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- Altar Servers / Altar Society /
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- Breaking Open the Word (*Bible Study*) /
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- Rosary Maker Group
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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."

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) ~ MARCH 15TH, 2026

Pastor's Corner ~ Dear Parishioners

We have reached the mid-point of our Lenten journey. This week, I would like to briefly reflect on Pope Leo's Lenten message. The 2026 Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent is titled "Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion." This is the theme on which Fr. Dominic Borg, O.C.D., reflected upon during our Parish Lenten Mission this past week. In his message, the Holy Father writes: "Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life."

In today's world, we are surrounded by noise—phones, news, social media, and constant activity. Because of this, we often hear many voices but rarely listen deeply. The Bible reminds us again and again that faith begins with listening. When God called young Samuel in the temple, Samuel responded with a simple prayer: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Fasting is closely connected with listening. When we fast, we intentionally let go of something—food, comfort, or distractions. This creates room in our hearts. The purpose of fasting is not punishment. It is freedom, freedom from attachments.

Listening and fasting lead to the true purpose of Lent: Conversion. Conversion does not always mean dramatic change. Often, it happens quietly in small decisions: choosing patience over anger; offering forgiveness over resentment; helping someone rather than ignoring their needs. Each of these small choices turns our hearts a little more towards God. May our Lenten journeys be blessed with grace and peace. .

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor

John 9:1-41



This Gospel reminds us that the way we see best, is through the eyes of faith, for then we see the world the way God sees it. But first we have to recognize that without Jesus, we are truly blind. (formed.org)

"Love is never wasted, for its value does not rest upon reciprocity." ~ C. S. Lewis

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), MARCH 14TH

5:00 P.M. + Audrey Francke

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

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

9:00 A.M. + Roquezinho & Regulada Braganza

10:45 A.M. + Ian McLeod

12:30 P.M. + Asuero Macandog

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

7:30 A.M. + Erlinda San Luis Vistro

7:00 P.M. + Philomena Pinto

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

7:30 A.M. + Erlinda San Luis Vistro

12:00 P.M. + Coyetano Jun Movalde

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

7:30 A.M. + Denise Dubien

7:00 P.M. - Birthday of Angelita C. Catajoy

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

7:30 A.M. + Erlinda San Luis Vistro

12:00 P.M. + Napoleon Sta Maria

LENT FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

Day of Abstinence - Stations of the Cross after Mass

7:30 A.M. + Don Morrow

7:00 P.M. + Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

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 Bread and Wine and The Chapel Sanctuary Lamps was donated by J. Almosa in loving memory of Gil & Betty Almosa.



St. Rose of Lima Pray for Us!

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) ~ MARCH 15TH, 2026

Banns for Ordination

Ernest Tissa Denzil Perera is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on **May 23, 2026**, at **St. Michael's Cathedral**.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays after the 7:30 am and 7:00 pm Masses.



HOLY WEEK

St. Rose of Lima Parish
Schedule 2026



MARCH 28TH PALM SUNDAY
Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
MARCH 29TH Sunday 7:30 AM / 9:00 AM / 10:45 AM / 12:30 PM
Sunday 4:30 PM – Vietnamese Mass

APRIL 2ND HOLY THURSDAY
No 8:30 am and 12 noon Mass
8:00 PM – The Lord's Supper / Washing of Feet
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 MN
Chapel and Office closes 5 pm

APRIL 3RD GOOD FRIDAY
8:30 AM – Stations of The Cross
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM The Seven Last Words
12 Noon & 3 PM – The Lord's Passion
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Vietnamese Service
7:00 PM – Stations of The Cross & Divine Mercy
Chapel Closed and Office Open 9 am to 5 pm

APRIL 4TH HOLY SATURDAY
No 8:30 am and 5 pm Mass
5:00 PM – Vietnamese Mass
8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass
Chapel Closed and Office Open 10 am to 5 pm

APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday 7:30 AM / 9:00 AM / 10:45 AM / 12:30 PM
Sunday 4:30 PM – Vietnamese Mass
Chapel and Office Closed

APRIL 6TH EASTER MONDAY
8:30 AM Mass (No 7:00 pm Mass)
Chapel Opens 8 am and Office Closed

LOM, USHERS, YOUTH, & ALTAR SERVERS are HOSTING SOUP NIGHT FOR LENT THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST



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.

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.



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

ON MARCH 19TH *Feast of St. Joseph*, YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO ShareLife WILL BE MATCHED!

On March 19, **ShareLife** will celebrate the 50th Anniversary with a special Matching Gift opportunity. Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, all gifts of \$50 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000.

We invite you to consider a \$50 increment gift (e.g., \$50, \$100, \$150, etc.) to mark fifty years of faith in action. Donate on line on March 19th at sharelife.org.

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



Presided over by Thomas Cardinal Collins,
Archbishop Emeritus. All are welcome.



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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