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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 Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. 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.

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."

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners

Today, we begin the blessed Season of Advent and with it, the new Church year. A beautiful prayer of the Church captures the spirit of Advent: Lord, our God, help us to prepare for the coming of Christ, Your Son. May He find us waiting, eager in prayer. Advent is a time of preparation, a time of waiting, and a time of joyful hope. It celebrates past, present, and future: Jesus' birth in Bethlehem in the past, His ongoing, daily coming into our hearts through grace, and His glorious return at the end of time. Advent is especially meaningful for our RCIA candidates, who have completed the first stage of the RCIA program, the Period of Enquiry and Evangelization. At our 10:45 am Mass next Sunday, they will participate in the Rite of Acceptance and begin the second stage, the Period of Catechumenate. Let us pray for them. It is my hope and prayer for all of us that we can carve out some time each day during this season to pray, meditate, and prepare a place for our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor

1st Sunday of Advent



Happy New Year! If this strikes you as a bit premature, it isn't really because this Sunday marks the start of the new Church year. In the Catholic Church, the first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the cycle of readings, holy days, and holidays for roughly the next 365 days. It's also the time of year not only when we are called to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, but also when we are asked to examine our lives and take stock, spiritually speaking. (Formed.Org)

You learn to love by loving.

~ St. Francis de Sales ~



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), NOVEMBER 29TH

1st Sunday of Advent

5:00 P.M. + Kesera Godwin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

9:00 A.M. + Suad Hannoush

10:45 A.M. + Mary Josephine Alfred

12:30 P.M. + Maria, Pauly, Christy & Mary Silva

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

7:30 A.M. + Mary Florence Saroja Paul

7:00 P.M. - Amanda Lowhing-Birthday Blessing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

7:30 A.M. + Diosdado Lacsamana

12:00 P.M. + Audrey Ellen Heitzner

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

7:30 A.M. - Salvation of Jude & Celestine's Children & Alade Oludolap

7:00 P.M. + Suad Hannoush

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

7:30 A.M. - Salvation of Jude & Celestine's Children & Alade Oludolap

12:00 P.M. + Don Lebouthillier

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

7:30 A.M. - Salvation of Jude & Celestine's Children & Alade Oludolap

7:00 P.M. + Patricia Louise Bristol-Clarke

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)

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."

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"

~ St. Francis de Sales ~



**Message for Advent
30 November 2025**

His Eminence Frank
Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan
Archbishop of Toronto
[Click to Read](#)



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Loving
Memory

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

An acknowledgement
for your donation will
appear in the weekly
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*Below are the suggested
donation amounts:*

Bread and Wine \$25

Sanctuary Lamp
(Church) \$20

Lamps beside Exposed
Blessed Sacrament in the
Chapel \$10/each

Oil for Altar Candle \$10

**2025 2026 Living with
Christ Sunday Missals**

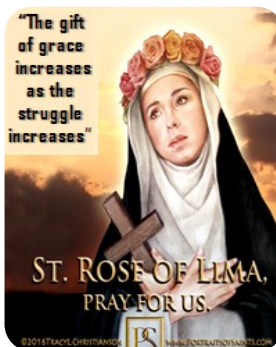


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who are
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME IN PRAYER!

From Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm (after the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass) To Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm.
VOCATION ADORATION HELD OVERNIGHT ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

Chapel Regular Hours are from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Those who wish to spend time outside the regular hours (7:30 PM to 6:30 AM) are requested to contact the parish office to obtain an access code.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE 2025 The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree was set up at the back of the Church during the weekend of November 15th / 16th.

The need is greater than ever with 161 Families and 514 children and adults assisted at Christmas alone last year and we are asking for your support in again providing gifts for the less fortunate in our parish community.

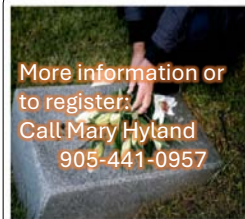
Simply pick up a tag from the Angel Tree at the back of the church starting this weekend and return a wrapped gift between then and December 17th with age group/gender clearly marked on the outside. PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE CLOTHING GIFTS AS WE ARE UNABLE TO MATCH THESE WITH FAMILY NEEDS.

Your gifts will be delivered by the Vincentians before Christmas along with a food voucher to make sure these families enjoy a good Christmas.

Alternatively, you can provide a Walmart or Shoppers Drug Mark gift card in denominations of \$10/\$20/\$30 and drop it off at the Church office before December 17th as we can use these as supplemental gifts for our adult clients.

We would also gratefully accept monetary donations over this period via Poor Box envelopes or via the special St. Vincent de Paul collection to be scheduled for the weekend of DECEMBER 13TH/14TH.

Please accept our sincerest thank you in advance for thinking of the needy of our Parish Community this Christmas Season. God Bless!



More information or
to register:
Call Mary Hyland
905-441-0957

DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER

FOR THE BEREAVED

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

"Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?"
Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.



Join Us for the 40th Annual Christmas Rose Concert

Saturday, Dec 6th
7:30 p.m. in Church

All donations will
support the SSVDP



Thank You from CWL

CWL would like to
thank all the
parishioners who
have generously
donated to
the Julliette's
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drive



The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Christmas buttons

on the weekend of December 6th/7th
after all the Masses and will accept freewill
donations for **SSVDP** to help those less fortunate
in our community. These buttons promote the
true meaning of Christmas and what the season is
all about. Please give generously.

Friars Student Writing Contest 2026 (Nov 3, 2025, to Jan 12, 2026)



High school students (ages 13-19 years) in Catholic
School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto
are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should
refer to the resources for the Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>.

Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

For information please email enicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org
or CALL 416-934-3400 x 527



PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND, SLOVAKIA & HUNGARY

MAY 3, 2026 - MAY 14, 2026

Under our Pastor's Spiritual Guidance
REV. FATHER VIJAI AMIRTHARAJ, CSC

Registration forms are located at the back of
the Church and in the Parish Office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

Tel. 905.412.2242; 1.800.565.3619 Email: group@qstours.com
OR visit our website St. Rose of Lima Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe



The St. Rose Youth Ministry is hosting a Board Game Cafe

January 3rd 2:00pm to 5:00pm
in the Parish hall.

There will be all kinds of game stations,
snacks, drinks and prizes.

This event is open to our
youth from ages 15 to 25

and is free of charge
with registration

Please scan the
code to register..





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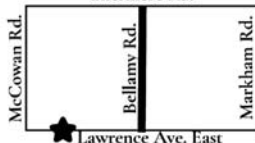
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