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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: OBEYING GOD'S WORD

Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:19)

What would our world be like if everyone lived out the teachings that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel? It would be a world where people work out their differences peacefully. Where husbands and wives are always faithful to one another. Where no one tells a lie or engages in dishonest deals.

Such a world might seem impossible, but this is the world that God has always intended for his people. It's the kingdom that Jesus announced was "at hand" at the beginning of his ministry (Matthew 3:2). It's the kingdom that he ushered in by his death and resurrection. If it seems hidden in some ways, that's because it's still under construction! We won't experience it fully until Jesus comes again.

But that doesn't mean we can't at least begin to experience God's kingdom today. In fact, God is calling us to *build* the kingdom. How? We can begin by taking Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as a blueprint for our lives. He calls us to pray and not worry about our daily needs. To care for the poor. To forgive as God has forgiven us. To love our enemies. To turn the other cheek. When we do these things, we make God's kingdom visible.

Because Jesus' teachings can be challenging, we might try to make excuses for ourselves or think that only the saints can obey them. But the more we try to live out Jesus' words, the more his Spirit fills our efforts with his divine grace—and the more we come to realize that it doesn't depend only on us, but also on God's power within us.

Today at Mass, ask the Lord how you might bring God's kingdom to the places where you live and work. Rely on his teachings to guide you and the Spirit to empower you. Above all, stay alert, because opportunities to build the kingdom of God will surely come your way!

"Jesus, may your kingdom come through me and all your people!"

MASS READINGS**First Reading:**

Sirach 15:15-20

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Gospel:

Matthew 5:17-37

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday 12 February, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Rosalia Ferro

Sunday 12 February, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 12 February 12:00 PM

+ Virginia De La Cruz & Loved Ones

Tuesday 14 February, 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving for Luciel Almocida

Wednesday 15 February, 7:00 PM

+ John Ferreira

+ Giovanni Carelli

Thursday 16 February, 9:00 AM

+ Caterina Mariani

Friday 17 February, 7:00 PM

+ Christopher Malatesta

+ Ernesto Antonio

+ Angelica Culasing

+ Mariano & Felipa Tagupa

+ Luzuiminda Tagupa Padua

+ Raffaella & Giuseppe Spogli

+ Gino Biancarelli

Saturday 18 February, 9:00 AM

+ Cyril Kagoo

Saturday 19 February, 5:00 PM

+ Andrew Sibbald,

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

This weekend we welcome Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services to our parish. Catholic Cemeteries are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Operated under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic Cemetery and Funeral Home reflects our Catholic beliefs. If you have any questions today, Frank Jannetta will be in the foyer and will be happy to speak to you. For more information please see the inserted QR code or visit catholic-cemeteries.com

**2022 TAX RECIEPTS**

The 2022 tax receipts are in the process of being mailed out by the Archdiocese of Toronto. If you do not receive your tax receipt by the end of February please see the office.

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

Please note due to Family Day Weekend there will be **NO** First Holy Communion Class this Saturday February 18 . The next class will be held on Saturday February 25.

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.

Please note due to Family Day Weekend there will be **NO** Confirmation Class this Saturday February 18 . The next class will be held on Saturday February 25.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

**Parent/Sponsor’s Meeting #1
Tuesday, 21 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.

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

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

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

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.

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

BIBLE STUDY

The next Bible Study Meeting will be this Monday February 13, 2023

40TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING

Donations are beginning to come in for our fundraising. Many thanks to families that have pitched in. Please let us know how you can support us. Check the details on the 40th anniversary brochure for more details. Thank you for your generosity!

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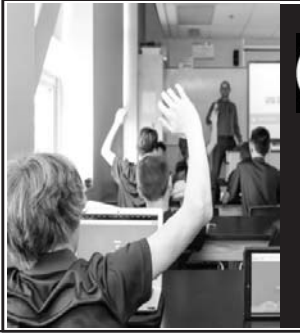
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