



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"

XVI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

These Sundays the liturgy proposes several Gospel parables, that is, short stories which Jesus used to announce the Kingdom of Heaven to the crowds. Among those is that of the good grain and the weed, which deals with the problem of evil in the world and calls attention to God's patience. The story takes place in a field where the owner sows grain, but during the night his enemy comes and sows weed, a term which in Hebrew derives from the same root as the name "Satan" and which alludes to the concept of division. The servants wanted to uproot the weed immediately, but the field owner stopped them, explaining that: "in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them". Because we all know that a weed, when it grows, looks very much like good grain, and there is the risk of confusing them.

MARY & THE PARABLE OF THE WEED

While the "weeds" represent the sons of the evil one and spiritual corruption, Mary is entirely preserved from all sin (the Immaculate Conception). Model of the Wheat: In the Parable of the Sower (also in Matthew 13), the seed that falls on good soil represents those who hear the word and bear fruit. Mary is held up by the Church as the ultimate "good soil," producing an abundant spiritual harvest without being choked out by worldly weeds. Divine Patience: Mary exemplifies God's patience. Just as the farmer allows the wheat and the weeds to grow together to protect the crop, Mary shows us how to trust in God's mercy, focusing on nurturing the "good wheat" rather than obsessing over the flaws of the world.

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

SHARELIFE

ShareLife

sharelife.org/donate.

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 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Join us on Saturday, August 22, 2026, as we celebrate 50 years of bringing the hands of Christ to those in need through faith, compassion, and service. Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica will be celebrated by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto at 10:30 am.

This is a free event, but registration is required. Due to limited seating in the Cathedral, early registration is encouraged. Please RSVP by August 17th.

Registration link and event information: sharelife.org/50. For any inquiries, please contact us at SLEvent@archtoronto.org.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$10,702.00. 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.

JOIN US FOR THE HOLY ROSARY

All are invited to join us in prayer before the 9:30 am daily Mass.

- Holy Rosary: Monday to Saturday at 8:45 am
- Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows: Tuesdays at 8:45 am

Come and spend time in prayer with our parish community as we prepare our hearts for the Eucharist.

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!

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:

Cemetery

Assumption, Mississauga
Holy Cross, Thornhill
Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge

Celebrant

Most Rev. John Corriveau
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Most Ivan Camilleri

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.

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.

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.



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."

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

July 26/27 August 30/31 September 26/27

Good Shepherd serves upward of 1,000 meals each day, making it one the largest free meal program in the City of Toronto. Meal guests include seniors, people living on disability payments, people living in poverty, and homeless men and women.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the members who continue to help feed the poor and disadvantaged through their generosity and monthly service. If you are interested in becoming a part of this meaningful program, please contact our parish office at 416.247.0513.

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.

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 Cordirezzi, Mary Sue Snow, Angelina Vumbaca, Teresa Bellissimo

XVI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO A)

In queste domeniche la liturgia propone alcune *parabole* evangeliche, cioè brevi narrazioni che Gesù utilizzava per annunciare alle folle il Regno dei cieli. Tra quelle presenti nel Vangelo di oggi, ce n'è una piuttosto complessa, di cui Gesù fornisce ai discepoli la spiegazione: è quella *del buon grano e della zizzania*, che affronta il *problema del male* nel mondo e mette in risalto la *pazienza di Dio*. La scena si svolge in un campo dove il padrone semina il grano; ma una notte arriva il nemico e semina la zizzania, termine che in ebraico deriva dalla stessa radice del nome "Satana" e richiama il concetto di divisione. Tutti sappiamo che il demonio è uno "zizzaniatore", colui che cerca sempre di dividere le persone, le famiglie, le nazioni e i popoli. I servitori vorrebbero subito strappare l'erba cattiva, ma il padrone lo impedisce con questa motivazione: «Perché non succeda che, raccogliendo la zizzania, con essa sradichiate anche il grano». Perché sappiamo tutti che la zizzania, quando cresce, assomiglia tanto al grano buono, e vi è il pericolo che si confondano.

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



MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

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, †Therese Li Pak Tong, 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)

Monday July 20 Weekday/Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

9:30 am †Peter Paul Camelleri, †Roserfina Talmadge, †George Murphy

Tuesday July 21 Weekday/St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor

9:30 am Special Blessings & Healing for Albina and Amanda Lijoi

Wednesday July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene

9:30 am †Francis & Richie Logronio

Thursday July 23 Weekday/Saint Bridget, Religious

9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Matthew & Wayne Dishart, Special Blessings and Healing for Milica Bebek

Friday July 24 Weekday/Saint Sharbel Maklûf, Priest

9:30 am †Domenico Cosentino, †Mira & Edward Shmakov, †Lorenz Stachelscheid, Thanksgiving Mass in Honour of St. Charbel

Saturday July 25 Saint James, Apostle

9:30 am †Salvatore D'Egidio, Spec. Birthday Blessings: Efrebernard Dico
 2:00 pm Baptism
 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
 4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm †Francesco Bombardieri, †Giacomo Giorgio, †Chaminda Payoe, Thanksgiving Mass for all Graces & Blessings received

Sunday July 26 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
 9:00 am †Anna & Antonio Virdo, †Giuseppe & Chiara Morano, †Concetta Compagni, †Angela & Michele Sala, Souls in Purgatory
 10:30 am †Richard & Jean Talmadge, Special Blessings for Ariana & Susie Cimicata and family
 12:00 pm †Lina & Rosario Colosimo, Thxgiving Mass from DeSilva family
 7:00 pm Special Birthdy Blessings for Catena
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

RENEW TORONTO

Join us on Christ the King weekend, November 20th to 21st, for an unforgettable experience at our annual conference for young adults aged 18 to 39! This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something special for you!

Our theme this year is John 16:33: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." Come be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic vendors and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life. Don't miss out! Save your spot today.

Early bird registration ends July 31st.

For more information and to register, visit: www.renewtoronto.org.

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