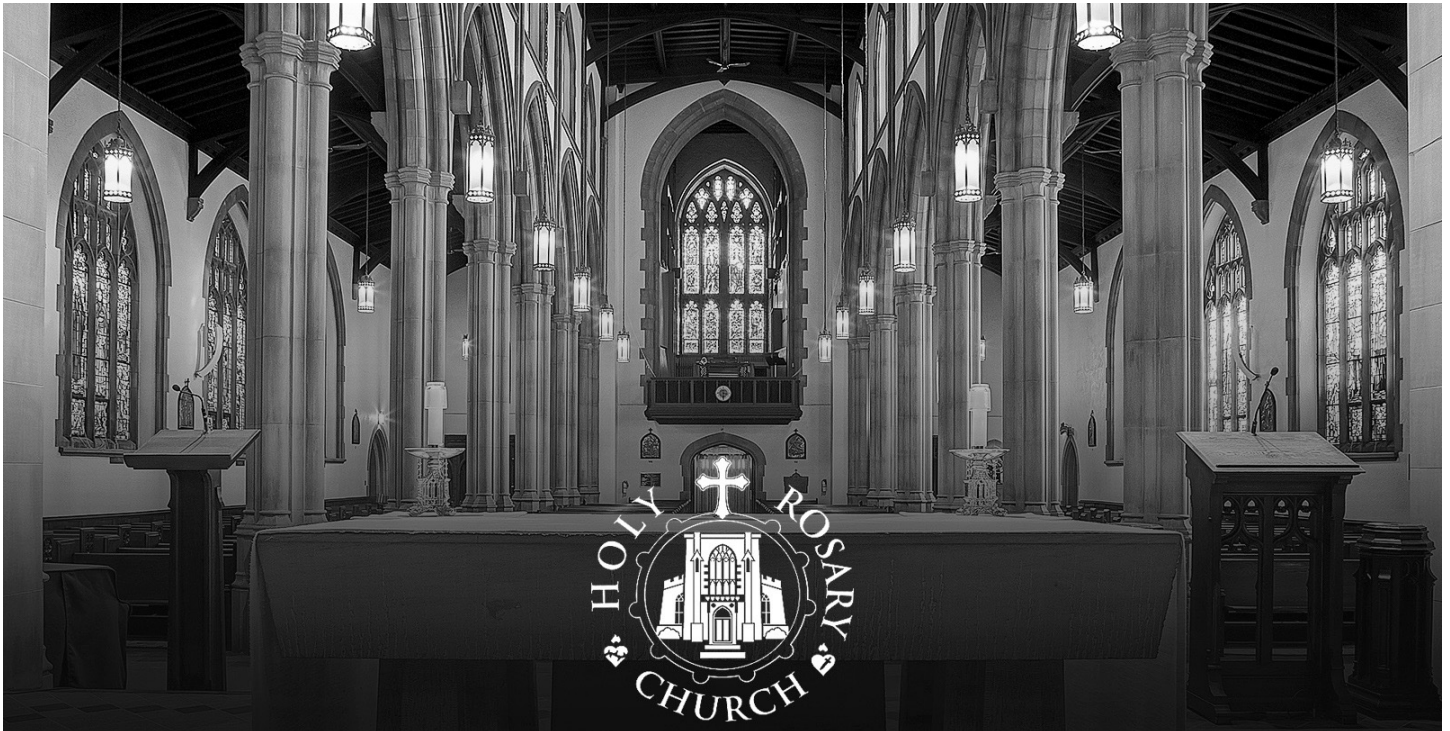


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CHURCH HOURS

Monday to Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

We ask new parishioners to register with the Parish. Forms and Donation Envelopes are available at Church entrances, the Parish Office and www.holyrosary.ca

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

ROSARY Monday to Friday: 11:40 a.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday: 12:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday evening 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 3pm with devotions at 2:45 p.m.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rosary with Veneration of Relics of St. Jacinta and Francisco Marto at 8:30 a.m.

Confessions at 8:30 a.m. Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration with Fatima Prayers 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday to Sunday 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please contact the parish office.

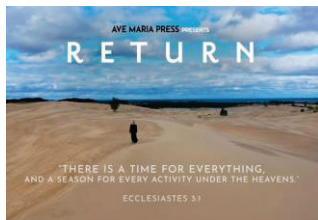
ARRANGING A WEDDING Please contact the Parish Office for information at least 1 year in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY & SHUT-INS

Those confined to their homes by illness, infirmity or age, may arrange to receive communion by contacting the Parish Office.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength." (Cf. Psalm 42. 1-2)



Week Four | Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns

Fr. John Burns reflects on weeping and lamentation as a remedy for coming to terms with the reality that things in life do not always go as we want. In the

Bible, the Israelites cried out to the Lord when things went wrong—not as an accusation against God—but as a display of their continued faith in him. In preparation for Good Friday, Fr. John reflects on the truth that God allows certain things to happen to bring about a greater good—without the cross there is no resurrection. To watch, please visit FORMED. To register for FORMED, for FREE, go to: www.formed.org and enter the Parish Code: FVT2H9.

