



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"

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Right Relationships vs. Legalistic Approach to the Law - Let us reiterate on the fact that Christian faith has its center on the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ: our faithful; following and identification with Him, such that our thoughts, words and actions are conformed to His. **Christians are called by God to live their lives as Christ lived.**

This shows that OUR FAITH, -with Jesus as its center and Christian life as loving, following and imitating him, has moral repercussion, faith and morality are inseparable, for the latter is nothing but a consequence of the former. If we are to live Christ's life, then we must imitate the virtues He taught, and lived during His life on earth and which He transmitted to us through the Church He founded through His Apostles.

This is the reason why our Lord insists that we should avoid the mere exterior fulfillment, of the commandments as the Pharisees did, but with their hearts far from God. Our "righteousness", "justice", "holiness", should exceed that of the Pharisees' mere external observance, but rather be the fruit of an interior and loving assimilation of the true Wisdom and Spirit of Christ.

"Jesus teaches how to fully carry out God's will and he uses these words: with a 'righteousness' that 'exceeds' that of the scribes and the Pharisees (cf. v. 20). A righteousness enlivened by love, charity, mercy, and hence capable of fulfilling the substance of the commandments avoiding the risk of formalism (Pope Francis Angelus, 6th Sunday O.T., Homily 2017)." (Catholics striving for holiness).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League is collecting a Spiritual Bouquet for the Ordinandi (the soon-to-be-ordained priests of 2023). Our prayers and support are given to them in the form of a Spiritual Bouquet presented at the Ordinandi Dinner on March 9th. It is an offering of Masses, Communions, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Novenas and such. These offerings are not paid offerings but prayers and devotions done freely and lovingly. There are clipboards with forms in the vestibule for all parishioners this weekend. Thank you for your support and generous prayerful offerings.

LENTEN COMPANION

The Magnificat Lenten Companion 2023 is now available. It's a daily spiritual guide for the Forty Days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The inspirational resource has daily reflections, prayers, poetry, devotions and meditations on the Way of the Cross.

The Lenten Companion can help us accompany Jesus along the way to his Passion and Death, and then on Easter Sunday, to celebrate the great joy of his Resurrection. Lent is the time to renew and deepen our faith, so that we can better love Christ and our neighbour. Copies can be picked up from the Ushers in the vestibule after each Mass beginning this Sunday, Feb. 12th. We ask for a donation of \$5.00 per book.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass will be celebrated during the weekdays at 9:30 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

9:30 am (English), 12 Noon (English) & 7:00 pm (Bilingual)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

To be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm followed by spiritual meditation

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Please join us for a transformative experience as you develop a more profound relationship with God. Participants will learn and deepen skills in the art of prayer in 15 weekly sessions of two hours each. Participants will overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance and surrender.

When: Every Wednesday from Feb 22nd to May 31st;
June 3rd is a 1-day Retreat

Where: Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish Hall

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

No registration fee. Material fee: \$20.00

Contact: Ana Orellana at aorellan55@gmail.com

PREMS-APPROACH

This is a program with a method to work with the individuals and their families dealing with intellectual challenges such as Autism and Down Syndrome.

Weekly Sessions: Mondays at 7:15 pm in our parish hall starting February 27th

Contact Information: Linda Ward 416.473.1149 and Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon 416.247.0513

Note: There will be a form to be completed for the candidates in the program. Please refer to the parish office for further information.

We are seeking volunteers to help with the program and has scheduled a special meeting to train volunteers on Friday, February 24th in our parish hall at 7:15 pm. Kindly let us know if you are interested in helping individuals to rise above their abilities.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for the year 2022 have been mailed. Thank you for your support of our church!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for February 5th was \$6,354.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G). Thank you to all.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES:
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Price per person in double occupancy: \$4,450.00 CAD

For a list of what is included, please call the number below or the parish office for more details to obtain a copy of the itinerary.

