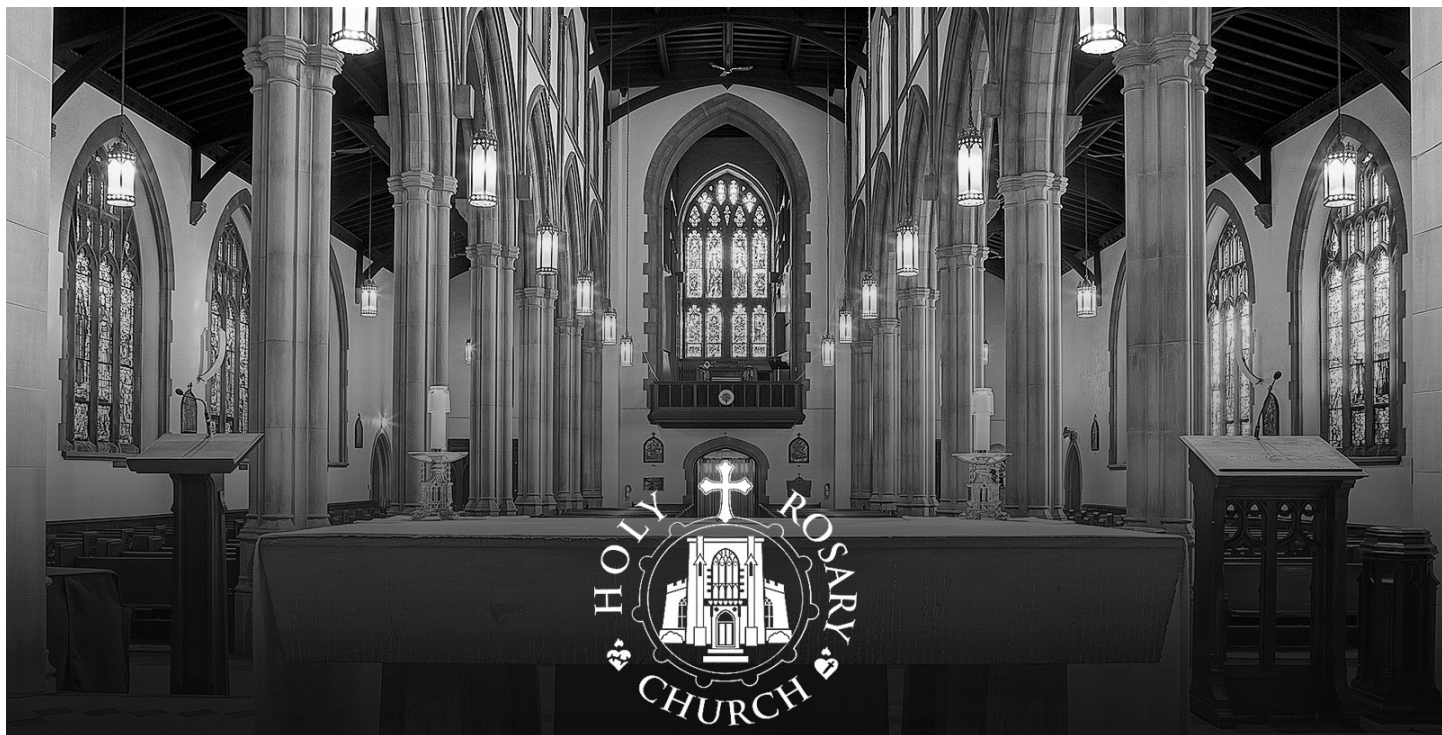


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Monday to Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"My eyes are ever towards the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the snare. Look thou upon me, and have mercy on me; for I am alone and poor." (Psalm 24.15-16 Douay-Rheims 1899)



Week Two | Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns

Fr. John Burns focuses on the passage from the prophet Joel in which the Lord calls his people to return to him with their whole heart. We are reminded in this passage that God is inviting us into a relationship with him, a relationship of love and faithfulness. Like the people of the Old Testament, we sometimes forget about God, wander away from him, and become unfaithful. It is during Lent that we are reminded of God's love and mighty works which leads to faithfulness and fruitfulness. How will you remember God this Lent and return to him with your whole heart? To watch, please visit [FORMED](http://www.formed.org). To register for FORMED, for FREE, go to: www.formed.org and enter the Parish Code: FVT2H9.

Announcements

1. Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:



After 21 years of dedicated service as a Permanent Deacon, Deacon Daniel Gana has officially retired from active ministry at Holy Rosary Parish as of Dec 31st, 2023. We are grateful for his service and

many friendships he formed over the past two decades. In thanksgiving for his ministry, we will offer a light reception **TODAY, Sunday, March 3rd**, after the 12 PM Mass. Please join us in saying thank you to him!