Announcements

1. As we approach Easter, we will have many guests visit our parish. In order to accommodate them and parishioners who are not accustomed to giving using PAG or credit cards, we will pass the basket on Palm Sunday weekend, during Holy Week and on Easter weekend. For your own convenience and to assist the parish during the rest of the year, we continue to encourage you to sign up for PAG or give by credit card on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

2. **This weekend is SHARELIFE Sunday.** ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



3. **This weekend, March 16/17, is TOONIE SUNDAY** for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVDP). SSVDP asks for your generosity to help support the most vulnerable in our community. Thank you for your support.



4. The next LUNCH & LEARN event for SENIORS will take place on **Wednesday, March 20th at 12:45 PM** in the Parish Hall Room 2. Fr. Daniel Callam will talk on Rushing to Cavalry: Urgency in the Gospel of Mark. Please register at the main entrance of the Church on this weekend, March 16/17, with a member of the Seniors' Committee.

5. Stations of the Cross – Every Friday through Lent (March 1, 8, 15, & 22) at 6:30 PM followed by Mass at 7:00 PM. Pray along with us on your mobile by scanning the QR code.



6. The MARCH Food of the Month donation is **LARGE (FAMILY SIZED 1 KG) JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER.** With rising food costs, the Foodbank is serving record numbers of clients (approximately 1200 people per week). On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.



7. Embark on an unforgettable journey at Totus Tuus Summer Camp! Dive deep into the richness of your faith while having a blast with

friends. From engaging activities to interactive lessons, every moment promises excitement and growth. Join us and make this summer an experience to remember! Start from \$100 per child. For more information, visit www.totustuustoronto.ca or contact the Parish Office.

The Day Program (Gr. 1-6) runs from July 22-26, 2024 (9:00 AM – 2:30 PM). Kids will Learn and grow their Catholic faith in a fun and interactive way through songs, games, prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments. The Evening Program (Gr.7-12) runs from July 21-25, 2024 (6:45 PM – 9:00 PM). Teens will deepen their relationship with Jesus through discussions, fellowship, prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments.

8. Would you like to help beautify the altar and our Church with beautiful fresh flowers? If so, please donate to our Easter flower fund. A small donation can go a long way. Thank you for your support.



9. **Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents**

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The retreat will be from April 26 at 7 PM to April 28 at 3:30 PM at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), this includes meals, lodging and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024>. For more information, please email lgwtoronto@proton.me.

March 17th, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18, 2024

12:10 pm. Emilio Penzo (+)
Requested By: Graziella Tagnarelli

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Saint Joseph

12:10 pm. Giuseppe Massimo Lavorato (+)
Requested By: The Labora & Seminero Family

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

12:10 pm. Antonietta Carnovale (Personal Intentions)
Requested By: The Family

Thursday, March 21, 2024

12:10 pm Eduardo (+) & Humberto Rego (+)
Requested By: Maria Zelia

Friday, March 22, 2024

12:10 pm. Domenico Rotundo (+)
Requested By: Fr. Turrone

Multiple Intentions:

Holy Souls in Purgatory, Susan White (+),
& Suzie Chin (+)

6:30 PM Rev. W. Noel Whelan (+)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm. Jose Cornelio Lukban (+)
Requested By: The Family

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

10:00 am. Remedios Villareal (+) (1st Year Death Anniversary)
Requested By: Revelyn & Family

12:00 pm. Antonietta Guerriero (+)
Requested By: Mike Gambardella



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, Mario, Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.



The Pastor's Reflection

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." (Jn 12:27)

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

The Greeks, gentiles who converted to Judaism, want to see Jesus (cf. Jn 12:20). On the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that the Magi represent all the non-Jewish people who would eventually come and worship the one true God. Jesus responds to the request to meet with him in an unexpected way. Now that the Jewish people and gentiles have heard the Good News, he knows that he must prepare for the climax of his mission which is to die and rise again. Even though he is a Divine Person, Jesus struggles with the knowledge that he will soon face death. He himself does not hide the fact that he is "troubled" (Jn 12:27).

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews from today's Second Reading reminds the newly formed Christian community that "in the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death and he was heard because of his reverence." (Hb 5: 7-8). The Lord went so far as to sweat blood during his agony in the garden (cf. Lk 22:44). This is a medical condition called hematohidrosis. It only occurs under soul crushing stress. This is what Jesus went through when facing the fact that he was about to be beaten, scourged and crucified. Despite all of this, Jesus remains firmly committed to his mission. Despite the devil's attempt to get him to abandon his mission, Jesus keeps his face firmly pointed towards Jerusalem. He does this because he loves the Heavenly Father, and he loves each one of us as he loves himself. How can we not be moved by this knowledge?

Beloved brothers and sisters, many of us often wrongly believe that courageous people do not experience fear. Not true! Jesus himself experienced a great deal of it as revealed by Sacred Scripture. True courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit who helps us confront our fears and work through them without backing away from doing what we know to be true. St Joan of Arc is a good example. She desired to serve the Lord in her life and suffered much as a consequence for her fidelity to him. Although completely innocent, she was burned at the stake due to the jealousy of a handful of wicked clergy. She herself cried out and begged for mercy as she was being dragged to the stake. Even though she died a horrible death, the Church now recognizes her to be a great saint. May she intercede for all of us who are facing painful trials and tempted to give up.

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