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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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: BLESSED BY GOD

I will bless you. (Genesis 12:2)

We often forget that, before the Lord called him, Abram was a pagan. That means that, like everyone else around him, he worshipped false gods whose stories were steeped in the selfishness, violence, and pettiness of the world.

So imagine Abram's surprise when he encountered the one true God! He was unlike any other "gods" Abram had already worshipped. There was a selfless quality about the way the Lord spoke to him. He didn't ask Abram to perform elaborate sacrifices; he didn't command him to go into battle on his behalf; he didn't even threaten to kill him if he didn't obey him. Instead, the Lord was totally invested in Abram, not himself. He promised to "bless" Abram even before Abram had done a single thing for him (Genesis 12:2). All God wanted was for Abram to leave home, that place of violence and selfishness, and travel to a new land where he and his descendants could begin a new, grace-filled life.

Just as he did for Abram, God wants to bless you—simply because he loves you. He's not concerned with how much you sacrifice to him. He isn't calculating your reward based on the number of good deeds you perform for him. He doesn't "need" anything from you at all. He just wants to help you leave whatever "places" of sin, violence, and selfishness are in your heart so that you can receive his blessings. All he wants is for you to experience life in the promised land, the kingdom of his beloved Son.

In a world that is so often based on the give-and-get transactions of business contracts and self-serving relationships, God's calling can be hard to believe. It can seem too good to be true. But it is true! Your heavenly Father loves you for who you are. He simply wants to bless you. Will you embrace his call and enter his promised land?

"Lord, give me the faith of Abram. Help me to follow you into freedom."

MASS READINGS**First Reading:**

Genesis 12.1-4

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 1.8-10

Gospel:

Matthew 17.1-9

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday 5 March, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Luigia Criscuolo

Sunday 5 March, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 5 March, 12:00 PM

+ Oswald & Henrietta Lobo

Tuesday 7 March 9:00 AM

+ John Marie Antoine Gabriel

Wednesday 8 March, 7:00 AM

+ Dave Martel

Thursday 9 March, 9:00 AM

+ Nick

Friday 10 March, 7:00 PM

+ Amus Dupit

+ Jose & Teresa Cabral

+ Ennatha Carino

+ Joseph Vee-ning Leung

+ Tony Casullo

Saturday 11 March, 9:00 AM

+ Virginia de la Cruz & Loved Ones

LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and the Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future. Lenten Confessions will take place on Thursday 24 March from 10 am to 12 noon; and 7 pm to 9 pm. For the evening session there will be several priests in attendance with a variety of languages. Please mark your calendars.

LENTEN RETREAT

We will be having a parish Lenten retreat on Wednesday March 22 at 7:00 pm which includes the celebration of Mass, followed by a talk given by Fr. Matthew McCarthy, and then adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners are invited to attend this retreat of reflection, prayer and devotion aimed in bringing us closer to Christ this Lent and preparing us for Easter!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Please note due to March Break there will NOT be a First Holy Communion Class on Saturday March 11 and March 18. The next class will held on **Saturday March 25**.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Please note due to March Break there will NOT be a Confirmation Class on Saturday March 11 and March 18. The next class will held on **Saturday March 25**.

STJW FAMILY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Parish's Family Cancer Support Group brings together parishioners that have been diagnosed with cancer in hope that we may share our experiences and help support one another. We welcome new members and hope you join at our next meeting. Meetings will be held twice a month: March 1st & 15th, April 12th & 26th, May 10th & 24th, June 7th & 21st, at 7:30 pm in the church basement. If you have any questions please contact Silvana DiGregorio-Butler: 905-771-9255 or Jackie Cabildo: 416-841-6917

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. 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.

ShareLife

ShareLife campaign 2023 is almost here. Collection for this year will be on March 26, April 30 and June 4. Parish communities throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto participate in this annual campaign, which starts at the beginning of Lent. ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. **Our campaign goal for this year is \$ 71,700.**

Please help us meet this goal and do our part in helping our needy world.

THE LENTEN SEASON

As we continue this season of grace, we remind ourselves of the invitation "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word". Let us aid our Lenten journey with these particular canonical/pastoral notes:

- Canon 1250 - All Fridays through the year and at the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.
- Canon 1251 - Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Canon 1252 - All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.
- Canon 1253: It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

- Check out our website:

<https://stjosephtheworkerth.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/files/lent--easter-practices.pdf>

for some more pastoral guide on Catholic practices and customs during Lent.

- As usual, we shall be having Stations of the Cross on every Fridays during Lent immediately after our 7pm Mass. May this holy season aid our journey with the Lord in his passion, leading us to rise with him at his Resurrection.

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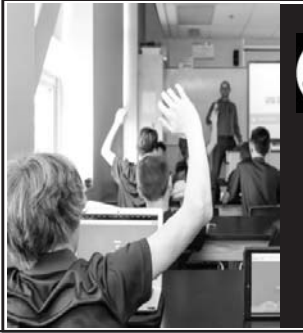

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