2. Please join us **TODAY, Sunday, March 3rd**, following the 12 PM Mass, for the First Sunday Family Ministry and Community Coffee. All are welcome!

3. Stations of the Cross – Every Friday through Lent (March 1, 8, 15, & 22) at 6:30 PM followed by Mass at 7:00 PM. Scan the QR code to access the Stations of the Cross on your mobile.



4. Lenten Evening of Confessions will be held on Tuesday, March 12th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

5. 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). In order to ensure that the Foodbank can continue in

future years we need the financial support of the community. On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.

6. Dear Parishioners,

We are Humber College Nursing Students, and in our continued collaboration with the Out of the Cold Program, we will be presenting on medication management and valuable local pharmacy services. We are seeking donations of Pill boxes, Hygiene products, Sunscreen, and common pre-engraved Medical ID bracelets, available at various pharmacies. Boxes will be set up at the Church entrance for the donations. We welcome you to join us on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at 11 AM in the Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Thank you for helping to make a positive impact on accessible health!

7. The Young Adults at Holy Rosary are planning to pray and reflect on the Stations of the Cross on March 9th, 2024, across the churches on St. Clair Ave W. We will start at 10:15am at Holy Rosary Church and then walk westward to churches along the street. It should take around 2hrs to complete. Please RSVP to youngadults@holyroary.ca by March 4th so that pamphlets can be printed accordingly.

8. During COVID, we made the decision to stop passing the basket for collection. Many parishioners now donate by Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) through their bank account or by credit card online. 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. Fr Peter

9. Come & See — Discernment Weekend Retreat — March 15–17, 2024 at St. Augustine's Seminary
From: Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director,
Office of Vocations
The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Please note that registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseesee. For more information, please contact us at: vocations@archtoronto.org.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S
SEMINARY

March 3rd, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 4, 2024

12:10 pm. For the Birthday Celebrants of the Month

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

12:10 pm. Dr. Joan Hibberd (+)
Requested By: The Radovan & Reilly Family

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

12:10 pm. Rev. Jon Bromley (+)

Thursday, March 7, 2024

12:10 pm. Viancia (+) & Jose Rego (+)
Requested By: Maria Zelia

Friday, March 8, 2024

12:10 pm. Eileen Pilon (+)
Requested By: Susan Pilon

Multiple Intentions:
Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm. Maria de los Angeles del
Pilar Ledezma Villegas
Requested By: The Family

Saturday, March 9, 2024

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

5:00 pm. Consorcia & Yolanda Gavia (+)
Requested By: Helen Fabro

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am. Birthday Blessings for Mila
Bobadilla & for the Deceased
Members of the Mendoza &
Bobadilla Families
Requested By: The Fleming Family

10:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

12:00 pm. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested By: Maria Zelia



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



The Pastor's Reflection

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

This Sunday's Gospel is focused on the dramatic scene of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. His Father's House has been turned into a "marketplace" (Jn 2:16). At first, this seems rather perplexing. Was it not the Lord himself who commanded the offering of animal sacrifice in the Temple? The Jewish people had to buy the animals of sacrifice from somewhere. Some Jews traveled a very long distance to worship in the Temple for Passover. They would have had different currency that required them to exchange it. So why would Jesus get so angry?

Some commentators wrongly suggest that the intermingling between religion and money is what ultimately triggered the Lord's righteous anger. But is that really true? We have several letters written by St Paul in the New Testament dedicated to the taking up of monetary collections for the Church in Jerusalem (cf. 1 Cor 16:1-4 and 2 Cor:1-9:15). It seems more likely that Jesus was angry over the fact that they had lost sight of the reason for the sacrifice and turned their hearts towards their own material gain. They went from worshipping God to worshipping "mammon" (Mt 6:24). In other words, they were explicitly violating God's commandment to "not have other gods before" him (Ex 20:2).

Brothers and sisters, it is so easy to turn money into an idol. Money is necessary, but it can provide us with a false sense of security and entitlement. Everything comes from God and belongs to him too. On Ash Wednesday, Jesus told us to "give alms" (Mt 6:2). This is an important part of our Lenten practices. Why? Because our level of generosity towards the Church and the poor is commensurate with our level of trust in God's providence. Clinging to material possessions is a form of idolatry we must reject. We will not be able to experience the freedom that comes from being a disciple of "Christ crucified" until we learn to let go and become more generous with God (1 Cor 1:22). All our material possessions, ourselves included, will eventually turn back to "dust". All that will remain will be the love we had for God in this life and our good works that were inspired by it. May they be many!

God bless, Fr. Peter

Visit the following links to listen to Fr. Peter's recent interview with Jay Lush on why good people suffer and why poor people are more religious:

https://youtu.be/DNJy-5KkSy4?si=Qv_6_PmrWvN_FbeV

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