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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Monday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays CLOSED

We celebrate Memorial, Clubs, and Groups Masses according to the parish schedule as a regular intention.

We <u>DO NOT</u> celebrate Private Masses.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am

Wednesday & Friday 7:00 pm

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am (Italian) 10:30 am 12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 pm and upon appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

BAPTISM

To baptize your child at our Church, it is necessary for you to be registered with the Parish and attend Mass regularly. Baptisms are held most Saturdays of the month at 3:00 pm. For more information, please contact the office or visit our website.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least one year in advance. Weddings are held at 12 pm on most Saturdays of the month.

HOME COMMUNION
Please call the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please visit our website and download the fillable registration form. Once the form is completed, kindly submit it to the parish office.

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Gospel Reflection: A Servant's Heart

Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you. (Mark 10:35)

What a bold demand! James and John seem to have forgotten what Jesus had taught them about greatness. He had just rebuked them: "Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it" (Mark 10:15). Jesus' model of greatness confounded them because in his kingdom, "[the] last will be first" (10:31).

James and John should have known that Jesus valued humility, not prominence. They should have remembered, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). But all they could think about was their position in his kingdom. They wanted to be great, to be important, to be right up front with Jesus. But he insisted that "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (10:45).

Jesus' model of greatness challenges our expectations, too. We all want to be great in some way. We might want to be admired at work or seen as a good parent. We might even want to do great things for God: to live a holy life, to make a difference in the world, or to raise a family that loves Jesus and serves the Church. These are all good desires. Even James and John's willingness to drink the cup with Jesus was a good one. Their desires just needed to be purified—and so do ours. Rather than demanding that God bend to our will and do for us whatever we ask, we need to yield to his will.

Like James and John, we need a servant's heart. We need the kind of heart that Jesus showed when he taught and healed and fed the hungry, when he washed his disciples' feet, and when he offered his body and blood. We need to imitate Jesus when he didn't make demands but yielded to his Father, saying, "Not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). May we all embrace the heart of our Savior!

"Jesus, I let go of my demands. Make me a servant like you."

Mass Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday 19 October, 5:00 PM

+ Francis Ho Tim

Sunday 20 October, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Antonio D'Amata

Sunday 20 October, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 20 October, 12:00 PM

+ Luigi Martini & Family

Tuesday 22 October, 9:00 AM

+ Froilan De Los Santos

Wednesday 23 October, 7:00 PM

+ Norma Brathwaite

Thursday 24 October, 9:00 AM

For the Fernandes & Noronha Families

Friday 25 October, 7:00 PM

- + Domenic Caravaggio,
- + Cristina Iannalli,
- + Antonio & Teresa Moura.
- + Maria D'Angelo,
- + Deceased Members of the Collantes Family

Saturday 26 October, 9:00 AM

+ John George Moolasseril

Change in Parish Timings

Please note that the Adoration Chapel is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 9:30 am - 5 pm. The chapel will remain closed during and between masses.

Confessions will be available every Saturday from 4 - 4.45 pm or by appointment.

There will be NO 9 am masses on Saturdays except for the following:

- Saturday, October 26th
- Saturday, November 9th
- Saturday, November 16th
- Saturday, November 30th

Please visit the parish website for further information of all parish hours and mass timings.

2025 First Holy Communion & Confirmation

The Registration Forms and Schedules for First Holy Communion and Confirmation can be found on the parish website. Registration opens on Tuesday, October 29th at 10:00 am. Parents (and Sponsors for confirmation) must submit all necessary documentation and fees no later than Saturday, November 23rd at 6:00 pm.

World Mission Sunday Special Collection This weekend

This weekend there will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Wednesday October 23rd, 2024 and will continue every Wednesday after the 7:00 pm Mass in the church hall. All are welcome to join!

Catholic Cemeteries' All Soul's Day Mass

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday Nov. 2, 2024 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham Reception Centre Holy Cross Cemetery,
- Thornhill Holy Family Mausoleum Queen of Heaven Cemetery,
- Woodbridge St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

Living Rosary – Friday October 25

There will be a Living Rosary on Friday, October 25, 2024, after the 7:00 pm Mass. The Living rosary is a prayer service in which each person represents one of the beads of the rosary and leads the corresponding prayer while reflecting on the mysteries of Jesus' life. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Altar Server's Awards 2024

For 37 years, the Greater Toronto Area Serra Clubs have been celebrating the devotion and achievements of altar servers from various parishes across the Archdiocese of Toronto through the annual Bishop's Altar Server Awards for Service. Every year, local churches are invited to put forward nominations for altar servers who

exemplify a strong sense of responsibility, leadership, and commitment to their roles. Notably, last weekend, 11 altar servers from our Parish were among those honoured.

Congratulations to Alyssa Casa, Mark Diamante, Mariel Diamante, Raven Diamante, Logan Pighin, Eva Pighin, Angelica Coloma, Chole Colama, Ella Cabalfin, Kevin Culasing, Kyle Culasing! We are grateful for you and all the altar servers who faithfully serve our parish!



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