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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. Please do not wait till the last moment. Sacrament of anointing is for the sick.

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. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Open for 30 minutes after each weekend Mass.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The kingdom of God is at hand. (Mark 1:15)

Can you imagine the excitement that Jesus must have generated as he began healing people, performing works of wonder, and preaching the good news of the kingdom? Can you picture the hope and expectation evident in the faces of the people who flocked to him? Maybe the time really had been “fulfilled.” Maybe the kingdom really was “at hand” (Mark 1:15).

It certainly was a dramatic way for Jesus to begin his ministry. But today, on the First Sunday of Lent, the Lord reminds us that this exciting new beginning came at the end of something not quite so exciting. Just before he burst on the scene, Jesus had endured a grueling forty-day fast and a host of demonic temptations.

This sequence of events wasn't just a coincidence. It was that very fast that helped launch the new kingdom Jesus was announcing. By staying faithful to his Father throughout this ordeal, Jesus began his work of disarming the devil. As the first man who didn't bend to temptation, he reversed the sin of Adam and opened a path for us to follow. Beginning with his time in the wilderness, Jesus demonstrated that his kingdom was indeed at hand—and that the devil's reign was coming to a decisive end.

As your own Lenten journey unfolds this year, keep the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness close to your heart. Especially when life gets hard or temptations arise, remind yourself that every desert experience can result in new life as you try your best to stay faithful to the Lord. Even if you fall, remember that you can stand up again and keep moving forward because of Jesus' triumph over the devil. Sin no longer has the final word in your life; Jesus, your Redeemer, does!

“Jesus, I'm ready to enter the desert this Lent. I trust in your promise to walk with me and bring me into your kingdom!”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-15

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 18 February, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Vincenzo & Maria Giogita

Sunday 18 February, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 18 February, 12:00 PM
+ Catherine Thompson

Tuesday 20 February, 9:00 AM
+ Andrew Sibbald

Wednesday 21 February,
+ Frank Scarpino

Thursday 22 February, 9:00 AM
+ Luis Litonjua

Friday 23 February, 7:00 PM
+ Arthur H. Meroljanian
+ Carmela & Salvatore Giraldi

Saturday 24 February, 9:00 AM
+ Domenico Barbieri

Saturday 24 February, 5:00 PM
+ Marcello Bruni

LENTEN SEASON PASTORAL NOTES

As we begin this season of grace which extends from Ash Wednesday, through Holy Saturday (omitting Sundays), 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.

We shall be having the Stations of the Cross every Friday, after the 7pm Mass. May this holy season aid us to journey with the Lord in his passion and rise with him at his Resurrection.

**SPIRITUS YORK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY –
EU-CHARIS-TIA: THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT**

Wednesday February 28, 2024

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Thornhill ON – 7-9:00pm

Our theme for the month is The Eucharist - The Manna in the Desert. As Catholics, the Mass is the source and summit of our life. Join us for the last part of the three-part Eucharistic Series we are hosting in the different Spiritus regions for the month with Fr. Joshua Roldan. We will begin the night with mass at 7pm and meet afterwards in the hall for 7:30pm. See you there!

What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

1. Give up sin

Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

2. Fast

An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.



3. Pray

Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4. Do good works

Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.



5. Give alms

Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.



6. Abstain

Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.



8. Control desire for possessions

Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

7. Do meditative reading

Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.



9. Control desire for entertainment

Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10. Carry out duties in life

Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!



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Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Living Lent"

**Free Webinar
Estate Planning**

From a Catholic Perspective

Saturday February 24, 2024
9:00 A.M.

The Archdiocese of Toronto & Catholic Cemeteries Estate Planning Team will discuss:

- How YOU can avoid problems
 - ◊ in your Will
 - ◊ with the Powers of Attorney & through proper Estate Trustee selection*Potential dangers and the ways to protect your loved ones and yourself will be illustrated in a few real-life stories*
- How to create your personal Catholic legacy
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burials and funerals

3 Ways to Register:

- Scan QR Code



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us in learning more about the women of the Bible. Have you often wondered who are some of the women in the Bible that really had an impact? Can we as women in our modern world relate to any of these stories or experiences in our lives. Join us on February 27 at 7:30 pm sharp. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas. If you are 18+ we look forward to seeing you. Please bring a notebook and a bible.

BUILD A HABIT OF PRAYER THIS LENT WITH HALLOW!

[Hallow](https://hallow.app) has incredible guides walking beside us in prayer, fasting, and serving others this Lent.

- **Mark Wahlberg**, will lead us in incredible fasting, discipline, and surrender challenges and Scripture motivation to keep us going through the weeks of Lent
- **Jonathan Roumie**, who portrays Jesus in The Chosen, will lead us through powerful reflections on what it means to completely surrender our lives to God
- **Fr. Mike Schmitz**, host of the #1 Christian podcast *Bible in a Year*, will guide us through weekly reflections on the Gospel and the excerpts from *He Leadeth Me*
- **Sr. Miriam James, S.O.L.T.**, will help explore imaginative prayer on the moments before Christ's death and resurrection
- **Sr. Mary Bernice**, an incredible Missionary of Charity who served alongside Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India, will reflect on charity and loving others
- And surrender stories from **Tammy Peterson, Jim Wahlberg, Fr. Frankie Cicero**, and more to inspire our faith and reliance on God.

Use Hallow to pray: <https://hallow.app/link/pray40>

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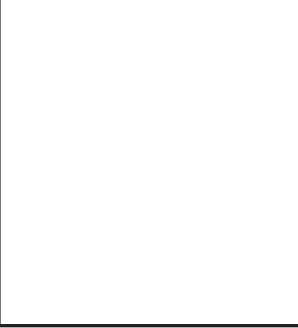
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