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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: ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)

Have you ever heard of snake oil salesmen? They sell a product that they promise will solve all of our problems, cure all of our ills, and guarantee a happy life. It's a tempting offer. But we know deep down that the salesman's promises are empty.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we can come to him and ask for whatever we want. Does that mean that, like a snake oil salesman, he is promising to give us whatever we desire, even if it's riches, fame, or power? Not at all.

When Jesus makes this promise, he begins by saying "If you remain in me and my words remain in you" (John 15:7). That's the key: abiding in Jesus. He wants us to be like branches that are constantly fed and sustained by a vine. That means staying connected to him so that he can feed us and form us (15:5). The closer we are to Jesus and the more we let his words shape us, the more our hearts can become like his. Our desires and dreams start to reflect his desires and dreams for us. As a result, it's more likely that we'll be "asking" according to God's will.

Of course, this doesn't happen overnight. Even as we strive to align ourselves with God's will, we should still keep bringing our needs or desires to Jesus. We should always come to him with the confidence of children who trust in their loving father. After all, we have a good God who wants to give us good things. But in the end, prayer is not an exercise in trying to get *him* to bend to *our* will. It's a process of freely embracing his will.

Jesus is promising us that we can ask and receive as we align ourselves with him and hold onto his words. He himself will dwell within us and lead us to our heavenly Father. And that's not an empty promise!

"Jesus, help me to abide in you!"

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 9.26-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3.18-24

Gospel: John 15.1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 28 April, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Giovanni & Teresa Capisciotti

Sunday 28 April, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 28 April, 12:00 PM

+ Susan Rodrigo

Tuesday 30 April, 9:00 AM

+ Peoro Torres Jr.

Wednesday 1 May, 7:00 PM

+ Armando Meggetto

+ Rosina Nardi

+ Antonio Carinci

+ Gesue Carere

+Maximo Noberto Dionisio De Lara

Thursday 2 May, 9:00 AM

+ Mr. S. J. James

Friday 3 May, 7:00 PM

+ Razouk Luka

+ Pantaleo Cozzitorto

Saturday 4 May, 9:00 AM

+ Henrietta Lobo

Saturday 4 May, 5:00 PM

+ Nicholas Selvaggi

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

This weekend, at our 5pm and 12noon Masses, some of our children will be receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. On behalf of the entire parish, I congratulate them and their families, together with their teachers, for this important milestone in their lives. Having been baptized, these little ones now advance in their sacrament of initiation into the life of Christ, nurtured by He who is the bread of life. May they be sustained by him. Many thanks to the teachers who worked assiduously to help them prepare for this great sacrament. May Jesus, the good shepherd, nurture us all unto eternal life.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

St. Joseph the Worker invites everyone to our Holy hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday April 5. There will be Divine Mercy Novena at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7 pm, followed by the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Set some time in your schedule to connect with God and experience the power of his wonderful love. Come and let us worship together!

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, May 8 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.

SHARELIFE 2024

The ShareLife campaign for this year 2024 is still ongoing. This campaign is more than a collection of funds; it is a way we as a Catholic community put our faith into action through the work of several agencies. It is one massive way by which we evangelize, and the Archdiocese of Toronto reaches out to our diverse community, near and global. We look forward to continuing to provide for our agencies as they carry out their efforts, reflecting the message of the Gospel to love one another. By supporting agencies that serve those who are poor, vulnerable and marginalize, and that operate in line with the values of our faith, we bring the hands of Christ to people in need. Our next ShareLife Sunday Collections will be held on this weekend April 28, and June 2 2024.

27TH ANNUAL SHARELIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT

We look forward to greeting our amazing Golf supporters at the Royal Woodbine Golf Club on Monday, June 10th for the 27th Annual ShareLife Golf Tournament.

Registration is \$475 per individual and \$1,900 for a foursome. Your registration includes golf, cart, BBQ lunch with wine tasting, snacks, hors d'oeuvres, three complimentary drink tickets for use on the course or in the club house and dinner with wine. To confirm your participation, please register or download your registration form at www.sharelife.org/golf. Tax receipts will be issued for the maximum eligible amount. Registration closes on May 28, 2024.

To further enhance our tournament, we welcome sponsorship enquiries and silent auction and prize donations. If you wish to discuss a sponsorship or donation, please contact Thiviya Keethadevan at 416-934-3400 ext. 526 tkeethadevan@archtoronto.org or Wendy Wong at 416-934-3400 ext. 516 or wwong@archtoronto.org. As ShareLife's mission reminds us, we are all called "to live the Gospel by providing for those in need."

Please join us on June 10th for a day of golf and friendship and to continue the support of our Catholic agencies that respond generously with justice and love. Your participation makes a huge difference! Thank you.

Catholic Education Week – May 5, 2024 – “We Are Called To Love”

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation International Eucharistic Congress 2024 – September 8-15 – Quito, Ecuador

The Holy Father has invited Catholics worldwide to participate in the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress. This year's gathering takes place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024. To learn more about the pilgrimage, please visit www.archtoronto.org/iec. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with the Canadian delegation. Registration deadline is June 6, 2024 with early bird pricing available until May 6.

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