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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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: GOD’S LOVE

God is love. (1 John 4:8)

A statement like “God is love” can sound so abstract! But in today’s second reading, John follows up this revelation with a second one: God’s love is revealed to us in Jesus, who offered himself on the cross “so that we might have life through him” (1 John 4:9). And as Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel, we, too, are called to lay down our lives for one another out of love (John 15:13).

But unlike Jesus, we usually aren’t called to literally die for someone. So what does it actually look like to lay down our lives for another person?

Today’s first reading from Acts gives us a model. A Roman centurion named Cornelius invites Peter to come to his home in Caesarea, about a thirty-five-mile walk. Peter knows it is “unlawful for a Jewish man to associate with, or visit, a Gentile,” yet he goes anyway (Acts 10:28). When he begins preaching the good news to them, the Holy Spirit falls on Cornelius and the rest of the people gathered there, and they are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ” (10:48).

Peter was doing what Jesus had commanded when he said, “Love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). He was laying down his life for these former enemies by listening to the Spirit’s leading, taking the time to journey to Caesarea, entering the centurion’s house, and then going out on a limb to baptize Gentiles.

Each day we are presented with opportunities to lay down our lives for one another out of love. It might cost us our time or our energy. It might require courage, patience, or forbearance. We might have to step out in faith. But as we do these things—even those that seem routine or mundane—we are making the abstract truth that “God is love” into a living reality. We are revealing God’s love to the world.

“Holy Spirit, open my eyes to those times today when I can love someone as you have loved me.”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-10

Gospel: John 15.9-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 May, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Gino & Splendor DeAngelis

Sunday 5 May, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 5 May, 12:00 PM

+ Deceased Members of the Sztuka Family

Tuesday 7 May, 9:00 AM

Personal Intention of Tania Sbrega

Wednesday 8 May, 7:00 PM

Mother Mary

Thursday 9 May, 9:00 AM

+ Carolina Lio

Friday 10 May, 7:00 PM

+ Giuseppe Strangis

+ Maria Jose Dos Santos

+ Florella & Enzo Quottrini

Saturday 11 May, 9:00 AM

+ Death Anniversary of Dominga, Josefa, and Catalina Landero

+ Gersan & Rafaela Espinoza

Saturday 11 May, 5:00 PM

+ Virginia de la Cruz

STREET PATROL

Please note our upcoming Street Patrol trip has been moved to **Saturday, May 11**. 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, juice boxes)
- Gift Cards to shop at Walmart, No Frills, McDonalds etc.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us in learning more about the women of the Bible. Join us on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:45 pm sharp. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas.

THE MARTYRS’ SHRINE OF MIDLAND GALA DINNER

The Martyrs’ Shrine of Midland is holding a historic Gala Dinner in Toronto in support of its 100-year renewal of the church and grounds. Join Archbishop Francis Leo, the Jesuit Fathers, and the St. Michael’s Boys Choir for this special event on Wednesday, June 12th. Tickets are available at martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- MAY 5-10 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.


MENTAL HEALTH IN THE FAITH COMMUNITIES AWARENESS SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 5, 2024, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday. The special focus for this day to raise awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening, and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help, and healing. So, on Sunday, May 5, 2024, let’s talk about mental health and help stop the silence, stigma and shame. For more information, please visit the archdiocesan website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/mentalhealth>


MARIAN MONTH OF MAY

Dear friends, the month of May is here, a month traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Paraphrasing the words of Pope Paul VI, this a month in which the piety of the faithful is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which we will pay to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth in this month specially. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne.

In this month let us reflect a bit more on the mysteries of the Blessed Virgin, Mother and Queen, pray the rosary daily, and have some extra devotion to our Blessed Mother.



53RD INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
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SEPTEMBER 6-16, 2024



Experience a pilgrimage to Ecuador to attend the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress, accompanied by Fr. Chris Cauchi (Archdiocese of Toronto) and Archbishop Brian Joseph Dunn (Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth).

Be a part of the national delegation with participants expected from across Canada.

Limited space is available on a first come, first served basis.

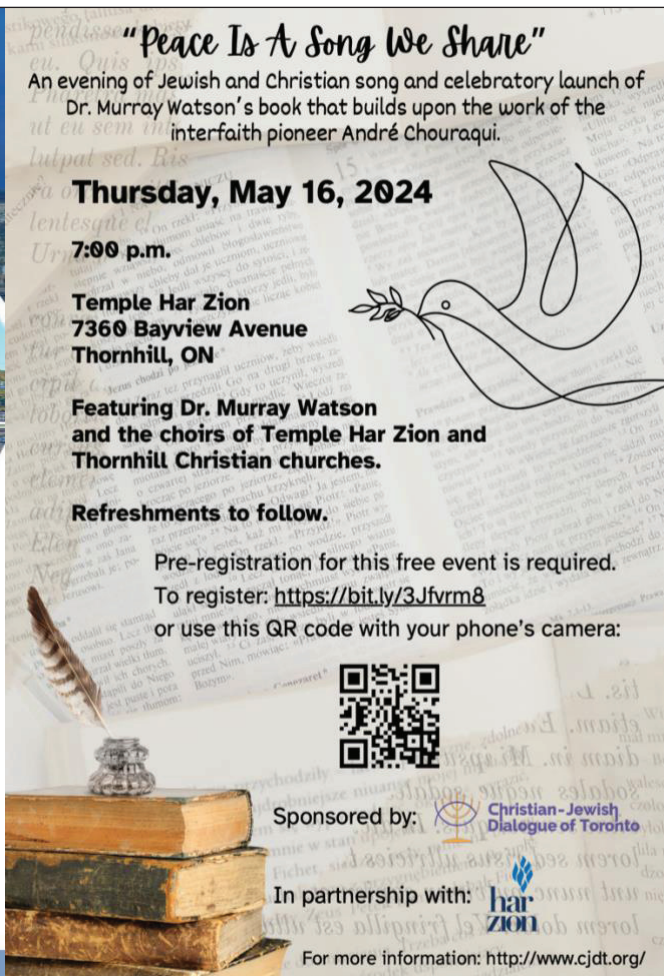

Registration deadline: June 6, 2024

Book before **May 6** for early bird discount

HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening ceremony and opening Mass
- Eucharistic adoration evening
- Daily prayer times, workshops and discussions
- Guided tour of Quito with an English-speaking guide

For additional information, pricing and registration details, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/iec



“Peace Is A Song We Share”
An evening of Jewish and Christian song and celebratory launch of Dr. Murray Watson’s book that builds upon the work of the interfaith pioneer André Chouraqui.


Thursday, May 16, 2024
7:00 p.m.


Temple Har Zion
7360 Bayview Avenue
Thornhill, ON


Featuring Dr. Murray Watson and the choirs of Temple Har Zion and Thornhill Christian churches.

Refreshments to follow.

Pre-registration for this free event is required.
To register: <https://bit.ly/3Jfvrn8>
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