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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Closed for Lunch 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m.)

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Holidays CLOSED

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. (Service in Vietnamese)

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 a.m., 12 Noon

Saturday & Statutory Holidays 8:30 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) TIMES**

Confessions before every weekday and Saturday Mass

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (In the Chapel)**

Our adoration chapel is open for adoration and prayer day and night from Monday morning to Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The Chapel will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Those who wish to spend time from 7:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. are requested to contact the parish office to obtain an access code. A valid photo identification document will be required. The Vocation Adoration held overnight on the 3rd Saturday of the month will continue. (Chapel is closed Sundays and Holidays)

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Fridays 6:30 p.m. in the Church

Baptism Every 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

An interview with the Pastor to set the baptism date is mandatory. Following the interview, attendance by the Parents and Catholic Godparents at Baptism Preparation Class, held every First Saturday of the month, is required. Parents of the child to be *baptized are expected to be active members of the Parish community.*

Marriage One year notice is normally required to prepare to receive this sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor for an initial interview.

Pastoral Care of the Sick. Requests for visitation of the sick and/or to receive the sacraments for the sick and homebound are to be made through the Parish Office. In times of emergency or beyond regular office hours, please contact a Priest in person.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults An interview with the Pastor is mandatory.

NEW TO THE PARISH Kindly complete a Registration Form. We also strongly encourage you to introduce yourself to the Pastor and Associate Pastor after the celebration of the Mass.

PARISH RECORDS The Parish Office tries its best to keep them up-to-date. Please advise of any important changes you may have (telephone and address).

**MISSION STATEMENT**

"To demonstrate the love that we have for God by the community we create and our response to the needs of our neighbour."

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, February 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
SUNDAY, March 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025

<p><b>MONDAY, February 24<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>7:30 a.m.</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>In Thanksgiving – The Santos &amp; de Pala’s Family</i></p> <p>+Monique Stevethers</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, February 25<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>7:30 a.m.</p> <p>12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>In Thanksgiving – Linda Persaud</i></p> <p>+Deceased Members of the Furtado Family</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, February 26<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>7:30 a.m.</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Intentions of Rosa Lee</i></p> <p>+Pamela David</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, February 27<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>7:30 a.m.</p> <p>12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Intentions of Claudette Huard</i></p> <p><i>In Thanksgiving of Maddy Lauina</i></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, February 28<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p>7:30 a.m.</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>In Thanksgiving – Eric Caramancion</i></p> <p><i>Birthday Blessings – Alex Wisniewski</i></p>
<p><b>SATURDAY, March 1<sup>ST</sup></b></p> <p>8:30 a.m.</p> <p>5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Multiple Intentions</p> <p>+Patrick McKinstry</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY, March 2<sup>ND</sup></b></p> <p>7:30 a.m.</p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>10:45 a.m.</p> <p>12:30 p.m.</p> <p>4:30 p.m. – Vietnamese</p>	<p>+ Angela Mitchell</p> <p>+ Maria Bladeck</p> <p><i>Intentions of Ian &amp; Lu McLeod Parishioners’ of St. Rose of Lima</i></p>



*We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the “forgotten members” in our community, and their families and caregivers. “Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love.”*

**An offering made in memory of a deceased loved one.**

An acknowledgement for your donation will appear in the weekly bulletin but no tax receipt is issued.

- Bread and Wine** \$25
- Sanctuary Lamp (Church)** \$20
- Lamps beside Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel** \$10/each
- Oil for Altar Candle** \$10

Dear Parishioners,

Hope you managed through the snow storm we were faced with last weekend and the one a couple of days before that. As can be expected, the attendance at our weekend Masses was down, but you all were in our special prayers. In our bulletin this weekend, I would like to offer you three reminders.

**Weekly Bulletins:** We are very happy to have our weekly bulletin that provides information and updates on the life and activities of our Parish community. I am happy to see that many of our parishioners read the bulletins regularly. One thing I have noticed is the number of bulletins left behind in the pews after our weekend Masses. What happens is some of us take the bulletin as we enter the church, read it and leave it in the pews as we leave after the Mass. It means someone going around after each of the Masses and gathering the bulletins left behind. I encourage you and plead with you not to leave the bulletin behind in the pews. Please take them with you or at least, bring them to the back of the church. And, please do your part to keep our church clean and orderly:

**Handicapped Washroom in the Narthex:** We are pleased to have a washroom in the Narthex/foyer of the Church to help those who are disabled and those who are not able to get to the washrooms downstairs because of health challenges. Unfortunately, often this washroom is used by those who could be going to the washrooms downstairs. What is even more serious is that in the last several weeks, we had to spend hundreds of dollars to repair and maintain the handicapped washroom in the narthex as people have been throwing things into the toilet that they should not be throwing, for example, paper napkins from Tim Horton’s. We replaced the paper dispenser with an air dryer, but we still notice the problem continuing. I kindly request your attention and cooperation on this matter.

