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Office Hours

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.

Parish Groups

Choir Groups

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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: THE POWER OF GOD’S MERCY

... praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:47)

What a beautiful vision! The first believers’ experience of the Spirit was so life-changing that they felt compelled to come together to worship the Lord and love one another as family.

But this ideal situation didn’t last long. Only a short time later, prejudice and tribalism crept in, leading some to neglect the needs of the poorer widows among them (Acts 6:1). Later, some members of this mostly Jewish Christian community began telling Gentiles—falsely—that they had to be circumcised if they wanted to “be saved” (15:1). This attempt to treat Gentiles as second-class citizens caused “no little dissension” among the believers (15:2).

Stories like these might make us wonder, *If the first Christians couldn’t live together, what hope does our Church have?*

But today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Today we celebrate the good news that God is *always* ready to forgive and to heal divisions. Take the early Church, for example. By all counts, it should not have lasted more than a decade or two. But in fact, it not only survived but continued to grow and spread. That’s because God’s mercy, poured out at every Eucharist and every time his people gathered together, softened believers’ hearts and moved them to resolve their conflicts peacefully and lovingly. What a powerful testament to a God whose merciful love triumphs over every imaginable obstacle!

Even today, God’s mercy continues to flow. Every division and conflict can be overcome as we come together to worship him, confess our need for him, and strive to make love our aim. Every sin can be washed away and every relationship restored! Jesus, our merciful Savior, is always ready to help us love one another.

“Lord Jesus Christ, merciful Son of God, draw your people together in love!”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 16 April, 9:00 AM (Italian)

For all Parishioners

Sunday 16 April, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 16 April, 12:00 PM

For all Parishioners

Tuesday 18 April, 9:00 AM

+ Christopher Malatesta

Wednesday 19 April, 7:00 PM

+Pasque, Angelo, Salvatore & Franco Catenaro

Thursday 20 April, 9:00 AM

Birthday Blessings for Diane Gonzales

Friday 21 April, 7:00 PM

+ Assunta & Sefino Ortino

+ Maria Battista Grella, + Frank Scarpino,

+ Mr. & Mrs. James, + Roch Thanaratnam,

+ Cristina Iannelli, + Anna Diclement,

Speical Intentions of Divina Bernam,

Birthday Blessings for Christopher Loureiro,

Healing of the Mazzacco grandchildren

Saturday 22 April, 9:00 AM

Divine Mercy

Saturday 22 April, 5:00 PM

+ John Baptist Noronha

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

This is a Vatican-approved international exhibit, featuring panels which tell various stories of Eucharistic miracles. Its purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

The parish will be hosting the exhibit from April 14th-16th.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Let us seek the mercy of God by participating in the Divine Mercy Novena and celebration. It will start from April 7th (Good Friday) till April 16th (the Divine Mercy Sunday). On Divine Mercy Sunday, we shall have the celebration at 3pm, followed by a simple procession around our block, and end with a communal sharing of cookies, tea and coffee in the hall. Participants will also have the opportunity to use the time to visit the Carlos Acutis Eucharistic Exhibition which will still be on display all around the hall that afternoon.

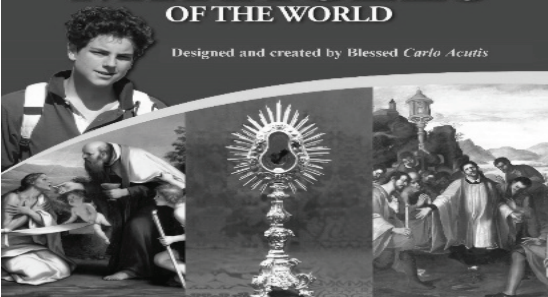
April 14 to 16, 2023

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Vatican International Exhibition

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

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This Vatican-approved International Exhibit features 2'x3' vinyl panels. Each panel tells the story of a Eucharistic miracle. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

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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 April 22.**

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 April 22.**

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50/50 DRAW

As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration, another initiative we are holding is a very exciting 50/50 draw! Individual tickets are sold for \$10 however we encourage you to purchase a book of 10 for \$100 and either sell or distribute. We will be holding two early bird draws of \$500 each. The grand prize draw of the final 50/50 pot will be at our gala. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office.

SL ShareLife LIVING THE GOSPEL: 2023 SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN

Our Parish's ShareLife campaign 2023 is here again! The upcoming collections for this year are **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.

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; our next meeting is April 26th in the church basement. If you have any questions, please contact Silvana DiGregorio-Butler: 905-771-9255 or Jackie Cabildo: 416-841-6917.

COMMUNION VISITATION

If there are shut-ins and sick members of the family that would like to be visited and brought communion, please contact the Parish Office, and provide their names and contact number or sending Fr. Victor an email at vamole@archtoronto.org. We are about working on an initiative to have them visited regularly.

PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

God of Mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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