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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."

## **Pastor's Corner ~ Dear Parishioners**

Last Monday, we celebrated World Day for Consecrated Life. This Sunday, the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate World Marriage Day. The purpose of World Marriage Day is to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honour husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices. On this day, we celebrate married love whose enduring power comes from the total gift of self that a man and a woman give to each other. In celebrating this day, we remember that God, in Jesus, is always with us and with His help and grace assists us in all our efforts to live the love He calls us to give to each other.

At St. Rose of Lima, we are grateful to honour and celebrate, with the support of our Catholic Women's League, the married couples observing their wedding anniversaries on the last Sunday of each month.

This Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2.30 p.m., there will be a special Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral to honour married couples. We are all aware of the challenges faced by the institution of marriage in today's society and the many difficulties that married couples themselves face. Therefore, let us remember to pray regularly for all married couples and for the protection of the institution of marriage.

*Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor*

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**

For the month of February, Pope Leo has asked us to pray for all the children suffering from incurable diseases and that their families may receive compassionate care, support and to never lose strength and hope.



**WORLD  
DAY OF  
THE SICK**  
11 FEBRUARY 2026

**MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV  
for THE 34th WORLD DAY OF  
THE SICK**

~ 11 FEBRUARY 2026 ~

[The compassion of the  
Samaritan: loving by bearing  
another's pain](#)

Matthew 5:13-16



**I**n order to understand what Jesus is telling us in today's Gospel, we need to consider what salt and light meant in his time. Because we can buy all the salt we could ever need at our local grocery and we have light anytime we want at the flick of a switch, we may not realize how special both were in ancient Israel. Salt was so valuable it was part of the pay of Roman soldiers. Light came only in the form of fire or small oil lamps. In both cases, salt and light were valuable. ([Formed.Org](http://Formed.Org))

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*



**Mass Intentions  
for the week**



### **SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00 P.M. + Pamela David

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 A.M. + Milt Polihronidis

9:00 A.M. + Don Le Bouthillier

10:45 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

12:30 P.M. + Blandina Cuares

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 A.M. - Ronick Tiru (Birthday)

7:00 P.M. - Intentions of Fr. Vijai

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 A.M. - Intentions of Fr. Martin

12:00 P.M. + Hollis Straker

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

*34th World Day of the Sick*

7:30 A.M. - Intentions of Gerry Pillon

7:00 P.M. + Souls in Purgatory

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 A.M. + Victor D'Mello

12:00 P.M. + Lee, Seung Yuk

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 A.M. + Nicasio Amedo Garion

7:00 P.M. + Sean Flood

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)

*"Do not try to excuse your faults;  
try to correct them." ~ John Bosco*



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**St. Rose of Lima  
Pray for Us!**



Introducing our new  
Associate Pastor,  
Fr. Martin Soosai!

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF  
FR. MARTIN SOOSAI, C.S.C.

Fr. Martin Soosai was born on 19 September 1977 in Tamil Nadu, India. He is the second of three sons born to Mr. Manickam Soosai and Mrs. Joesphine Selvi, who nurtured in their children a deep faith. Sensing a call to religious life, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1993 after completing Grade Ten. He made his First Profession as a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross on 28 May 1998. Following his initial formation, he pursued studies in philosophy and theology, culminating in his ordination to the priesthood in India on 27 October 2007.

Fr. Martin holds master's degrees in both Education and English Literature, academic paths that have enriched his ministry with a passion for teaching. For fourteen years (2007-2021), he served in the educational apostolate of the Congregation, including appointments as principal of two high schools in the Indian states of Telangana and Maharashtra. In addition to his educational ministry, Fr. Martin also served the Congregation as Vicar of the Province of South India for three years (2022-2025). Responding to the call to serve beyond his home country, Fr. Martin came to Canada to help in pastoral ministry, embodying the Holy Cross charism to make God known, loved, and served.

Welcome

We are glad you're here!

THE ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP WILL NOW BE HELD  
EVERY SATURDAY AFTER THE 5 PM MASS



Each year, St. Rose of Lima hosts its Annual Lenten Soup Night beginning on the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday.

*This year, to boost participation, it will take place every Saturday starting February 21.*

A suggested donation of at least \$5 per person is encouraged, with all funds donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to support those in need within our community.

LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST (LCSC) LIFE IN CHRIST SEMINAR

Prepare your heart for Holy Week. Journey with us on Saturday, March 7, 2026 (9:00 AM-4:00 PM) in the Parish Hall (Basement) for a free seminar that renews our love for Christ. Stay tuned for more details!

save  
the  
date

Few  
Reminders!

**ORDER IN THE PEWS:** We appreciate our weekly bulletin for Parish updates. Please take them or bring them to the back of the church after Mass. Also, kindly leave hymn books and novena binders organized. Thank you.

**WASHROOMS:** We have a Church Narthex/foyer washroom for those with mobility challenges, and regular downstairs washrooms for others. The Sacristy washroom is for servers, while the one near the office entrance is mainly for Adoration Chapel visitors after hours. We're glad most stop misusing the toilet, but cleanliness can still improve. Please leave washrooms clean and dispose of waste properly.

**ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY:** It is a joy to see many gather at our Church for liturgies on weekends and weekdays. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are invited to participate fully and actively. The Second Vatican Council, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, states, "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations." We encourage you to participate fully by listening to readings, responding during Mass, singing with musicians and choir, and using hymn books and binders. We hope to install screens for better participation. Thank you for making SRL a vibrant community.

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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 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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