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The First Sunday of Lent

March 9th, 2025



Our mission : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
FRIDAY 7:00 pm
SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS



MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 10 MARCH

9:00 AM + NAOMI SUAZON
+ JOSE LUIS & EMILIA SOUSA
+ FELICE MANSERRA

TUESDAY, 11 MARCH

9:00 AM + ERNESTO & VICTORIA ADVINCULA
+ PAT CORNACCHIA
+ ANTONIA & ANGELO GATLA

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH

9:00 AM + INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO
+ AGOSTINO & CONCETTA MANSERRA
+ ASUNTA FERNANDO

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH

9:00 AM + GAULBERT, CHARLOTTE & FIDELIS
MONTEIRO
+ MARIA & JACINTA KAHIT
+ BENEDICT MING FONG

FRIDAY, 14 MARCH

7:00 PM + LEANNE RODGERS

SATURDAY, 15 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. PHILOMINA KRISH
+ MARGARET WALSH
5:00 PM S.I. THANKSGIVING FOR FAVOURS
RECEIVED
+ STELLA BALZANO
+ ALDO DAPRATO

SUNDAY, 16 MARCH

8:30 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
+ GLENYS WRIGHT
+ ELISA FLORENTINO DILOATA SR. &
FAMILY
10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 PM + MAVIS RAGELL
+ MICHAEL SFERRUZZI
+ SANDRA RAMNARINE
7:00 PM + LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
CORDEIRO & D'COSTA FAMILIES
+ MACARIO JOAQUIN

Please note, Children's Liturgy is on hold for March Break. We will resume our program on March 23. Thank you and we wish all the children a blessed break!



LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7 pm to 7:30 pm Mass

40 CANS FOR LENT



During Lent, Catholics are asked to alleviate another's misfortune and through the 40 Cans for Lent Program, your council can bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, Mar 5th** and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans any time throughout the Lenten season in the designated boxes in the church foyer and they will be distributed to those in need.



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you all so much for your support for the youth going to camp. During our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser, we were able to profit \$2235. Registration for camp is now open for students in Gr 5-8. The camp runs from Aug 16-20. To receive more information about the parent info night, please email Noah Aquino at youth.sfds@gmail.com. There will be no Edge during the March Break. The next Life Teen night is on March 22 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm and the next Edge night is on March 28 at 7:30pm - 9pm. Thank you all again so much for your continued support for the future of the church.

Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

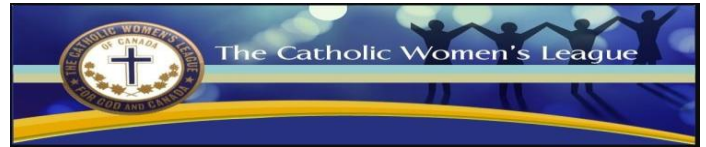


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FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2025

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$48,397
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,137
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$4,576
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$1,547,951



Calling all CWL members and ladies of the parish! On Wednesday March 12 we will have our general meeting. Those looking to join the CWL are welcome to attend. There will be a craft class on Thursday March 27.

Our Seniors' Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday March 19**. We will begin with **Mass at 11:30 a.m.** followed by the luncheon. This event is open to all seniors of the parish. Please join us for some faith and fellowship. **If you are planning to attend, please contact: Mary Ellen Stinson at 905-666-3752 or by email at mellen.stinson@gmail.com.** In case of inclement weather, please call Mary Ellen or the parish office.



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children on receiving the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation on Feb 22nd. If your child missed this date, please contact Mrs Selda as soon as possible, as this sacrament is required in order for the children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please also contact Mrs. Selda if your child did not submit their passport that weekend. The First Communion preparation classes will begin in April for all the children attending our six parish schools and the RCIC classes will also resume in April. We look forward to seeing the children at Mass each week as they prepare to receive Jesus on their First Communion Day!

CONFIRMATION

There are no classes for the next two weeks due to the March Break. **A reminder that there is a mandatory half day retreat on Saturday, March 22**. Please keep an eye out for an email from Noah for more information. Regular classes will resume March 30/31. Below you will find the Confirmation rehearsal dates; attendance is mandatory. **Lenten confession date is April 8th**. The letter of intent was due last weekend. Please hand it in if you haven't already. **Remember to bring your own pencil or pen as we unfortunately don't have a sufficient supply to provide our Confirmandi.** Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, **please DO NOT use the accessible parking** unless you have an accessibility permit and are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation. God Bless.

School	Confirmation Rehearsal Date	Confirmation Mass Date	Mandatory Lenten Confession
St. Josephine Bakhita	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm	<p align="center"><u>The Lenten Confession night is on Tue. Apr. 8th from 7pm - 10pm</u></p>
St. Jude	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm	
St. Francis de Sales	Monday, April 28 at 7pm	Monday, May 5 at 7pm	
St. André Bessette	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm	
St. Catherine of Siena	Tuesday, April 29 at 7pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm	
Public/Private	Tuesday, April 29 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm	
St. Patrick	Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm	Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm	
Other Catholic	Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm	Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm	



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- CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADER
- MUSIC MINISTRY
- BAPTISM PREPERATION TEAM
- CONFIRMATION PREPERATION TEAM
- CONSOLATION & HOPE
- CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
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