**Active participation in the liturgy:** The Church invites us to full and active participation in the liturgy. The Second Vatican Council document, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* states, “*Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations.*” Here at St. Rose of Lima Parish we are fortunate to have beautiful and lively liturgies.

Thank you for your active participation. I encourage you to continue your full participation by actively listening to the readings, responding to the parts of the Mass and singing with our musicians and choir (You are always welcome to join one of our choirs or other Parish ministries.) Use the hymn books and binders provided. AND of course, at the end, please leave them in their proper places. Thanks again for your attention and cooperation.  
*Fr. Vijai, C.S.C.*

**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**



**The Sanctuary Lamps – Chapel and the Sanctuary Lamp Church**, was donated by Russel & Cynthia Pinto in loving memory of Victor Pinto & family.



To prepare ourselves for the Lenten season, St. Rose of Lima Parish will be hosting “*2000 Hail Marys*” devotion on:

**Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.** (with breaks for 8:30 a.m. Mass, 12 noon Angelus, 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy and 5:00 p.m. anticipated Mass). You are welcome to join at any time. However, if you would like to offer one petition, please contact our volunteer listed at the poster on the bulletin board or meet our volunteer at the Narthex.

2000 Hail Marys devotion consists of opening prayers, rosary, 20 petitions, songs, and closing prayers. Each petition has an intention prayer and 100 Hail Marys.

**PROVINCIAL ELECTION GUIDE 2025**



A provincial election is set for **Thursday, February 27, 2025**. Catholic Charities urges all eligible voters to make their voices heard and cast their ballots on Election Day.

To help you navigate the key issues and make informed decisions, they teamed up with their Social Justice Committee to create a concise election guide. This guide highlights the most pressing concerns in our communities and poses the right questions to consider.

To assist with this process, two resources may be helpful as Catholics prayerfully discern their vote in the coming days.

1. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto has prepared a 2025 Ontario Election Guide which can be accessed [here](#) when on line.
2. Catholic Conscience has prepared “Voting Like A Catholic”, a 2025 Provincial Election resource that can be accessed [here](#) when on line.

**ShareLife 2024**



We sincerely thank all our Parishioners who donated to ShareLife Campaign for 2024. The suggested goal, set by the Archdiocese, for St. Rose of Lima Parish was \$86,000.00. We collected \$71,478.60, which is 83.1% of our suggested goal. Thank you for your generosity. The monies collected will be shared with agencies that care for the poor and needy, locally and globally. The ShareLife Campaign for 2025 will begin soon.

In regards to ShareLife, *Arthur Peters, Executive Director of ShareLife* writes, “*Your participation in the 2024 ShareLife Parish Campaign has been truly extraordinary, achieving a record-breaking \$14.4 million raised. Your compassion is making a meaningful difference in the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community. In acknowledgement of your kind generosity, Archbishop Francis Leo extends his heartfelt gratitude to all pastors, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners. You can find his letter in the archdiocesan website, expressing thanks. We extend our deepest appreciation for your unwavering support, and we look forward to partnering with you once again in the 2025 ShareLife Parish Campaign.*”



**Bundle Up for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**



A Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot the weekend of **March 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**, so please share what you can with those less fortunate i.e. gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, drapery/towels, and toys (*new or nearly new*). Thank you for your continued support.

**Re: Neophyte Mass 2025 – Celebration of Mass with Archbishop Leo**



From: Michelle Brylowski, Associate Director, RCIA and Liturgical Formation

Archbishop Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly and or fully initiated into the Church. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 11 at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto**. Registration will open shortly. For questions, please contact [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org).



**ARE YOU NEW IN THE PARISH?**

Please consider registering with us. Visit or phone the parish office at **416-438-6729 for more information**. Please pick up a box of donation envelopes or register for preauthorized giving, so that you can receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

*Your support means so much to us! Thank you.*



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