

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

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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."
(Psalm 83. 10-11)

Weekly Biblical Reflection

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I will never forget the time when Pope St. John Paul II came to Toronto. During one of his homilies, 23 years ago, the Holy Father spoke to the youth about the importance of following the Lord in a radical way. He quoted St Catherine of Siena's famous words, "Be who you were meant to be and you will set the world on fire."

Pope St. John Paul II repeated these words often throughout his entire pontificate. The passion with which he said them, even as his voice became progressively more feeble due to Parkinson's, inspired so many men and women to leave everything to follow Jesus Christ. We recognized and appreciated that his words were meant for all of us, including you who are reading this reflection.

Jesus's words are fire! They burn away the chaff and purify the hearts of those who listen to them. They are like a double-edged sword: they would go in and out. Why? The truth has the capacity to reveal what lies within us. We can either resist, harden ourselves, or surrender to him. The former will only make us miserable; the latter will fill us with peace and joy, regardless of the opposition we will face.

Opposition comes from a world that does not understand truth due to its spiritual blindness caused by sin. Like Jeremiah, we may find ourselves tossed out of our former social circles once we profess faith in Christ. Who cares? As the Psalmist writes, "I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." (Ps 84:10)

Some of our own family members wrongly think that familial bonds are more important than religious ones. No! God first, then everyone else. A few days ago, I learned of the death of a beloved priest and professor of mine from Rome. Fr. Alberto Trevisol once shared with me a very painful experience he had with his family regarding his priestly vocation. His father was always against it so much so that his father asked Fr Alberto to abandon the priesthood while he was on his deathbed. By the grace of God, Fr. Trevisol remained faithful to his calling. God willing, both Fr. Trevisol and his father are now reconciled in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Do you need a spiritual boost? Consider watching the

documentary entitled Faith: Pope John Paul II. It presents video images from the life of JP II, intermixed with clips from his funeral, and all set to music by Andrea Bocelli. May his prayers from the House of the Father set our hearts on fire and spread to those around us!

Announcements

1. **This weekend, August 16th/17th**, the Archdiocese of Toronto will hold its annual collection for Canadian Missions. The Canadian Missions Collection advances and sustains the Catholic faith in remote dioceses in the Northwest Territories and northern Alberta, along with mission communities supported by Catholic Missions in Canada. Thank you for your generosity.

2. **This weekend, August 16th/17th**, is TOONIE Sunday for the St. Vincent de Paul Program. Please place a toonie or loonie in one of the poor boxes located at each of the Church entrances.

3. Holy Rosary Parish invites you to our **Marriage Prep Course**. The course will take place on Tuesdays (7 PM - 8:30 PM) from September 9 to October 14, in Room 2 of the Parish Hall. To register, please email office@holyroary.ca. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 416-923-8471.

4. **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** The program starts on Thursday, September 18. This program is for adults seeking baptism, confirmation, or full communion with the Catholic Church. Registration is required. Request a form by emailing LPA@holyroary.ca or scanning the QR code.



5. The 41st Annual Rosary Sunday will be held on September 14th, 2025, at Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON. The Catholic Women's League will be selling bus tickets for \$50 each, on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, contact: Paulina at 416-919-0634 or cwlholyroarycouncil@gmail.com, or Jhonaliza at 416-858-2908 or medinajhonaliza.cwlhrc@gmail.com. E-transfer to cwlholyroarychurch@gmail.com or make a cheque payable to the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

AUGUST 17th, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 18, 2025

12:10 pm. Flora Gica (+) (In memory of her 99th Birthday)
Requested By: Delia Gica

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Saint John Eudes
12:10 pm. Maria Jose Medeiros (+) & Jose Nunes (+)
Requested By: Patricia Baris

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Saint Bernard
12:10 pm. Lokendra Kumar Sharma (+)
Requested By: The Family

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Saint Pius X
12:10 pm. Souls in Purgatory & Zachary D'Amico (+)

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:10 pm. Nicola (+) & Maria Fantetti (+), Giuseppe Santoianni (+), & Santa Vaccaro (+)
Requested By: Santina

Multiple Intentions:

Marie Allemend (+), John Enright (+), Pedro de Vera Sr. (+) (Death Anniversary), Primitiva Samonte (+), Raul Samonte (+), Rudolfo Sarinas (Birthday Blessings), Thaddeus, Smart Kryes, Karina, & Felix (Birthday Blessings), Maria Flojemon (In Thanksgiving), & Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Saint Rose of Lima
9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart
5:00 pm. Maria Bazzul (+) (Death Anniversary)
Requested By: Mira Bazzul

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners
10:00 am. Valeria Sbrocchi (+)
Requested By: Antonella Amoroso
12:00 pm. Aurelio Huaman (+)
Requested By: The Family



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Gerard Gonsalves, Mary Castillo de Vega, Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Holy Rosary will be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word every other Sunday at the 12 PM Mass starting on September 14 until the end of June, for children aged 4-10. Parents/guardians are always welcome. Children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult.



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