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OUR PARISH MINISTRIES / GROUPS

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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."

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ MAY 17TH, 2026

Pastor's Corner ~ Dear Parishioners

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast marks an end and a beginning. It marks the end of Jesus' physical presence and the beginning of His spiritual presence. Since the Easter Vigil on the night of April 04, the Easter Candle or the Paschal Candle has been situated prominently in the Sanctuary. The Easter Candle is a symbol of the presence here on earth of the Risen Christ. The Easter Candle continues to burn as a sign that Christ is present to us in a new form of human existence that breaks through the barriers of space and time. Indeed, the Ascension of Christ is about presence, not absence.

The Easter Candle is lit for every Eucharistic celebration until the evening of Pentecost Sunday. After that, the Candle is lit for all baptisms. For funerals, the Candle is brought to the centre of the church in front of the altar and lit. It becomes for us a powerful sign that, as Christ has risen from the dead, so too, all who believe in Christ and who participate in suffering as Christ did will also rise from the dead. So, with hope, let us continue to pray that the Risen Lord may continue to give us the courage and wisdom we need to bear witness to his life and love.

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor

Mass Intentions for the week

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), MAY 16TH

The Ascension of the Lord

5:00 P.M. + Peter & Joanna Ferreira

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 A.M. - Intentions, Claudette & Gilles Huard

9:00 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

10:45 A.M. + Guada Lim

12:30 P.M. - Intentions, Hannah Santos

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

Victoria Day—Office closed, no 7PM Mass

8:30 A.M. + John Evangelou

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

7:30 A.M. + Rosa Domopoy

12:00 P.M. + Consuelo Abad

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

7:30 A.M. + Vincent Beno Fernando

7:00 P.M. + Gerald & Eva Edwards

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

7:30 A.M. + Lawrence & Annie Pereira

12:00 P.M. + Arturo Macandog

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND

7:30 A.M. + Blandina Cuares

7:00 P.M. + Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

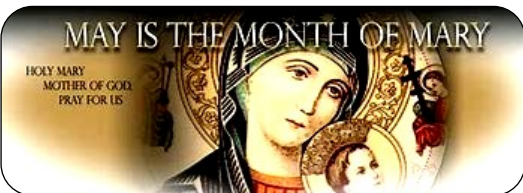
8:30 A.M.- Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)

VOCATION REFLECTION: Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



Matthew 28:16-20 **J**esus returned to the right hand of the Father, not to leave us but to lead us all the way to heaven. The great paradox is because He has ascended, and He is able to remain with us in a profound new way. (*formed.org*)



**WE ONLY FIND
TRUE HAPPINESS
IN HOLINESS!**

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



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.

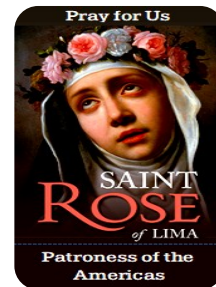
Below are the suggested donation amounts:

Bread and Wine \$25

Sanctuary Lamp (Church) \$20

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

Oil for Altar Candles \$10



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 18th for Victoria Day Weekend. Mass at 8:30 am. No 7pm.

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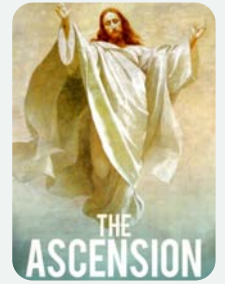
Sacrament of Confirmation

**St. Rose of Lima Church
Thursday, May 21st at 7 PM**

For the Young People of our Parish

**The Ascension is
NOT JESUS GOING AWAY;
IT IS JESUS ASSUMING
HIS POSITION AS LEADER
OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE.**

~Bishop Robert Barron~



**DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL BOOK
FAIR—MAY 23 & 24**

The Daughters of St. Paul will visit our parish on the weekends of May 23 & 24, before and after all Masses. Meet the sisters as they share their mission of communicating Christ through their lives and media. They will have a display of Catholic books and faith resources available. This visit offers an opportunity to deepen your family's faith. Based in Toronto, they run the Pauline Books & Media centre. To learn more, visit www.paulinestore.ca or call 416-781-9131 for special orders.

We look forward to seeing you!!



**THROUGH SHARELIFE, YOU SUPPORT
HUMAN CONNECTION**

On the 60th World Day of Social Communication, we are invited to pause and connect with each other—for the Church, for the world, and for the future we are helping to shape together. In this moment, one truth remains clear: the Church endures because of the strength and love of parishioners like you.

Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond—funding more than 40 agencies, which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations.

The third ShareLife Sunday is May 31.

Please give via ShareLife envelope, [online](#), or at sharelife.org/donate.

PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home

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**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S
RELICS ARE COMING TO OUR
CHURCH, ST. ROSE OF LIMA!**



Mark your calendar for
Wednesday, June 10,
and join us for this
special occasion.
Mass: 1pm and 7pm;
Veneration:
12 noon to 9:00 pm
Details will be shared soon!

**"THERE ARE FAR,
FAR BETTER
THINGS AHEAD
THAN ANY WE
LEAVE BEHIND."
C. S. LEWIS**



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE HOSTING A FREE MOVIE NIGHT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6,

after the 5 pm Mass in the church hall, and are inviting our parishioners to an enjoyable evening. They are presenting the pro-life film "Bella." Snacks and refreshments will be available. The movie will start at 6:30 pm. This movie is rated PG.



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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