



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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Msgr. Fady Boktor: **Pastor of Holy Family Coptic Catholic Church**

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
St. Maurice:	45 Kingsview Blvd., Etobicoke, ON M9R 1T7	416-393-5379
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"Please remember us in your will"

XX SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

On this 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the liturgy presents us with a striking example of faith: a Canaanite woman who asks Jesus to heal her daughter, "terribly troubled by a demon." The Lord resists her insistent pleas and seems unmoved, even when the disciples themselves intercede for her, as the Evangelist Matthew recounts. Yet in the end, confronted by the perseverance and humility of this unknown woman, Jesus grants her request: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (cf. Mt 15:21-28). Jesus singles out this humble woman as an example of indomitable faith. Her witness encourages us never to lose heart and not to despair, even in the harshest trials of life.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/angelus/2005/documents>

MARY VS THE CANAANITE WOMAN

The virgin Mary and the Canaanite woman are two prominent, contrasting female figures in the New Testament Gospels. Mary is the Jewish mother of Jesus, known for her humble obedience and quiet receptivity ("Let it be to me according to your word"). The unnamed Canaanite woman is a foreign, marginalized Gentile who boldly argues and persists with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Rather than an adversarial "versus" matchup, Christian theology often views them as complementary archetypes of faith.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=virgin+mary+vs+the+canaanite+woman>

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: CANADIAN MISSIONS

This weekend, August 15th/16th, there will be a special collection in support of Canadian Missions. Your generous donations will benefit Catholic Missions in Canada and selected Dioceses in Northern Canada, helping to sustain and strengthen the Catholic faith in isolated, impoverished, and hard-to-reach mission communities across our country. Specially marked envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this important ministry.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

August 29/30 September 26/27 October 24/25

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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$5,553.75. 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.



WEDDING BANN

THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:

Vanessa Astarita & Christopher Goncalves

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

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian of Adults is the way that a non-baptized person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. It provides the ritual actions for all the stages of initiation, as well as guides those who might not participate in the full Rite, but who are not yet in full Communion with the Church.

If you know of anyone or if you are interested in becoming a Catholic, we are currently accepting enrollment for our 2026 - 2027 RCIA program. Please contact the Parish Office at 416.247.0513 for an appointment pertaining to an interview with our pastor.

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. **Registration will only be open until Friday, October 30, 2026. Late registration will not be accepted.**

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, 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, Humberto De Sousa, Onelia Girardo, Patrick Swan, Linda Plejic

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.



SHARELIFE

We have raised a new total of \$71,628.65 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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join the Knights of Columbus, Humber Valley Council #3945, for their Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at Cardinal Golf Club, 2740 Davis Drive West, King, ON L7B 0G7.

Registration Fee: \$150 per golfer.

Please register and send your e-transfer by August 31, 2026.

E-Transfer: Humber Valley. Email: kofcfs3945@gmail.com

Kindly include your name or the names of your foursome with your e-transfer. To register or for more information, contact: Rocky Gualtieri 416-799-686 or email: rocky.gualtieri@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting Seminarian Vocations.

WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese for a special World Youth Day Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at St. Thomas More Parish located at 2234 Ellesmere Rd. in Scarborough, 7:00 pm.

Come together for an evening of faith, prayer, community, and joyful celebration as we honour Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and gather as one Church.

Free admission. No registration required.

Open to all young adults ages 19-39.

Bring a friend and come be a part of this beautiful celebration of Christ the King, faith and fellowship!

Video link: <https://bit.ly/WYDMass2026>

XX DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO A)

In questa XX Domenica del Tempo Ordinario, la liturgia ci presenta un raro esempio di fede: una donna cananea che chiede a Gesù di guarire la figlia, "terribilmente tormentata da un demonio". Il Signore resiste alle sue insistenti suppliche e sembra non darle ascolto, persino quando gli stessi discepoli intercedono per lei, come racconta l'evangelista Matteo. Tuttavia, alla fine, di fronte alla perseveranza e all'umiltà di questa donna sconosciuta, Gesù acconsente: "Donna, grande è la tua fede! Avvenga per te come desideri" (cf. Mt 15,21-28). Gesù indica questa donna umile come esempio di una fede indomabile. La sua testimonianza ci incoraggia a non perdere mai la speranza e a non cedere allo sconforto, neppure nelle prove più dure della vita.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
 9:00 am †Emma Sivitilli, †Angelo & Filomena Febbraro, †Domenico & Maria Gentile, †Elia Schembre, †Frank Tassone
 10:30 am †Deceased Members of Salunzinho, Valdemir Pinto Families, †Kevin & Lenny Fernandes, †Marie & Nicholas Miranda, †Julie & Bickoo Patel, Souls in Purgatory
 12:00 pm †John Colosimo & deceased family members, †Ciriaco Grieco, †Barnabas & Paulina Amaechi, †Cosimo Cassano, †Danuta Trenczek
 1:30 pm Igbo Mass
 7:00 pm †Noel Castelino & deceased family members
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday August 17 Weekday

9:30 am †Deceased members of the Fiorini & Bazzoli Families, †Angelo & Liliana Franceschetti, †Delphine & John Dias & deceased family members, †Teresa & Natale Clemente

Tuesday August 18 Weekday

9:30 am †Vittoria Mazzuca, †Elena Pizzacala, †D'Costa Family, Special Blessings & Healing for Albina and Amanda Lijoi

Wednesday August 19 Weekday/Saint John Eudes, Priest

9:30 am †Catena Cirillo, †Gloria Jacildone, Joshua Glab (L)

Thursday August 20 Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of Church

9:30 am †Florendo Ignacio, †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Giovanni Minicucci

Friday August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope

9:30 am †Edward & Mira Shmakov

Saturday August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 am For Graces & Blessings received
 2:00 pm Baptism
 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
 4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm †Gunter Heidenreich, †Gloria Jacildone

Sunday August 23 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
 9:00 am †Nicola Malfara, †Antonio Perrella, †Angela & Caterina Mongelli, †Amadeo & Caterina Speciale, †Brigida Novielli
 10:30 am †Deceased members of the Barros & Sa Families, †Matthew & Wayne Dishart, †Giovanni Sacco, †Joe Gallelo, †Tyler & Hunter Siriunas-Gallelo, Souls in Purgatory
 12:00 pm †Vita Virgilio, †Teresa Rossotto De Virgilio
 7:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory
 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION MINISTRY

Engaged couples are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage at Nativity of Our Lord Parish.

This new marriage preparation program will begin September 15th. If you are engaged, or know a couple who may be interested, please contact 416.621.2732 for more information.

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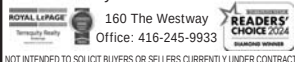
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