



Weekly Bulletin

Parish Mission Statement:

We are God's Instruments who strive to grow by sharing and nurturing our joint commitment to Christ's message of love. And by committing ourselves to serve the needs of the parish as stewards for the sake of God's kingdom.

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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 Penance: Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

Sacrament of Penance: Please contact the parish office.

Schools

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"Please remember us in your will"

PALM SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Passion (Palm) Sunday - As the early Christians looked back, so many events of Jesus' Passion meant so much. As we look at the Passion of Jesus, so many events also take on new meaning for us. We see a whole host of characters who each had a role to play that eventually led to Jesus' crucifixion. Once we realize that it was our sins that crucified Jesus, we can see these different characters in the Passion representing our sins which caused Jesus to die. We remember the love of the Lord for us which caused him to suffer for our sins; let us love the Lord in return. May our meditation on Jesus' Passion this week encourage us to renew our lives with Jesus and leave sin behind to rise with his new life at Easter. This week we are beginning our Holy Week. Try to keep it as a Holy Week, attending the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. (Fr. Tommy Lane)

RCIC PROGRAM

This program is a Baptism Class for older children (*also known as a Rescue Course*) comprising of several lessons. Children enrolled in this program are expected to join the Sunday 10:30 am Mass followed by a lesson at 11:30 am in the Upper Hall. The remaining dates of the RCIC lessons are: April 2nd, April 16th, April 23rd & April 30th.

2023 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATE

March 26 / April 30 / June 4

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife. Thus far we have raised \$12,570.00 towards our goal of \$70,000.00. You may donate by using the envelopes available by the entrance of our church, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS - VOCATION INSERTS

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. E: vocations@archtoronto.org W: www.vocationstoronto.ca

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish community. You may register by completing a parish registration form found on our website and returning it to the Parish Office via email or in person.

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6th

MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD:

7:30 pm (Bilingual)

Followed by adoration until midnight
(No Morning Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: APRIL 7th

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Outdoor *WP)

1:00 pm (Italian) / 3:00 pm (English) / 5:00 pm (English)

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY: APRIL 8th

10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows)

followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 9th

7:45 am (English) / 9:00 am (Italian)

10:30 am (English) / 12 Noon (English) / 7:00 pm (English)

CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 10th at 10:00 am

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

Hurt by abortion? Project Rachel is a ministry for women who have suffered the loss of a child from abortion. The hiddenness, the aloneness, and the grief are met by volunteers and God's healing power. Our next weekend retreat is being offered at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, April 28 to 30 – "Come away."

For information about Project Rachel, visit stmarysrefuge.org/rachel, and call 289-691-6840 or e-mail projectrachel@stmmarysrefuge.org.

NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

The Good Friday Collection "Needs of the Holy Land today is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of Christian Communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus. For more information please visit: www.commissariat.ca. Donation envelopes are available by the doors of our church. We are grateful for your donations. It is very much appreciated.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for March 26th was \$4,567.00 Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Thank you for supporting our parish.

*WP Weather Permitting

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Chaplet & Holy Mass: Sunday, April 16, 2023
All are welcome to join us for a special celebration at 3 pm
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Holy Mass

A GIFT TO THE LORD

From Sunday, April 30, 2023 and thereafter, we are going to have a half hour of adoration, prayer and meditation after the 7:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to join us for adoration as this will help us to start a new week with God's blessing.



MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

La risposta sta nella parola amore - Dalla sconvolgente narrazione di quanto Gesù ha potuto soffrire, ricordando che egli sapeva a che cosa andava incontro, sorge drammatico un interrogativo: perché? Perché non si è sottratto a tanto strazio, a una fine così ignominiosa? La risposta, si sa, sta nella parola amore. Il Crocifisso, di cui la civiltà cristiana ha fatto il proprio emblema, è l'attestazione di quanto sia grande l'amore di Dio per gli uomini.

Il "sì" ad un amore autentico è sempre anche fonte di sofferenza, perché comporta un'espropriazione del proprio io; l'amore vero non può esistere senza rinunce anche dolorose, altrimenti diventa egoismo e dunque si annulla. Ma bisogna considerare davvero importante la persona amata, per essere disposti a soffrire per lei: il Crocifisso dimostra quanto gli uomini siano importanti per Dio. Di natura sua Dio non può patire; ma ha considerato l'uomo di un valore tale da essersi Lui stesso fatto uomo per poter com-patire, cioè "patire con", e per, l'uomo. E non a belle parole, ma in carne e sangue, con una concretezza da capogiro. (mons. Roberto Brunelli)



MASS INTENTIONS
INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE

- Sunday April 2** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
 9:00 am † Maria Grazia Cristello, † Salvatore, Francesco & Agnese Armocida, † Giovanni Cortese, † Rosa Zampella, † Antonio Virdo, † Maria Sung Ja Hwang, † Girolamna Cangemi & A Special Blessing for the Valenza Family
 10:30 am † Nicola Biancofiore, † Mary Carnevale, † Sophia Coleman, † Girolama Cangemi, † Vincenza Meffe, † Peter Grossi
 12:00 pm † Domenico D'Urzo, † Josefina Davila, † Robert Van Russell
 1:30 pm IGBO Mass
 7:00 pm A Special Blessing for Paul Jensen
- Monday April 3** Monday of the Holy Week
 9:30 am † Carmine & Anna Maeitta, † Agnese & Oraste Betta, † Joseph Long Nguyen
- Tuesday April 4** Tuesday of the Holy Week
 9:30 am † Matthew Dishart, † Wayne Dishart, † Anthony Misquitta, † Sophia Coleman, Deceased Members of the Cenacle Prayer Group
- Wednesday April 5** Wednesday of the Holy Week
 9:30 am † Robert Pereira, Giuseppe Fonte and A Special Blessing for Lee
 10:30 am Mass at St. Maurice School Gymnasium
- Thursday April 6** Holy Thursday
 7:30 pm Mass (Bilingual) – followed by Adoration until 12 am
- Friday April 7** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
 11:00 am Station of the Cross (Outdoor: Weather Permitting)
 1:00 pm Service (Italian)
 3:00 pm Service (English)
 5:00 pm Service (English)
- Saturday April 8** Holy Saturday
 10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows) Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets Solemn Celebration - Easter Vigil Mass
 8:00 pm
- Sunday April 9** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
 9:00 am
 10:30 am
 12:00 pm
 7:00 pm



THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:
 Gianna Soncina and Calogero Galipo

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

- Theresa Burns, Sonja Schryer, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Dana McGrath, Roman Joe Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Karen Radeczy, Paul Jensen, Carla Chiulli, Josie Riley, Gianfranco, Maria Bellissimo

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