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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.
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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.

RESOURCE CENTRE/GIFT SHOP

Open for 30 minutes after each weekend Mass.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: OPENING YOUR MIND

He opened their minds. (Luke 24:45)

What a traumatic three days the disciples had just been through—from the Last Supper through Gethsemane, Judas’ betrayal, Jesus’ arrest, and Peter’s denial, all the way up to Jesus’ crucifixion! Everything they had staked their lives on had fallen to pieces—and they themselves had failed Jesus completely.

So it’s no wonder that Jesus’ first words when he appeared to the disciples were “Peace be with you” (Luke 24:36). How they needed that peace! Then, just as he had done for the disciples on the road to Emmaus, he “opened their minds” to help them make sense of all they had just been through (24:45). Walking them through the Scriptures, he showed them how his death had been part of God’s plan all along. He helped them see that it was not a tragedy but a triumph. It was not the end of all their hopes but the beginning of a glorious new future.

Have you ever felt the way the disciples did? Maybe you’re in the midst of a painful situation right now that has you feeling confused, betrayed, or lost. Maybe a traumatic experience in the past still haunts you. Or maybe the guilt of some past sin continues to weigh you down.

Whatever your situation, Jesus longs to do for you what he did for his disciples. He longs to open your mind to his mercy so that you can be set free from guilt or shame. He longs to reveal his love so that you can see your past—especially the painful parts—through his eyes of love and compassion. He longs to give you new insight into his wisdom so that you can look to your future with hope and trust.

Quiet your heart today so that you can hear Jesus speak to you. Let him “open your mind” and show you how he looks at you. Let him give you his peace.

“Jesus, help me to see with your eyes, to hear with your ears, and to love with your heart.”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3.13-15, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 John 2.1-5

Gospel: Luke 24.35-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 14 April, 9:00 AM (Italian)
+ Salvatore & Victoria Trotto

Sunday 14 April, 10:30 AM
For all Parishioners

Sunday 14 April, 12:00 PM
+ Roxanne & Florinda Visitacion

Tuesday 16 April, 9:00 AM
+ Rosario Belluardo

Wednesday 17 April, 7:00 PM
Almoceda Family,
Blessings for the Loureiro Family,
Intentions of the Bocchicchio Family

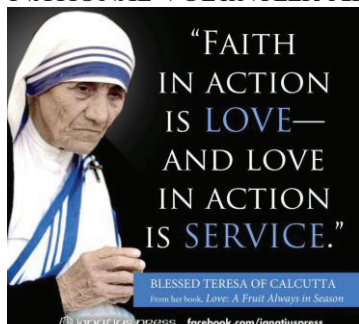
Thursday 18 April, 9:00 AM
Intentions of the Ponzio Family

Friday 19 April, 7:00 PM
Intentions of the Benedetto Family,
Birthday Blessings for Edward Filip Mesina
Healing for Manuel Gonzales
Wedding Anniversary Blessings for
Eugene & Menchie Naval

Saturday 20 April, 9:00 AM
+ Luisito Bernardez

Saturday 20 April, 5:00 PM
Special Intentions for Diane Gonzales

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK



As we embark on National Volunteer Appreciation Week, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who generously give your time, talents, and energy to support our parish community. Your willingness to serve with love and compassion embodies the spirit of Christ’s teachings, and we are inspired by your unwavering commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others. Each act of service, no matter how small, has a ripple effect that extends far beyond our church walls, touching the hearts of those in need and spreading hope and joy throughout our community. I am especially very grateful for your volunteering and collaboration with me as your Pastor these past two years, and for your gifts of time, talent and treasure. May God bless you and all yours.

SHARELIFE SPEAKER SERIES

In his message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis beautifully articulates this call as an invitation to sow seeds of hope and foster peace.

Reflecting on this, Sharelife invites you to gain a deeper understanding of the current landscape of vocations within our Archdiocese and the role we each play in supporting our future priests.

Join us in the ShareLife Speaker Series event, "Sowing Seeds of Hope: Investing in our Future Priests," on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. This special gathering of prayer and conversation will feature **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of the Office of Vocations at the Archdiocese of Toronto.** Fr. Matthew will guide us in exploring the profound significance of vocations and our collective responsibility to nurture them within our faith community.

Sign up with this link: bit.ly/sharelife-webinar-sowing-seeds-of-hope

For any questions, registration concerns, please contact:
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STREET PATROL

Our upcoming Street Patrol trip is on Saturday, April 20, 2024. We will meet downstairs in the Church kitchen at 9:00 am to make meal packages before we head downtown. In the days leading up to our deliveries to the needy, we welcome the following donations, which can be dropped off at the church office:

- Food items (sliced bread, cheese, deli meat)
- Gift Cards to shop at Walmart, No Frills, McDonalds, etc.
- As will with the harsh winter weather, we also encourage the donations of socks, tuques, mittens, and other winter accessories.



CWL BAKE SALE

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is holding a bake sale on May 4th and 5th after all the masses in the church basement lobby. Proceeds from the sale support the needs of our parish and charitable organizations. Donations of baked goods for the sale are most welcome. Please deliver these to the parish office on Friday May 3rd or Saturday May 4th in the morning. Thank you for supporting the CWL.



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 Wednesday, April 24 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, feel free to invite a friend! Please bring a notebook and a bible.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO AND OUR UPCOMING SHARELIFE COLLECTION

We thank the Representative from Catholic Family Services of Toronto (CFS) for speaking about their organization, and how they are supported by ShareLife Collections and Campaigns.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is a non-profit counselling agency, that provides family services to a highly diverse community and provides these services within a catholic values framework. CFS believes that people can heal, change, and grow, and with support, can overcome constraints, hardships, and trauma to lead a fulfilling life. Through the professional individual, couple and family therapy, our Family Life and Wellness programs offered, CFS can bring a message of hope and healing to the people served.

For more information about CFS, please see their website: <https://www.cfstoronto.com/>

By donating to our upcoming ShareLife Collection, on the weekend of April 27/28, you can aid agencies like Catholic Family Services and many others.

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