

# HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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.

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sat 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## MUSIC DIRECTORS

Edwin Chiu: Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Geoff Butler: Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

## T.C.D.S.B. SCHOOL CONNECTED TO THE PARISH

Holy Rosary Catholic School: 416-393-5225

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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](http://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.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me."* (Psalm 12.6)



*"Love your enemies..."* (Lk 6:27)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

What is the hardest thing for many of us to do? Love our enemies. Pure and simple. Most of us will get by ignoring them, or at best tolerating their presence. Yet, Jesus asks us to love them. It's no wonder that these words are amongst the hard sayings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We all love to hear about how much God loves us, however, it's not so easy to hear that we must actively will the good of the one who has really hurt us. The spouse who betrayed their marriage vows, the religious who caused a deep scandal in the church, the lying politician who clings to power for their own sake rather than to use it for the common good, the friend who told others what was said in secret, the thief who stole from us, etc. All these examples were taken from a quick scroll through social media posts!

They are also being quickly forgotten by many Catholics. It's shocking to hear how some of us talk about people, even those who hate the Church. It is good and just to want to defend our Mother the Church, but without the same hateful rhetoric of those who hate us. Revenge might feel good for a fleeting moment, but the guilt from having reacted like a pagan rather than a Christian will eventually sting our conscience.

One woman who understood what it meant to "love one's enemies" was St. Joan Valois. She was married to a man for political reasons, rather than love, as was common back in 15th-century France. She loved her husband, but he treated her terribly. He left her due to her physical disabilities and married another woman to secure his wealth. To make matters worse, he would publicly embarrass St. Joan. Remarkably, she was always charitable. St. Joan tried to defend herself publicly but never sunk to his despicable level. Moreover, St. Joan would become a nun and establish her own religious congregation.

When she was praying, St. Joan heard the Blessed Virgin Mary speak the following words to her:

"You shall seek to establish peace among all those among whom you dwell. You shall speak nothing but words of peace, concerned for the salvation of souls. You shall not listen to slanderous words, and as soon as you see some sinners, you shall say in your heart: these poor people must be saved. For God has allowed them to sin in your presence to see, He, God, how you would pray for them and what labor you would undertake to save them. Excuse them before God in order to be, as I told you, the advocate and defender of all." (taken from The Pillar, Feb 4, 2025)

Love your enemies. So simple, yet so hard to do if we try it alone. St. Joan and all holy men and women who are able to will the God of those who hate them cannot happen unless we cling to Christ through prayer and hide within the Sacred Heart which aches over this world.

## Announcements

1. The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, March 2nd** from 10 AM to 3 PM in the Parish Hall. Adult tickets are \$5.00 and children's tickets (12 years or younger) are \$2.50. Hot and cold drinks will be provided. Funds raised will support future CWL projects. Tickets can be bought from a CWL member following the Sunday Masses this weekend or at the door on March 2nd. All are welcome!

2. Chalice is coming to Holy Rosary Parish! At the **March 1-2** Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.

3. Joy in Lent? Day of Recollection with Fr. Donald Raila OSB (Saturday, April 5 · 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Doors open at 7:30 AM). In contrast to the emotion of happiness, Christian Joy, as a gift and a fruit of the Holy Spirit, is always available and is based on our acceptance of a close relationship with Christ. Since Lent is a season of focus on renewal in Christ, Joy should indeed be a characteristic of Lent, as is evidenced by the Rule of St. Benedict. To buy tickets, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/joy-in-lent-day-of-recollection-with-fr-donald-raila-osb-tickets-1219547301809?aff=oddtcreator>

4. The **FEBRUARY** Food of the Month donation is **FAMILY-SIZED PEANUT BUTTER**. Please bring the donation to the Parish Office.

5. **"We are looking for volunteers aged 65 and above!** Society of Sharing is a non-profit organization that mobilizes volunteers to serve isolated, housebound, and lonely seniors in Toronto's inner-city since 1981. Do you want to reach out and make social connections with isolated seniors, or support a senior with getting to medical appointments and providing access to groceries? For more information, please visit [www.societyofsharing.org](http://www.societyofsharing.org) or contact their Recruitment & Training Specialist at [vrts@societyofsharing.org](mailto:vrts@societyofsharing.org).

# FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 24, 2025

12:10 pm. Roy Lawless (+)  
Requested By: Prayer Group of Christie Gardens

### Tuesday, February 25, 2025

12:10 pm. Valdis Vanags (+)

### Wednesday, February 26, 2025

12:10 pm. Anna Nagy-Bakos (+)  
Requested By: Her Daughter, Edit Nagy Bakos

### Thursday, February 27, 2025

12:10 pm. Personal Intentions & Blessings for  
Vito Canovale  
Requested By: The Family

### Friday, February 28, 2025

12:10 pm. Roy Lawless (+)  
Requested By: Eithne Heffernan

#### Multiple Intentions:

Mely Felis Mino (+), Jennifer Couto (healing of mind, body,  
and soul), Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, March 1, 2025

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

5:00 pm. Alfredo Dc. Cruz (+) & Antonietta  
Guerriero (+)  
Requested By: Gayle Comeau & Mike  
Gambardella

### Sunday, March 2, 2025

#### *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am. Ludovina Brum (+)  
Requested By: Margaret Gresdal

10:00 am. Helen Borowski (70th Birthday)  
Requested By: Her Sisters

12:00 pm. Holy Rosary Parishioners & In  
Thanksgiving (Liana K.)  
Requested By: Shirley Young



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Madeleine Mendoza, Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, Mario, Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Please remember those who have recently died, especially: Lucia Silveira (+), Helen Noah (+), Olivia Hussey (+).

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# LENTEN

## Devotions

6:30pm Stations of the Cross  
7pm Holy Mass  
7:30pm Spiritual Conference

Every Friday during Lent  
March 7th until April 11th

## St. Joseph

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"The power given to  
St. Joseph is unlimited"  
Pope Pius XI

Novena March  
10-18th  
(after each Mass)  
March 19th  
Solemn Mass  
12:10pm  
Holy Hour 1-2pm



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