



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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Mrs. Rhoda Marcoccia, **Administrative Assistant**

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"

XVII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

The brief similes proposed in today's liturgy conclude the chapter of the Gospel of Matthew dedicated to the parables of the Kingdom of God (13:44-52). Among these are two small masterpieces: the parables of the treasure hidden in the field and of the pearl of great value. They tell us that the discovery of the Kingdom of God can happen suddenly like the farmer who, ploughing, finds an unexpected treasure; or after a long search, like the pearl merchant who eventually finds the most precious pearl, so long dreamt of. Yet, in each case the point is that the treasure and the pearl are worth more than all other possessions; and therefore, when the farmer and the merchant discover them, they give up everything else in order to obtain them.

MARY THE HIDDEN TREASURE

It was through the Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus came into the world, and it is also through her that he must reign in the world. Because Mary remained hidden during her life she is called by the Holy Spirit and the Church "Alma Mater", Mother hidden and unknown. So great was her humility that she desired nothing more upon earth than to remain unknown to herself and to others, and to be known only to God. In answer to her prayers to remain hidden, poor and lowly, God was pleased to conceal her from nearly every other human creature in her conception, her birth, her life, her mysteries, her resurrection and assumption. Her own parents did not really know her; and the angels would often ask one another, "Who can she possibly be?", for God had hidden her from them, or if he did reveal anything to them, it was nothing compared with what he withheld. Mary is the supreme masterpiece of Almighty God and he has reserved the knowledge and possession of her for himself.

<https://www.basilica.ca/documents/2016/10>

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:

<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

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

It is with heartfelt gratitude and great admiration that we acknowledge your generosity and kindness. Your unwavering faith, charity, and spirit of solidarity have been truly inspiring. There are simply no words to fully express our appreciation for your support.

Thank you for your generous response to the Mission Co-op Appeal for South Sudan, the Humanitarian Relief Fund for Venezuela, and the ShareLife campaign. Your compassion has made a meaningful difference in the lives of those who are most in need.

Although we did not reach our ShareLife goal of \$89,500.00, we are grateful for every contribution and for the generosity you demonstrated throughout the campaign. Together, we came very close, and your support reflects the caring heart of our parish community. With God's grace and your continued generosity, we hope to reach and perhaps even exceed our goal next year.

May God continue to bless you, your families, and all your endeavors. Thank you for your faithful support and for being a living witness to Christ's love through your generosity.

Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon

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.

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.

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.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The donated amount from the P.A.G. for the month of July is \$2,079.00. 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 \$6,518.00. We are sincerely grateful to our parishioners for the continued generosity and support of our parish.

SHARELIFE 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Join us on Saturday, August 22nd at 10:30 am, 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. 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

July 25/26 August 29/30 September 26/27

Good Shepherd serves 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.

Thank you to all the members who help feed the poor through their generosity and monthly service. If you are interested in becoming a part of this 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, Humberto De Sousa

XVII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO A)

Le brevi similitudini proposte dall'odierna liturgia sono la conclusione del capitolo del Vangelo di Matteo dedicato alle parabole del Regno di Dio (13,44-52). Tra queste ci sono due piccoli capolavori: le parabole del tesoro nascosto nel campo e della perla di grande valore. Esse ci dicono che la scoperta del Regno di Dio può avvenire improvvisamente come per il contadino che arando, trova il tesoro insperato; oppure dopo lunga ricerca, come per il mercante di perle, che finalmente trova la perla preziosissima da tempo sognata. Ma in un caso e nell'altro resta il dato primario che il tesoro e la perla valgono più di tutti gli altri beni, e pertanto il contadino e il mercante, quando li trovano, rinunciano a tutto il resto per poterli acquistare.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/angelus/2014>



MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

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, Deceased members of the Sciberra Family, Special Blessings for Ariana & Susie Camicata and family
 12:00 pm †Lina & Rosario Colosimo, Thanksgiving Mass from DeSilva family
 7:00 pm Special Birthday Blessings for Catena
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday July 27 Weekday

9:30 am †Margherita Virtudes Bartolini, †Alex Pradan

Tuesday July 28 Weekday

9:30 am †Vito Piacente, †Joseph Valador, Special Blessings & Healing for Albina and Amanda Lijoi

Wednesday July 29 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

9:30 am †Richard Fowler, Souls in Purgatory

Thursday July 30 Weekday/St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor

9:30 am †Irma Castillo, †Gianluigi Lijoi, Special Birthday Blessings for Fr. Sami Bakhit,

Friday July 31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:30 am †Mira & Edward Shmakov, Anna & Joseph Vu, †Alfred Aseeratham

Saturday August 1 Weekday/Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

9:30 am †Ronald Sayao
 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
 4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm †Artur Tavares & living & deceased family members, †Marek Dyczkowski, †Chaminda Payoe, †Germano Sain & deceased family members

Sunday August 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
 9:00 am †Francesco Gabriele, †Giuseppe Battaglia, †Vince Genova, †Andrea Fabiano, †Lucia Mongelli
 10:30 am †Maria Ambrosi, Special Blessings for Tony & Ivete Pinto and family
 12:00 pm †Loretto Debono, †Emanuel Azzopardi, †Pietro Colatosti
 1:30 pm IGBO Mass
 7:00 pm †Nicola Biancofiore
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)



WEDDING BANN

THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:

Hennie Tan & Jonathan Pinto

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.

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! **Early bird registration ends July 31st.**

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

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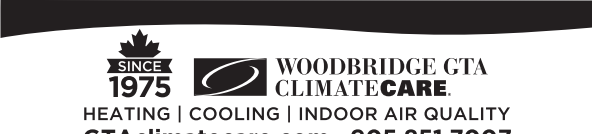
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