supplies, blank notebooks. Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.

CELEBRATING FR. CARLOS' 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD: SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

Please join us for a special evening as we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Priesthood of Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon and give thanks for his many years of faithful service and dedicated ministry. The celebration will feature a delicious Italian dinner with complimentary red wine (one bottle per table). Doors open at 6:30 pm, following the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass on August 15th. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Seating is limited, so be sure to purchase your tickets early through the church office. We look forward to celebrating this joyful milestone with our parish community!

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

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 pm. Cemetery location and celebrants for this year's Annual Mass are as follows:

<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>
Assumption, Mississauga	Most Rev. John Corriveau
Holy Cross, Thornhill	His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge	Most Ivan Camilleri

PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTER

Parishioners who require a pastoral reference letter may submit a request through the parish office. Reference letters are issued at the discretion of the pastor and are available to parishioners who are personally known to him.

To be eligible, applicants must be active members of the parish, regularly attend Mass, and participate in the life of the parish community. Please note that reference letters cannot be provided for individuals who are not known to the pastor or who do not regularly participate in parish life.

XV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO A)

Oggi il Vangelo ci presenta la parabola del seminatore (cfr Mt 13,1-23). Quella della "semina" è un'immagine molto bella, e Gesù la usa per descrivere il dono della sua Parola. Immaginiamo un seme: è piccolo, quasi non si vede, ma fa crescere piante che portano frutti. La Parola di Dio è così; pensiamo al Vangelo, un piccolo libro, semplice e alla portata di tutti, che produce vita nuova in chi lo accoglie. Dunque, se la Parola è il seme, noi siamo il terreno: possiamo riceverla oppure no. Però Gesù, "buon seminatore", non si stanca di seminarla con generosità. Conosce il nostro terreno, sa che i sassi della nostra incostanza e le spine dei nostri vizi (cfr vv. 21-22) possono soffocare la Parola, eppure spera, spera sempre che noi possiamo portare frutto abbondante.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/>



MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday July 12 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Angelo & Rose Patania, †Donato & Giuseppe Di Giovanni, †Vittorio Santino, †Vito DeCaria, †Lucia & Andrea Mongelli
10:30 am †Josephine Laporte, †Edward Coleman, †Deceased members of Galle & Tassone Families, Special Blessings Zara, Mila George Pinto & Family
12:00 pm †Edward Thurainayagam, †Domenico & Francesco D'Urzo, †Angela & Ida D'Ambrosi, †Vito DeCaria
7:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory

Monday July 13 Weekday/Saint Henry

9:30 am Special Birthday Blessing for Siena Castillo, Special Blessings for Denver & D'Sylva Family in Australia

Tuesday July 14 Weekday

9:30 am †Manietta Bombardieri, †Fr. Franco Ierardi, †Zofia Grzybowska, Albina and Amanda Lijoi (L)

Wednesday July 15 Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of Church

9:30 am †Carmen & Vincent Micallef, †Idamane Jean Baptiste, †Mario Panin, Special Blessings for Ghebreyohannes Family

Thursday July 16 Weekday/Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:30 am †Oksana Bilak, †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Domenico Manco, †Claudio Loprevite & deceased family members,
5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal: Julia Favretto & Michael Pimentel

Friday July 17 Weekday

9:30 am †Clotilde Motta, †Mira & Edward Shmakov, †Pablo Abilay, †Rosa Ruggiero

Saturday July 18 Weekday/BVM

9:30 am Thanksgiving for Grace & Blessings Received
11:00 am Wedding: Julia Favretto & Michael Pimentel
2:00 pm Igbo Baptism
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm †Elizabeth Burgos, †Edwin Jiang

Sunday July 19 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Mannino Seca, †Martino & Angela Abbattista, †Pinuccio & Camilla Abbattista, †Maria & Pietro DiGiovanni, †Teresa & Egidio Francavilla
10:30 am †Epifania Sa & deceased family members, †Jose Henriques, †Tony Manchisi, †Souls in Purgatory, Special Blessings for Declan, Maureen, John Dias and family
12:00 pm †John Colosimo & deceased family members, †Ciriaco Grieco, †Antonietta & Francesco La Gala, †Eugenio & Carlo Borelli
1:30 pm IGBO Mass
7:00 pm †Barbara & George Lazarus, Souls in Purgatory
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF - VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE

A devastating series of earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela on June 24th. Two powerful earthquakes—a magnitude of 7.2 followed just 39 seconds later with a magnitude of 7.5 near Yumare/San Felipe in Yaracuy State, causing catastrophic damage across much of the country. The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in South America to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Donations Processing Centre – 437-529-1287
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Transfiguration of Our Lord Church – Venezuela Earthquake. The Humanitarian Relief donation envelopes are available by the entrance for the church. Thank you for your support.

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