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Monday Closed

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

ENGLISH Saturday 5:00 p.m.

ITALIAN Sunday 9:00 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 10:30 a.m.

ENGLISH Sunday 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the office in emergency or serious illness.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 12 months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Please call the Parish Office.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

RESOURCE CENTRE/GIFT SHOP

Open for 30 minutes after each weekend Mass.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: SHOWING MERCY

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:16)

How are our good deeds like a shining light? And why do they bring glory to God? A key to understanding Jesus' words lies in today's first reading from Isaiah.

The reading describes what have come to be called the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, giving to the poor (Isaiah 58:7, 10). By performing these works, we imitate our heavenly Father, whose mercy knows no bounds. So when people see these "good deeds" (Matthew 5:16), they see how God loves them: with generosity, mercy, and faithfulness. We believe that God himself reaches out to people through our actions. He is helping us display a "family likeness" to him, and it points anyone who sees us back to him.

In a broader way, our works of mercy can also contribute toward the kind of society that reflects God's priorities. How? The mercy we show people changes our own hearts. We see other people as beloved children of God, and that affects the way we act. And people notice when, for instance, we sacrifice a night out so that we can give time or money to the needy, our corner of the world begins to look a little more like God's kingdom. When his generosity starts to overcome our selfishness or materialism, we help the people around us see that something different, something better, is possible. And, as Isaiah says, our "light shall break forth like the dawn" (58:8).

What concrete ways can God show his mercy through you? Start at your parish. It likely has programs to serve the poor or reach out to those in need. Maybe you could work at a homeless shelter or even start an outreach like serving lunches at a soup kitchen. Get involved, and let the light of God's likeness shine forth.

"Father, I want my actions to glorify you!"

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 February, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Leo Palmucci

Sunday 5 February, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 5 February 12:00 PM

Birthday Blessings for Aguido Dela Cruz

Tuesday 7 February, 9:00 AM

+ Julian & Delia Pacificador,

+ Evaristo & Josefa Pacificador

Wednesday 8 February, 7:00 PM

+ Tony David

Thursday 9 February, 9:00 AM

+ Ulfrido Valera

Friday 10 February, 7:00 PM

+ Bruno & Rosario Tapuro,

+ Florentino & Florentina Doronio,

+ Mabini Valentin,

+ Minilada Bumanglag,

+ Rosalia Ferro,

+ Nicola Granata

+ Giuseppe & Michelina Ippolito

Saturday 11 February, 9:00 AM

+ Lira Alemao

Saturday 11 February, 5:00 PM

+ Louis & Maria Noronha

A VISIO DIVINA ON ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: FEBRUARY 8

Come and celebrate the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita and learn about some of the lesser known Saints through the lens of Visio Divina. This is a way of reflecting and praying to draw us closer to God through the lives and struggles of the Saints. We will be paying emphasis on St. Josephine Bakhita and other Saints from marginalized communities around the world. A brief presentation of Visio Divina and discussion to follow, all are welcome to learn and pray. The event will take place on February 8 at 7:45 pm (following the 7pm mass)

"St. Josephine Bakhita, you who lived your daily life with joyful faith, pray for us!"



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

IMPORTANT: PARENTS' MEETING

RESCHEDULED:

Parents' Meeting #1:

Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Confirmation classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1

Tuesday, 15 February at 7:30 p.m.

TOTUS TUUS: PARISH SUMMER CAMP

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp is coming to our Parish this year from July 16-21! The camp is in two parts: the day camp for grades 1-6 (8:45am-2:30pm) and the Evening program for grades 7-12 (6:45pm-9pm) The day camp helps children learn more about the Catholic faith in a caring, fun-filled environment. The evening program is designed for students who are seeking to deepen their faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. Both are facilitated by our highly trained, college-age Totus Tuus missionaries with support from the local Parish Coordinator and volunteers. Begin to plan your summer for your kids with this faith and fun-filled week. Please contact the parish office to book spots for your children

LIVESTREAM OF THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Celebration of Marriage Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, February 12 has reached full capacity and registration is now closed to attend the Mass in person.

However, all are welcome to connect to the Mass via Livestream at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

YOUTH PROGRAMME:

Edge, Grades 6 & 8

Edge is a program designed for preteens and teens which allows them to deepen their relationship with Christ. Sessions will be held **every 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 6:30—8:00PM** in the parish hall

3. Saturday, February 11	6. Saturday, March 25
4. Saturday, February 25	7. Saturday, April 8
5. Saturday, March 11	8. Saturday, April 22

Life Teen, Grades 9 & 10

Life Teen is a high school youth ministry program designed to bring teens closer to Christ and his Church by exploring the depths of our faith. Sessions will be held **every 1st and 3rd Saturday 6:30-8:00 PM** in the parish hall.

3. Saturday, February 18	6. Saturday, April 15
4. Saturday, March 4	7. Saturday, May 6
5. Saturday, April 1	8. Saturday, May 20

The Chosen, Grades 11 & 12

We will be watching and discussing The Chosen, which portrays the life of Jesus as he called his initial disciples. Sessions will be held **every 1st & 3rd Fridays, 6:30-8:00 PM** in the parish hall.

3. Friday, February 17	6. Friday, March 31
4. Friday, March 3	7. Friday, April 21
5. Friday, March 17	8. Friday, May 5

Book Club, Young Adults

We will be reading and discussing "Emotional Virtue" to understand what it means to build a relationship rooted in faith and authentic friendship. Sessions will be held **every 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:30-8:30 PM** in the parish hall.

3. Friday, February 10	6. Friday, March 24
4. Friday, February 24	7. Friday, April 14
5. Friday, March 10	8. Friday, April 28

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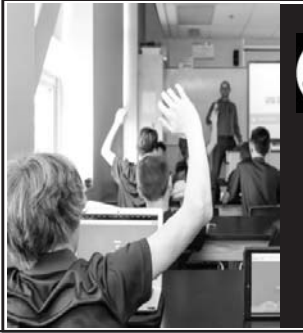
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