

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 Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office.

Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

Sacrament of Penance: Every Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Schools

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"Please remember us in your will"

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

(Sunday Connection LoyolaPress)

OUR LADY OF THE EUCHARIST



Love of Our Lady and The Eucharist ought to be central to the life of every Catholic Christian. For me, these two strands are symbolized in the great Polish Dominican St. Hyacinth, who when the Tartars invaded the city, went forth to meet them heading the procession of novices with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance. Our Lady called out from her alabaster statue, "Take

me with you." St. Hyacinth responded that the statue was heavy and Our Lady answered, "My Son will make it light" and so he was able to carry it. Thus armed, the brethren walked through the Tartar danger unscathed. And so will we if, armed with the love of Our Lord in the Eucharist and the love of His Mother, we will find that nothing can take us from God. We need the Eucharist. We need the Mother ... the Mother of the Eucharist.

BRINGING OUR PARISH TO A SUPERIOR LEVEL

It is almost two years since I received the parish, truly time flies! It seems only yesterday when Bishop Ivan Camilleri came to celebrate my installation as the new pastor. I do remember that day very well ... with a humble spirit and full awareness of the challenge ahead, I felt, in a special way, that the community would support me, and the work needed to be done. You know, I came to realize that I was not wrong at all. We have progressed, we have grown, we are committed, both parishioners and the parish staff.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank God, Blessed Mary and all of you, my parishioners, for your support. The latest work accomplished was the new washroom for the women in the parish hall ... ladies, there will be no long line-ups during a big group gathering.

Nevertheless, there are still some necessary works to be done and I am not afraid because, God, Blessed Mary and you will be there to support me. A Big Heartfelt Thank You! Fr. Carlos, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS & CEREMONIES

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, April 16th at 6:45 pm

Confirmation - Tour of the Church: Tues., April 23rd at 7 pm

First Holy Communion Rehearsal:

Saturday, April 27th at 3 pm & Tuesday, April 30th at 6:45 pm

First Holy Communion: (2 Ceremonies):

Saturday, May 4th at 11 am & Saturday, May 11th at 11 am

WEDDING BANN



THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN: Maryam Giwa and Oriyomi John Ikuomola

BUNDLE SUNDAY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a Bundle Sunday on the weekend May 4th & 5th. Volunteers and the truck will be in the Church parking lot to receive your donations. We are accepting: all clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery/towels & new toys. We <u>do not</u> accept baby or other furniture, appliances, books, mattresses, dishes, construction materials or video tapes.

SHARELIFE: APRIL 28 | JUNE 2

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

Thus far we have raised \$18,960.00 toward our goal of \$80,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed 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.

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Avenue (Scarborough). A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the last week was \$6,381.00. We are grateful for your donation to our parish. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G).

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

A Mass of special blessing from Our Lady of Good Counsel will be offered at 9:30 am on Friday, April 26th. All members of the Catholic Women's League are encouraged to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall after Mass.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Come and enjoy Coffee Sunday on April 28th after the 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 Noon mass. Coffee will be hosted by the Young Adults Group & the CWL. Come & meet the Young Adults & learn about the programs they are planning. We are grateful for your donations of baked goods to share with your parish community. Hope to see you there.

GOOD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Please help provide for people who are hungry and homeless. We welcome you to drop off a Shepherd Pie Casserole on:

April 27/28 May 25/26 June 29/30

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Dana McGrath, Roman J. Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Phyllis C. Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Sergio Rea, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radeczy, Carla Chiulli, Luis Inting, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda, Harriet Capalla, Bernice DeGrace, Joseph Borgerding.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Le strade per incontrare il Risorto - Non dobbiamo temere di scandalizzare qualcuno perché dove c'è buio, ignoranza, lì non si può costruire nulla. Per annunciare il Risorto, abbiamo bisogno che la Parola illumini la nostra intelligenza. Abbiamo il dovere di leggere la Bibbia, approfondirla, pregarla. Altrimenti cosa annunciamo? Tornare al vangelo è fare esperienza del Risorto, perché il Gesù dei vangeli ti riscalda il cuore, ti infiamma l'anima, ti appassiona perché il vangelo non è un libro da leggere ma una persona da incontrare e da far entrare dentro di te.

Ma poi c'è la missione. Il Risorto, aprendo le menti dei discepoli all'intelligenza delle scritture dice: "Il Cristo patirà e risorgerà dai morti il terzo giorno, e nel suo nome saranno predicati a tutti i popoli la conversione e il perdono dei peccati". Bellissimo: l'annuncio, per un cristiano, non è un dettaglio! La nostra non è una fede intimistica come altre religioni orientali. La missione è parte integrante della salvezza.

Il Risorto invita anche noi ad annunciare che Lui è vivo e che siamo discepoli di un Dio innamorato e non sudditi di un Dio castigatore (Paolo De Martino)

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday April 1	4 Third	Sunday o	f Easter

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish 9:00 am † Erminia & Graziella Marcoccia & deceased family

10:30 am † Deceased members of the Pinto & Sequeira families,

> † Souls in Purgatory, † Margaret Rosario, † Leucio & Rosina Perfetti & deceased family members, Special

blessings for Tony & Ivete Pinto

12:00 pm † Antonio Moretti, † Vittoria Mazzuca, † Nadezhda

Filimonenko, † Alvaru Camacho, Special healing for

Darlene Thorburn

7:00 pm † Charles & Joan Kelly, † Adriano Bressan 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday April 15 Easter Weekday

† Ada Micelotta, Special blessings for Ron Burton & 9:30 am

Aniela Kunciatis & Thanksgiving for blessings received

Tuesday April 16 Easter Weekday

† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, 9:30 am

Special blessings for Lamberta Abilay & Anthony Falzon

6:45 pm First Reconciliation Wednesday April 17 Easter Weekday

† Frank Bellisimo, Special intention of Teresa Silva, 9:30 am

Special blessing for Danuta Radolinska

Thursday April 18 Easter Weekday

† Nadezhda Filimonenko, † Gianluigi Lijoi, A Special 9:30 am

Blessing for Albina & Amanda Lijoi, Special Healing for

Darlene Thorburn

Friday April 19 Easter Weekday

† Andrew & Edward Shmakov,† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, 9:30 am

† Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon

Saturday April 20 Easter Weekday

9:30 am † Victoria Bertucci, † Angelo Valenza & Special

blessings for Nancy Valenza and family

11:00 am Maryam Giwa and Oriyomi John Ikuomola Mass at Parkland Retirement Home 3:30 pm

4:30 pm Confessions

5:30 pm † Adamo & Vincenzina Fata, † Wendy Holland-Short

Sunday April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish

9:00 am † Lisa & Vittoria Mazzuca, † Ralph Carpino, † Santino &

Silvio Covelli

10:30 am † Matthew & Wayne Dishart, † Souls in Purgatory,

Special blessings for Angelo & Marsha Dias & Families 12:00 pm

† John & Lina Colosimo, † Ciriaco & Antonio Grieco,

† Albert Debono

1:30 pm **IGBO Mass**

7:00 pm † Charles & Joan Kelly, In Honour of Infant of Prague, St.

Joseph & St. Anthony, Special Healing for Domenico

8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO

Online Bereavement Introductory Program

April 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

April 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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