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The Second Sunday of Lent

March 16th, 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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settling unjust and unpayable debts"*

— Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 16



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Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act!

Sign the global petition calling for:

1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts
2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations.

Please sign the online petition at devp.org/debt.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 17 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. MAREK KANIA
+ ANGEL MARK GONZALES
+ FRANCO & LIBERATA TUZI

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH

9:00 AM + SIMON D'CRUZ
+ CIRIACA QUESADA MANALO
+ IVAN GOVEAS

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH

9:00 AM + MARVIS MURRAY
+ IVAN GOUVEAS
+ SAM KAISER

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH

9:00 AM S.I. MANUVELPILLAI ALASPILLAI
+ MICHAEL TUZI
+ PAUL CLEMENTS

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH

7:00 PM S.I. SUBIN DOLFUS
+ DIOTINA VIEIRA
+ BERNARD ROSARIO

SATURDAY, 22 MARCH

9:00 AM + FERNANDO MANALO JR.
+ VINCENT MARSHALL
+ MONICA CLEMENTS

5:00 PM + FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 23 MARCH

8:30 AM S.I. SEMELHAGO, LEE COUTO QUADROS &
VAZ FAMILIES
+ ARTHUR CARVALHO

10:15 AM + ONAZIO MARUCCI
+ ANTONIO & OLIVIA SOUSA
+ BERNARD, APPOLINA, DANNY & AARON
D'CRUZ

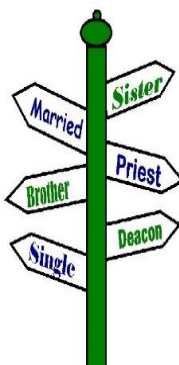
+ BASIL MIRANDA & PATRICK D'SOUZA

12:00 PM S.I. JUANITO GANA
+ GREGORY COUTINHO
+ MICHAEL SFERRUZZI

7:00 PM S.I. FOR LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE CORDEIRO & D'COSTA FAMILIES
+ GIORGIO D'AMICO

+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

VOCATIONS



Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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.

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Pope Francis, asked that a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Victims and Survivors of Abuse be observed for healing and to raise awareness. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Second Sunday of Lent was chosen as an appropriate day and time to honour the wishes of the Holy Father, to express our remorse as a community, to pray for healing and [assure safety](https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archdiocesan-day-of-prayer-for-victims--survivors-of-abuse/) in our parish communities. Please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto website or click on the link: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archdiocesan-day-of-prayer-for-victims--survivors-of-abuse/>

CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We are in the midst of a Holy Year which will undoubtedly be a time of spiritual and community renewal. Cardinal Leo invites us to join in an archdiocesan Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary – a beautiful act of ecclesial and personal faith. We shall make this beautiful act consecration on **March 25 2025, Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord**. Guided by the Spirit of unity and accompanied on our journey by Mother Mary's maternal mediation in Christ, we shall enjoy abundant divine consolations, be empowered with gifts from on High, and we shall truly be, with Our Lady, Pilgrims of Hope to the world. For a guide to the consecration, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto website or click on the following link:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/contentassets/415f85fc71064cf7a3810483bccb187d/marian-triduum-2024.pdf>



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.



Lift Jesus Higher Rally Toronto
"Power From on High"

March 29, 2025
9am to 5:30pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

YOUTH MINISTRY



On Tuesday 19 March we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

During the season of Lent, there is a board of envelopes in the foyer for "40 Days of Giving". We invite you to collect an envelope of your choice to support the youth of our parish, as they continue to grow as strong disciples of Christ. We thank you for your generosity! 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. The next Edge night is on March 28 at 7:30pm - 9pm and the next Life Teen night is on March 22 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

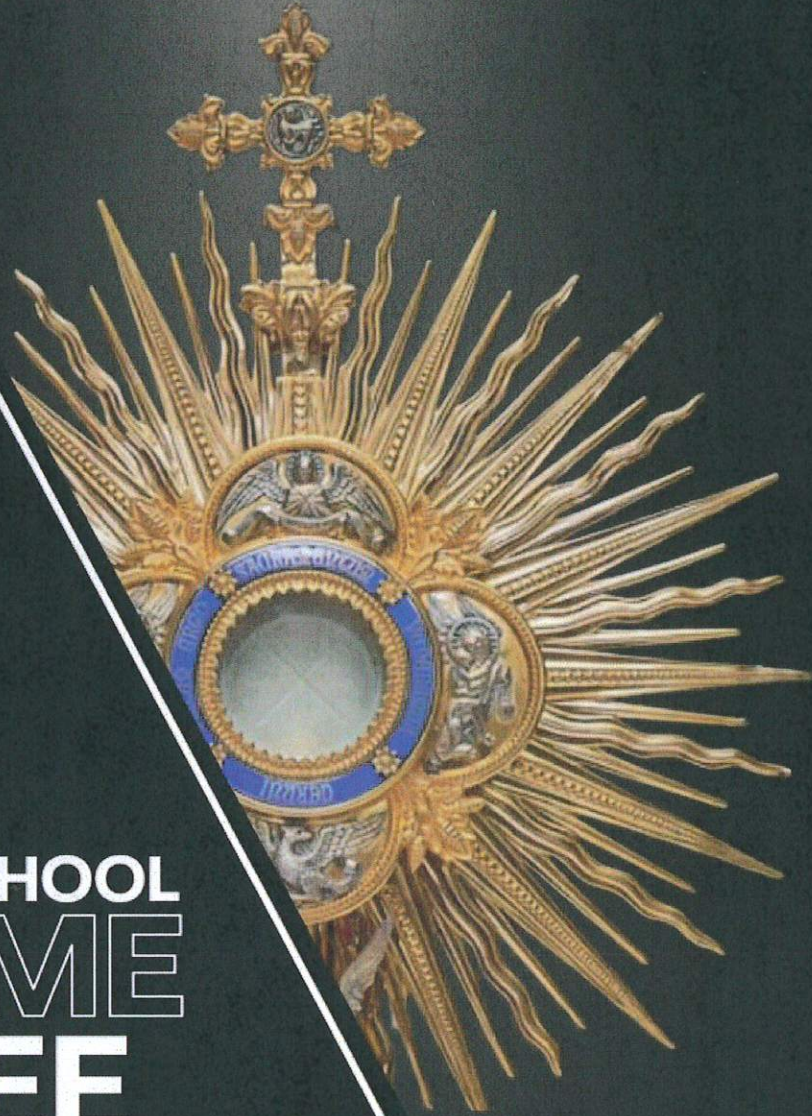
Congratulations to all the children on receiving the beautiful sacrament of First Reconciliation on Feb 22nd. If your child missed this date, please contact Mrs Selda as soon as possible, as this sacrament is required in order for the children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please 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 is no class this week due to the end of 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. **The Lenten Confession date is April 8th. 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><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	

DISCERNMENT DAY RETREAT
FOR MEN IN GRADES 11 & 12



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- Communal Prayer
- Discernment Stories
- Fellowship
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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus

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