To register & for more information please contact:

Gateways International, 30 Wertheim Court, #20

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All are welcome to attend an orientation meeting on Saturday, February 25th at 6:30 pm after Mass in the Upper Hall. Please register with the parish office (416.247.0513) to reserve your spot.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

“Qualità, no Quantità” - Lungo tutta la sua vita Gesù ha meditato la Torah, la Legge di Dio, non per distruggerla o negarla; al contrario, egli l’ha riconosciuta e vissuta come ebreo fedele. Gesù, dunque, non si è opposto alla Legge ma alle sue interpretazioni riduttive date da scribi e farisei, quegli uomini religiosi che «filtravano il moscerino e ingoiavano il cammello» (cf Mt 23, 24): essi cioè praticavano una lettura legalista e letteralista della parola di Dio contenuta nelle Scritture, disperdendo la volontà di Dio in una miriade di precetti, che ne rendevano impossibile l’osservanza e la privavano del suo centro. Per questo, l’espressione «*ma io vi dico*», che Gesù richiede ai suoi discepoli, è un invito pressante a quella «giustizia superiore» – per qualità, non per quantità – «a quella degli scribi e dei farisei», ossia una fedele obbedienza alla volontà di Dio rivelata nella Legge, da lui compiuta. Gesù raggiunge il cuore della Legge che è la giustizia, la misericordia e la fedeltà. Egli supera senza titubanze le rigide prescrizioni, quando esse diventano un ostacolo all’amore per il fratello che è nel bisogno.

(don Lucio D’Abbraccio)

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

Grazie per la vostra generosità. La colletta regolare della settimana 05 Febbraio e’ stata \$6,354.00. Grazie ancora per il vostro contributo per aiutare con le spese della chiesa. Ultimamente abbiamo fatto dei lavoretti di manutenzione che richiedono delle spese...Dio vi benedirà.

**MASS INTENTIONS
INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE**

Sunday February 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45 am All Living & Deceased Members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
9:00 am † Giacomo Giorgio and A Special Blessing for Mafalda Mastronardi
10:30 am † Giuseppe Cappuccitti, † Maria Petricca, † Marisa De Rubeis, † Domenico De Rubeis, † Grazia De Franco
12:00 pm † Anna Mastrovita, † Anna Josefina
7:00 pm † Juana De La Cruz Rodriguez

Monday February 13

9:30 am † Romualdo, Natividade Cordeiro
† Rosette Silva and deceased family members
† Gabriele DiTommaso, † Yolanda Di Pentima
Special Blessings for Hugo, Molly, Raimundo and family, Special Blessings for Lourdes and Joe Cordeiro and family

Tuesday February 14 Saint Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

9:30 am † Kevin Valentine Fernandes,
† All Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased memers of F.O.S.S.

Wednesday February 15

9:30 am † Matthew Dishart, † Valerio Mastrella
† Philip Anthony, † Nina Corey, † Patrick Suraj
† Vincent Micalleff, † Vincent & Josephine Vassallo
Special Blessing for Tony & Ivete Pinto and the living and deceased members of the Pinto & Raimundo Families

Thursday February 16

9:30 am † Carmelo Abilay, † Raffaele Siconolfi and
A Special Blessing for Rocchina Siconolfi

Friday February 17

9:30 am † Debbie, Charlotte & Alfred Turpin

Saturday February 18 BVM

9:30 am † Saluzinho & Vlademir Pinto and the living & deceased members of the Pinto & Sequeira families
† Savio, Supriya, Evangeline & Benjamin Mendonca
Mass at Parkland Seniors’ Residence
Confession
† Joseph & Josephine Grieco
† Juana De La Cruz Rodriguez, † Elizabeth Wizezorek

Sunday February 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am All Living & Deceased Members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
9:00 am † Luigi Priolo † Vittoria & Michele Pistilli,
† Claudio & Angela Loprevite & Deceased Family Members
10:30 am † David & Matilda Fernandes and Deceased Family Members, Thanksgiving Mass from Wilson & Julie Fernandes for good health & blessings received,
† Mary Falzon, † Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Gordon
12:00 pm † John, Rosario, Lina Colosimo,
† Ciriaco, Vito Grieco, † Mario Bellisario
1:00 pm IGBO Mass
7:00 pm † Juana de la Cruz Rodriguez

PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

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