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- Altar Servers / Altar Society /
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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**

I continue to pray for a fruitful Lenten journey for you and for your families. This week, I would like to share a reflection I offered to the members of my religious community, Holy Cross, last week. This reflection is on the second of the Last Seven Words of Jesus, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

We are familiar with this scene on Calvary. We have two thieves here facing exactly the same circumstances. One is filled with self-righteousness stemming from pride. He could only see Jesus as a possible power by which to escape the cross. The other is filled with sorrow stemming from humility. He was well aware of his unworthiness and spoke words that have echoed through history.

The encounter between Jesus and the good thief invites us to be sensitive to the people we encounter in our lives. It is very easy to condemn someone; it is very easy to consider someone undeserving of God's love and mercy. But the words of the Lord to the good thief make it clear that no one is beyond redemption. C.S. Lewis has a great quote about heaven. He says, "Three things I will be surprised about when I get to heaven. First, to see who is there. Second, to see who's not there, and third, to see that I'm there." Heaven isn't some nice place we will go to after we die, but it is a living relationship with the Lord that breaks into our world today. Heaven can be experienced today.

As baptized, you and I are called to be the instruments of God's mercy and compassion through whom people experience heaven today. Let us ask the Lord during this Lenten journey to make us more sensitive, merciful and compassionate so that we too will hear the Lord say. "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor

John 4:5-42  In ancient times, access to a reliable well was essential. Without a steady supply of clean water, life would be difficult, if not impossible. In this week's Gospel, we see Jesus sitting by a well in the country of Samaria. It's noon, and we can assume that He is hot and tired. We know He is thirsty, because He asks a woman who is there drawing water to give Him a drink. (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), MARCH 7TH

5:00 P.M. + C Lapar-Cordova & P Cordova

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

7:30 A.M. + Idamma Baptist

9:00 A.M. + Anthony Edward Fredericks

10:45 A.M. + June Cawley

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

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

7:30 A.M. + Michael Kelly

7:00 P.M. + Marie Liotta

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

7:30 A.M. - Intentions of Soon Jung

12:00 P.M. + Ronces Araneta Beleno

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

7:30 A.M. + Florito Delloro-Death Anniversary

7:00 P.M. + George & Moira McGivern

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

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

12:00 P.M. + Romeo Liggayu

7:00 P.M. + Antony Minur

LENT FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

Day of Abstinence - Stations follows after Mass

7:30 A.M. - In Thanksgiving for Marcia Andres

7:00 P.M. + Peter Ferreira

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)



An offering made in memory of a deceased loved one.

Your donation acknowledgment will appear in the weekly bulletin, but no tax receipt will be provided.

Below are the suggested donation amounts:

Bread and Wine \$25

Sanctuary Lamp (Church) \$20

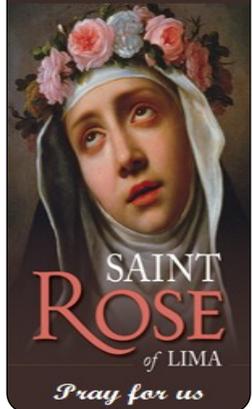
Lamps beside Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel \$10/each

Oil for Altar Candles \$10

Remembering Our Loved Ones

 **The Oil for Altar Candles** was donated by Martin Baptist in loving memory of Idamma Baptist.

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 8TH, 2026



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays after the 7:30 am and 7:00 pm Masses.



PARISH LENTEN MISSION, March 11 – 13
With Fr. Dominic Borg, O.C.D
Wed, March 11 : 7 PM Mass ~ 7:30 PM Talk
Thur, March 12 : 7 PM Mass ~ 7:30 PM Talk
Friday, March 13 :
 6:30 PM ~ Stations of the Cross
 7 PM Mass ~ 7:30 PM Talk

OUR LECTORS/MUSIC/ROSARY MAKERS are HOSTING SOUP NIGHT FOR LENT THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
After the 5 pm Mass in the Church Hall



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

EVENING OF CONFESSIONS
Thursday, March 26 at 7.00 pm

We will have an evening of confessions with several priests available for individual confessions; after a communal preparation.




THURSDAY, MARCH 26
 6:00pm-8:30pm
 SRL Parish Hall

Open to Kids Grades 6-8 A night on Christian hope; join us for games, food, prayer and reflection.

2025 DONATION RECEIPTS

You will receive your 2025 donation receipts during the first few weeks of March. If you have not received them by then, please contact the parish office.



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



That We May Walk in The Way of HIS

MARCH 2026 FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Knights of Columbus would like to acknowledge Renjit Sasidharan and Sridevi Balakrishnan as "Family of The Month".

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



CALLING ALL MEN To Come Join the KNIGHTS



The Knights of Columbus seek men to join their organization, the world's largest Catholic men's fraternity, and enjoy its benefits. If you're ready to serve your parish, Church, and community, talk to a Knight in the narthex after Mass on the weekend of **March 14/15** to ask questions.

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK , TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026, 10 A.M.
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA, 65 BOND ST., TORONTO

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto is on Tuesday, March 17 at 10 a.m., presided over by Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus. All are welcome.



"BE WHO YOU ARE AND BE THAT WELL." ~ SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES



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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