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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name." (Cf. Psalm 30. 3-4)

Weekly Biblical Reflection

"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." (Sir 15:15-17)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

St. Ambrose of Milan was one of the great saints of the early Church. Now recognized as a Doctor of the Church, remarkably, Ambrose was elected bishop by popular proclamation before he was even baptized! His wisdom and political skill helped him to navigate the Church through turbulent times. Faithful to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, St. Ambrose was able to successfully guide many Christians, including St. Augustine whom he later baptized; into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Ambrose was able to be an example for his contemporaries, and for us today, because of his deep understanding of God and human nature. Today's first reading from the Book of Sirach emphasizes a key component of our human nature: freedom. Freewill is given to us by God. We are not robots; we are made in the image and likeness of God and can therefore learn to distinguish good from evil and choose to follow God's commandments (cf. Sir 15:15-16). However, in order to be truly free, we must direct our freewill towards the ultimate good, which is God Himself. Contrary to popular opinion, freedom is not given to us to do whatever we wish, with whom we like and whenever we want. That kind of false freedom, or license, actually enslaves us and makes us truly miserable.

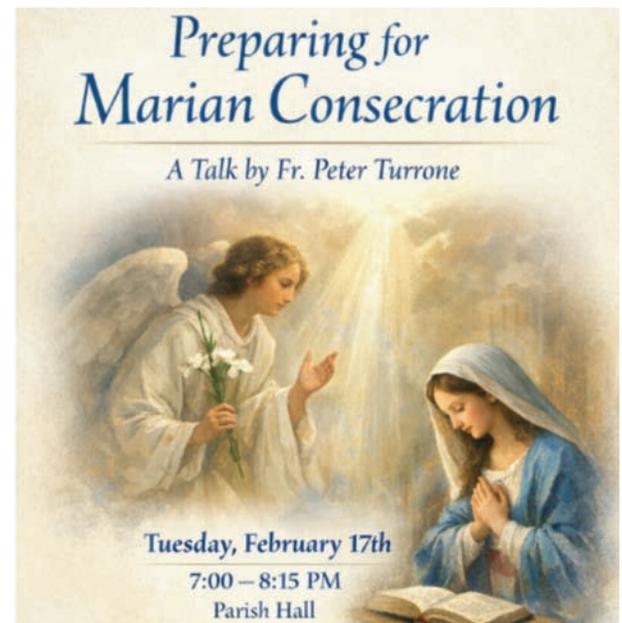
St. Ambrose was well aware of our human weakness and how much we are all affected by the sin of Adam and Eve. We need the grace of God to first know what is right. Yet, even when we know the good, we often have difficulty doing it. Therefore, God's grace again is necessary to enable us to choose to do what is right and pleasing to the Lord. Fortunately, the more we cooperate with God's grace, the more we will grow in virtue. Do not despair or become discouraged as growth in holiness takes time; even great saints like Ambrose were not formed overnight. We have to root out the first movements of temptation from within the heart before it leads us to kill, quarrel or commit adultery (cf. Mat 5:17-37).

As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent this coming Wednesday, it is a fitting time to reflect on the example of St. Ambrose, as well as the admonition of Sirach to "choose the good". Beginning this Holy Season, I encourage you all to spend more time in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Moreover, I encourage you to read good books on the lives saints, like Ambrose and many others. The saints, as models of virtue, are real life examples of spiritual success who challenge and encourage us to love God and our neighbour with greater fervour.

God bless, Fr. Peter

Announcements

1. The Parish Office is **CLOSED** on Monday, February 16 for Family Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM. **There is no 12:10 PM Mass.**



FEBRUARY 15th, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 16, 2026

9:00 am. Steve Jameson (+)
Requested By: Michael & Eithne

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

12:10 pm. Gerard McEvoy (+)
Requested By: Rose Family

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

12:10 pm. Holy Rosary Parishioners

7:00 pm. Holy Rosary Parishioners

Thursday, February 19, 2026

12:10 pm. Yolanda Browne (+)
Requested By: Troy Pedro

Friday, February 20, 2026

12:10 pm. Johanes Thio In Liong (+)
Requested By: Liang K. Tan

7:00 pm. For the Protection of all Unborn
Children
Requested By: Monica & David

Multiple Intentions: Ardy Maria Campania (+),
Germanus Kong (Special Intentions)

Saturday, February 21, 2026

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

5:00 pm. Clarence Joseph Thompson
Requested By: Rosalie Thompson

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am. Antonio (+) & Francesco
Mazzotta (+)
Requested By: Family

10:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

12:00 pm. Cheslova Kirebko (+)
Requested By: Family

Monday, February 23, 2026

12:10 pm. Paul Artibello (+)
Requested By: John Artibello

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Salvatore Nasello, Goretti Raposo, Miranda Thompson, Richard Marshall, Paul Swarney, Kaye Graham, Mary Hopkins, Peter Robinson, Dominic Curran, Gerard Gonsalves, Mary Castillo de Vega, Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Please remember in your prayers those who recently died, especially: Angelo Paolucci (+), Anna Artuso (+), Pat O'Mahony (+).

Fridays during Lent

Every Friday during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM, followed by Mass at 7 PM, and listen to a Lenten Reflection at 7:30 PM.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary by St. Louis de Montfort

We will be selling booklets of prayers that will guide us towards our parish-wide Marian Consecration on March 25, 2026 - the feast of the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary. You can purchase a booklet from the Parish Office for \$5.

The 2025 Parish Tax Receipts for donations received at the parish are being processed and you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, March 2nd. Tax donations using credit cards on the parish website are issued by the Archdiocese of Toronto and you should also receive them by Monday, March 2nd.

The Churches-on-the-Hill **FEBRUARY** Food of the Month donation is **CANNED SALMON**. Please drop off your donation at the Parish Office.

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 in the St. Basil's Parish Hall following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Our guest speaker will be Fr. John O'Brien, SJ, Director of the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. Fr. O'Brien will speak about his own vocation journey and also reflect on the vocations of the Canadian Martyrs. Guests and those interested in learning more about Serra International are most welcome. St. Basil's Parish is located at 50 St. Joseph St. off Bay St. just north of Wellesley St.

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