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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:00pm

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Monday-Saturday): 9:00am

Saturday Vigil: 5:15pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am*, 11:00am, 12:30pm *Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Agustin Meneses, *Deacon*

Gordon D. Mansell, M. Mus, *Music Director*

Ministries and Groups

Alpha • Altar Servers • Altar Society • Bible Study • Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion • Garden Buddies • Knitters Circle • Lectors • Liturgy of the Word with Children • Ministers of Hospitality • Music Ministry • Religious Education for Children • Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) • Sacramental Preparation • Social Committee Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Call the office for info on:

Sacrament of Baptism

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

This program is for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners must be registered and regularly attending Mass. Please contact us one year prior to your requested wedding date.

Pastoral References

You must be a registered parishioner, attending Sunday Mass regularly, participating in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community, be serving in a parish ministry (e.g. lector, catechist) on an on going basis, and be in good canonical standing within the Church.

Our Lady of Sorrows School

www.tcdsb.org

Archdiocese of Toronto

www.archtoronto.org

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Life, Death, and Resurrection

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent are about how God can take us from death to new life. The first reading tells us of God's desire to bring us back to life. The second reading tells us if Christ dwells in us, we will have new life as He does. And the gospel tells how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.



Jesus receives word that his friend Lazarus is ill. However, instead of rushing to his side, Jesus delays his journey for two days. By the time he arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has been dead for four days. When he sees Lazarus' sister Martha, Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life, and that whoever believes in him will never die.

When Jesus arrives at Lazarus' tomb, he weeps and then commands Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus emerges, still wrapped in his burial cloths, and Jesus instructs the people around him to unbind him and let him go.

This passage is a powerful reminder of the hope and promise of resurrection that is at the heart of our Christian faith. Jesus' raising of Lazarus prefigures his own resurrection, which we will celebrate in just a few weeks on Easter Sunday. We are also called to have faith in God's power and goodness, even in difficult circumstances.

Reflection Questions:

- ◆ *How do I encounter Jesus during difficult moments in my life?*
- ◆ *How has my faith been a source of strength during challenging times?*
- ◆ *In what ways can I share the hope and promise of resurrection with others who are struggling with grief or despair?*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

RCIA Third Scrutiny - This Sunday at the 9:30am Mass, we celebrate the Third Scrutiny. The elect will reflect on the resurrection through the Gospel of John in his account of the raising of Lazarus. As they continue to grow in their faith and love for God, we ask for your continued prayers as they enter their final two weeks of preparation, seeking full initiation at the Easter Vigil.



Parish Lenten Mission with Bishop Ivan Camilleri **“Our Life of Encounter with the Lord”** **Monday, March 27 to Wednesday, March 29**

Our Parish Lenten Mission begins on Monday. Join us over three evenings from 7:30pm to 8:45pm in the church.

Confessions at 7:00pm.

There will be Adoration, Praise & Worship Music by Chico Nuguid and Spiritual Reflections by Bishop Camilleri.


No cost to attend. Free will offering appreciated.

Lenten Day of Confessions **Saturday, April 1 - 9:30 am to 5:00 pm**

As we prepare for Easter, the celebration of Reconciliation allows us to be renewed in heart and spirit. Priests will be available to hear confessions in the church from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

To help you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, copies of the Examination of Conscience for adults and youth are available at the back of the church.



 Pope Francis (@Pontifex)
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is, and must be, a festive encounter that heals the heart and leaves us with inner peace. It is not a human tribunal to be afraid of, but a divine embrace by which we are consoled. #24HourswiththeLord

Church Maintenance Update

During this past month we have:

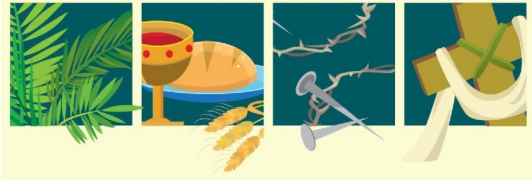
- Completed the repairs to the Bells (\$4,150 – fully funded by parishioner donations)
- Completed payments for the Running Room Roof Replacement (\$25,816 – funded from Lease Revenue)
- Purchased light bulbs (\$1,060) & a skid of ice melt (\$1,455)
- Elevator service expenses (\$2,010)

Donations to the Roof/Maintenance Fund are scheduled for next weekend, April 1/2.

Thank you for your continued support towards these ongoing maintenance costs and future phases of the Church Roof & Masonry project at the beginning of each month.

Welcome Archbishop Francis Leo

The installation of Bishop Francis Leo as Archbishop of Toronto was held on Saturday morning at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Let us continue to keep Archbishop Leo in our prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 1 - 5:15pm

Sunday, April 2

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Additional seating available in the parish hall.

Children at the 9:30am Mass are to remain with their families since there will be no

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Resumes April 16.

Daily Mass - April 3, 4 & 5 at 9:00am

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 6 at 7:30pm

(No morning Mass)

Everyone is invited to bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Altar of repose will be in the meeting room (parish hall) from 8:30pm to midnight.

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Friday, April 7 at 12:00 noon & 3:00pm

(No morning Mass)

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 9:00am & 7:30pm. The church will be open for private prayer until 8pm.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday, April 8 at 8:00pm

There will be no 9:00am & 5:15pm Mass No Confessions.

Everyone is invited to bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 9

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Additional seating available in the parish hall.

Children at the 9:30am Mass are to remain with their families since there will be no

Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Digital Payment Pilot at OLS

OLS Parish will be participating in an archdiocesan pilot project from April to June to use Tip Tap Pay (a Canadian company) for our votive candles and the St Vincent de Paul Poor boxes. There will be pre-set donation amounts listed, so you can easily tap the amount with your debit card, credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay.



Many charities are using this touchless giving solution, including the Salvation Army (for their Christmas Kettle). As fewer people carry cash, digital payments are an easy alternative. Look for the displays at the votive candle station and the St Vincent de Paul poor box at the entrance of the church beginning April. Please note, the system does not send any personal information, so tax receipts are not issued for these donations.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

March 27 - April 2

Mon. Int. of Phil Carroll by The Carroll Family

Tues. †Denis Guerard by Dan Kelly

Wed. †Fanny Petrich by Betty Petrich

Thurs. †Margarete Schad & Family by Family

Fri. †Frank Kielty by Carol Lundy

Sat. 9am †Goseco, †Valencia & † Feliciano Families by Linda Feliciano

5:15pm †Bob Taylor by Angela Olkovich, Sonja de Verteuil & Jean Taylor

Sun. 8am †Emilio Ragnoni by Jovita Ragnoni

9:30am Parish Intentions

11:00am †Secondo Antonio Pontarollo by Family

12:30pm †Jack Volpatti by Gemma Volpatti & Family

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