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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 (CONFESSON) 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."

 Pastor's Corner: Dear Parishioners

Another Christmas season has just passed, and we now find ourselves in Ordinary Time. There is often excitement and interest associated with certain feasts and seasons of the Church year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. In comparison, "Ordinary Time" might sound dull, uninteresting, and commonplace. But is it really? Ordinary Time, meaning ordered or numbered time, occurs in two segments: from the Monday after the Baptism of the Lord (January 12) until Ash Wednesday (February 18), and from Pentecost Monday (May 25) to the First Sunday of Advent (November 29).

Ordinary Time is also called the season of Sundays, interspersed with a certain number of holy days and special feasts. Ordinary Time allows us to fully celebrate the special character of Sunday, the Lord's Day, our original feast day. Sunday was the day early Christians treasured as the day when the Lord rose from the dead. It also came to be associated with the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. It is a fitting day, then, for Christians to come together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. Ordinary Time is simply the way the Church organizes its liturgical year, assigning each Sunday a number and counting weeks sequentially.

May this season help us deepen our commitment to Christ.

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor



When we say the words of the Agnus Dei, or Lamb of God, during Mass, we are directly quoting John the Baptist.

The scene is set on the banks of the Jordan River. John has been gathering disciples by powerfully calling for repentance in light of the coming kingdom of God. One day, as he sees Jesus, he cries out, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" ([Formed.Org](http://Formed.Org))

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) invites Christians worldwide to pray for unity inspired by Christ's prayer "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Unity is a gift from the Holy Spirit, cultivated through prayer, humility, and love.



The 2026 theme, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4), reminds us that, despite our differences, we share one faith and hope in God's promise. It encourages growth in understanding, healing divisions, and witnessing together to the Gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit guides all Christians toward deeper communion, making our unity a sign of Christ's love for the world.



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*



**SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00 P.M. + Dominador & Adelaida Lapar

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 A.M. + Arsenia Delos Reyes

9:00 A.M. - Reanudy Real (Birthday)

10:45 A.M. + Guada Lim

12:30 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 A.M. - Balendra & Selvamany (45th Wedding)

7:00 P.M. + Mark Acierto Moscoso

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 A.M. - Kurup Family (Thanksgiving)

12:00 P.M. + Abena Martin

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

7:30 A.M. - Lucio Abad (Intentions)

7:00 P.M. - Aida Abad (Birthday)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

7:30 A.M. - Jeremy & Dion D'Souza (Birthday)

12:00 P.M. - Stephen Jalsevac (Intentions)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

7:30 A.M. + Pablo Palomares

7:00 P.M. + PC Thomas & Than Kama Thomas

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)

*"Opposition is true friendship."*  
William Blake



*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.

*Below are the suggested donation amounts:*

Bread and Wine \$25

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Sanctuary Lamp (Church) \$20

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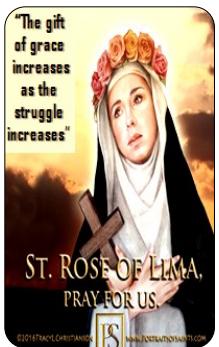
Lamps beside Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel \$10/each

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Oil for Altar Candles \$10

**Remembering Our Loved Ones**

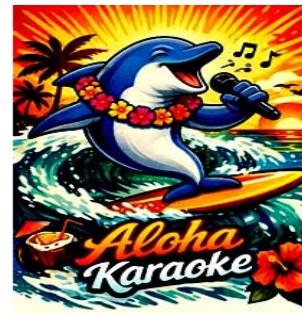
The Sanctuary Lamps (Chapel) was donated by Dagma Fonseca in loving memory of the deceased family members of Dagma Fonseca.





# Karaoke Night

Door charge: \$10/adult \$25/family  
 Come and enjoy an evening out Saturday February 7  
 St Rose of Lima Hall 3216 Lawrence Av East  
 Doors open 6:00pm pasta buffet & salad bar  
 Last Song 10:30 p.m.  
 Proceeds support our seminarians



Tickets will be available after Mass at the back of the church from one of the Knights.

## ST. ROSE OF LIMA PRESENTS...

(on the evening of January 24<sup>th</sup> shortly  
 after the 5pm mass there will be)

# CREATING Encounters

## WORSHIP NIGHT

3216 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, ON M1H 1A4  
 January 24, 2026 6:30PM-10:00PM

### SIGN UP FOR FREE HERE:



For everyone who loves Jesus, worship songs,  
 and free food—you're all welcome!

“For it is  
 in  
 giving  
 that  
 we  
 receive.”  
 — St. Francis of Assisi



2026 OFFERTORY  
 ENVELOPES ARE  
 READY FOR PICK-UP  
 AT THE BACK OF  
 THE CHURCH

Parishioners are asked to  
 pick up their 2026  
 Offertory Envelopes at the  
 back of the Church.  
 Thank you for your  
 support!

## A Celebration of Marriage

in the Archdiocese of Toronto

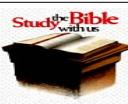
Marriage Sunday 2026 With Bishop John Boissonneau  
 February 8, 2026 @ 2:30 pm St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



During Marriage Sunday 2026, we will honor  
 married couples, especially those celebrating 25th,  
 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ anniversaries. All couples  
 can renew their vows at the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for  
 couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary  
 in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All  
 other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who  
 are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the  
 celebration [via livestream Mass](#).

Registration and other important information can be found  
 at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).



### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Do you want to strengthen your faith and better  
 understand scripture?

JOIN Us Every Monday from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm at St.  
 Paul's Room in the Parish Hall.

### Current Study: The Book of Exodus

We will examine the Israelites' deliverance from slavery to  
 freedom, focusing on God's faithfulness, provision, and the  
 establishment of His covenant, including the Ten  
 Commandments.

### Men's COR Bible Study

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 A.M. Mass.

From 9:15 am to 10:30 am in St. Peter's room.

All MEN are welcome to share in God's word and  
 a coffee. Contact [Chrisdouros@hotmail.com](mailto:Chrisdouros@hotmail.com)



### EUCARISTIC 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 4:00 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.



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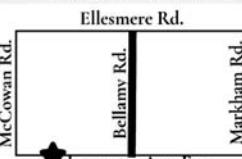
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