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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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE GRACE OF GOD

He opened my eyes. (John 9:30)

Today's Gospel seems to be a simple miracle story. But it contains rich insight for us if we, like the blind man, allow Jesus to open our eyes.

Notice that this man was *born* blind. He had never been able to see his mother's face or the light of a sunrise. For his entire life, he saw only darkness, and his condition was considered incurable.

Since we were born with the blindness of original sin, we can all identify with the challenges this man faced. Just as his physical blindness made it difficult for him to live in freedom and independence, so our spiritual blindness causes us to struggle to find our way to God. We lack the light to walk in love and holiness, and God can seem distant to us.

Jesus spotted the man in his isolation and suffering and reached out to him (John 9:1). He applied mud to his eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. Suddenly, this man, who had never seen anything before, "came back able to see" (9:7). He could see his parents and the streets of Jerusalem—as well as the mockers who disputed his healing. Best of all, he saw Jesus! And although it took time, he came to recognize Jesus as the Lord and worshipped him (9:38).

Just as Jesus healed this man of his blindness, he has washed *you* clean of sin and healed your spiritual blindness in the waters of Baptism. No more stumbling in darkness—you have Jesus, the Light of the World, to guide you! No more hiding in shame over your sin—you are forgiven! No more isolation—you are a child of God and a member of his family! You may experience some lingering effects of sin, but Jesus offers you an opportunity to see more clearly each and every day. In time, he will overcome *all* your darkness.

Rejoice: Jesus has opened your eyes!

"Thank you, Lord, for your grace. I was blind, but now I see."

MASS READINGS**First Reading:**

1 Samuel 16.1,6-7,10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14**Gospel:** John 9.1-41**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday 19 March, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

+ Maria & Giuseppe Delle Monachi

Sunday 19 March, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 19 March, 12:00 PM

+ Tony Escolar

Tuesday 21 March 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving for Thanka

Wednesday 22 March, 7:00 AM

+ Micheal, Angelo, Francesca,
Domenico & Franco Demedicis

Thursday 23 March, 9:00 AM

For all Parishioners

Friday 24 March, 7:00 PM

+ Raul Cisneros,
+ Amelia Cerezo,
+ Elisa Macias,
+ Aris Miranda,
+ Virginia Perez,
+ Vince Catalfo
+ Fiorella & Enzo Quattrini
+ Max Von Arx
+ Evlin Gappy

Saturday 25 March, 9:00 AM

+ Emilia Marcelli

LENTEN RETREAT**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

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!

LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023**

In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and the Church, express our sorrow in a meaningful way, and receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church. Lenten Confessions will take place on Thursday 23 March from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon), and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For the evening session there will be several priests in attendance to hear confessions in a variety of languages. Please mark your calendars.

40TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL BOOK

To commemorate our parish's 40th anniversary, we will be making a pictorial which will feature pictures of events held over the years, parish groups, and family portraits. IPC Canada Photo Services will be taking professional photographs of all our parishioners. We invite you all to participate in having your photo! To schedule your appointment please scan the QR code.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes will be held in the church hall. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The next class will be held on **Saturday March 25**.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Confirmation classes will be held in the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes will be held every Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The next class will be held on **Saturday March 25**.

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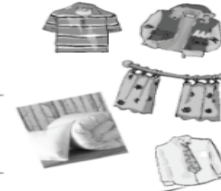


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ShareLife LIVING THE GOSPEL: 2023 SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN

ShareLife campaign 2023 is almost here. Collection for this year will be next weekend **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 path 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 7:00 pm 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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