



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
St. Maurice:	45 Kingsview Blvd., Etobicoke, ON M9R 1T7	416-393-5379
Transfiguration:	55 Ludstone Dr, Etobicoke, ON M9R 2J2	416-393-5276

"Please remember us in your will"

XIX SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 14:22-33) speaks of Jesus walking on the waters of a stormy lake. It is an invitation to abandon ourselves with trust to God in every moment of our lives, especially in times of trial and difficulty. When we are assailed by strong doubts and fears and feel like we are sinking, in life's difficult moments when everything grows dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out like Peter: "Lord, save me!" (v. 30). To knock on the heart of God, the heart of Jesus. "Lord, save me!" And Jesus immediately reaches out and grasps his friend's hand; it is the hand of the Father who never abandons us.

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

MARY: AN AVERAGE WOMAN WITH EXTRAORDINARY FAITH

Mary was an ordinary young Jewish virgin engaged to a carpenter named Joseph. An angel named Gabriel appeared to her and announced she would be the mother of Jesus. Although she was confused at first, Mary soon responded with amazement, joy, and submission. She gave birth to Jesus in a stable, was visited by shepherds, and later was also visited by magi. When she learned of King Herod's plot to kill Jesus, Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt, although they eventually returned to Nazareth to raise Jesus. Scripture records Mary as present at various events during Jesus' life and ministry such as when Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem at the Temple (Luke 2:46-49), the wedding in Cana (John 2:3-10), when she came with Jesus' brothers to find Jesus and take Him away (Mark 3:31-35), at Jesus' death on the cross (John 19:25-27), and finally with the disciples in the upper room after Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:13-14). Mary was a thinker - wondering, pondering, and reflecting on all that happened to her. Despite not understanding it all, she was a humble servant who obeyed and praised God. <https://insightforliving.ca/read/articles>

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

Please join us for a memorable **Dinner & Dance** 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.

Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner, followed by an evening of music, dancing, and fellowship. Each table will receive one complimentary bottle of red wine.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., following the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass on August 15. Tickets: \$50.00 per person

Come celebrate this joyful milestone with our parish family as we honor Fr. Carlos and his 45 years of devoted priestly ministry. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

**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."

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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: CANADIAN MISSIONS

On 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.

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.

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$6,275.00. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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XIX DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO A)

Il brano del Vangelo di questa domenica (cfr. Mt 14,22-33) parla di Gesù che cammina sulle acque del lago in tempesta. È un invito ad abbandonarci con fiducia a Dio in ogni momento della nostra vita, specialmente nei momenti di prova e di difficoltà. Quando siamo assaliti da forti dubbi e paure e ci sembra di affondare, nei momenti difficili della vita in cui tutto si fa buio, non dobbiamo vergognarci di gridare come Pietro: «Signore, salvami!» (v. 30). Di bussare al cuore di Dio, al cuore di Gesù. «Signore, salvami!». E Gesù subito tende la mano e afferra quella del suo amico, è la mano del Padre che non ci abbandona mai.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday August 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
- 9:00 am †Caterina & Leonardo D'Urso, †Giovanni & Costanza Mongelli, †Ratcko Ragik, †Vito & Luisa Piacente, †Cecilia Giannini
- 10:30 am †Irineu Dos Remedios Furtado & deceased family members, †Natale & Maria D'Urzo, †Flossy D'Souza, †Gianfranco Rosolen Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00 pm †Domenico & Francesco D'Urzo, †Giuseppina & Michele Antonio Pisani & deceased family members, †Maria Civichino, †Gianfranco Rosolen, †Domenico Dinatolo
- 3:00 pm Rosary & Novena: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 7:00 pm For Graces & Blessings received
- 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday August 10 Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

- 8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9:30 am †Reynaldo & Vittoria Molicone, †Carmen & Vincent Micallef, †Agnese Kamionka, Special Birthday Blessings for Antonio, Thanksgiving Mass in Honour of the Holy Trinity

Tuesday August 11 Saint Clare, Virgin

- 8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9:30 am Special Blessings & Healing for Albina and Amanda Lijoi, Special Birthday Blessings for Hayden Brooks

Wednesday August 12 Weekday/St. Jane Frances de Chantal,

Religious

- 8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9:30 am †Edward Thurainayagam, †Francesco Barbaro, †Rosina Barbaro

Thursday August 13 Weekday/Saints Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus,

Priests and Martyrs

- 8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9:30 am †Valerio & Antonia Molicone & deceased family members, †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Luisa Piacente
- 6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal: Hennie Tan & Jonathan Pinto

Friday August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

- 8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9:30 am †Edward & Mira Shmakov, Special Birthday Blessings for Olivia Velez

Saturday August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:30 am †Jose Vaz, †Adelina Oliveira, †Alicia Sanchez, †Ascension Maglian, Special Birthday Blessings for Stephanie Tavares
- 10:45 am Funeral Mass: Lena McClelland
- 1:45 pm Wedding: Hennie Tan & Jonathan Pinto
- 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
- 4:30 pm Confessions
- 5:30 pm †Irene Soysa, †Edwin Silva, †Anna Rizzuto, †Salvatore Galati, †Delta De Ponte

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
- 1:30 pm Igbo Mass
- 7:00 pm †Noel Castelino & deceased family members
- 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

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