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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 Parishioner

This Sunday, October 25th, is commemorated as the Day of Palliative Care in the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is a day to appreciate the gift of life, from womb to tomb, and to promote palliative care. This day also reminds us that even when a person cannot be cured, that person can still be cared for, comforted and loved. In our society, we often measure success by achievements, productivity, and the ability to do things independently. When someone becomes seriously ill, grows weak, or approaches the end of life, we may mistakenly feel that life has lost its value. But the Christian understanding of life is different. A person's dignity does not diminish when strength disappears, independence is lost, or death approaches. Every human being remains precious in the eyes of God. Palliative care is not simply about managing pain or providing medical assistance. It is about caring for the whole person—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It seeks to relieve suffering, preserve dignity, support families, and help people live as fully and comfortably as possible.

In his message for the Day of Palliative Care, our Archbishop Frank Cardinal Leo writes, "We have a message of hope and love that must be communicated to people in need of our care, about the benefits of palliative care as well as the morally unacceptable practice of euthanasia and assisted suicide." Starting Saturday, November 14th, our Parish will be hosting Horizon of Hope, a four-part palliative care program developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. More information will be available in the bulletin or on our Parish website. This will be a helpful and informative session for all Parishioners. The Archdiocese has also published a brochure titled Palliative Care and Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, available in ten languages, that answers many questions and outlines the benefits of palliative care. The brochure can be accessed online at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/palliativecare>

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor



Matthew 22:34-40



In his response to the Pharisees in today's reading, Jesus quotes the Shema, the great prayer from Deuteronomy 6:4, which begins, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord" (RSV). However, Jesus subtly changes the wording. Instead of saying that we are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and might, Jesus says we must love with our heart, soul, and mind.

So, what's the big deal?

What's the difference between "might" and "mind"?



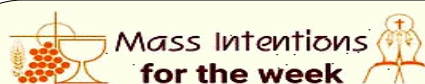
St. Rose of Lima,
St. Bro. André
Pray for Us

"Pray, hope, and don't worry." ~ Padre Pio

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS THE SICK, THE ELDERLY, THE HOUSEBOUND, AND THE
"FORGOTTEN MEMBERS" OF OUR COMMUNITY.

"LORD, SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR HEALING AND STEADFAST LOVE."

"Make sickness itself a Prayer." ~ St. Francis de Sales.



SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), OCTOBER 24TH

5:00 P.M. +Antonio & Crispina Franco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

7:30 A.M. +Valerine Perera

9:00 A.M. +Nazareno & Estelita Fernandes

10:45 A.M. +Fr. Edwin David

12:30 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

4:30 P.M. Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

7:30 A.M. Thanksgiving, Leah Caramancion

7:00 P.M. +Shahriar Farzaneh

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

7:30 A.M. Birthday, Lorraine Mae Te

12:00 P.M. Intentions of Edwin Saji

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast

8:30 A.M. Birthday, Jude & Jason D'Souza

7:00 P.M. +Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

7:30 A.M. Birthday, Narcisa Santos

12:00 P.M. Intentions of Lorraine & Fred West

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

7:30 A.M. +Felicidad Sánchez

7:00 P.M. Intentions, Kalaichchevlen Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

8:30 A.M.- Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)



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your God with all your
heart, and with all your
soul and with all your
mind."

Live in that love in the
priesthood, diaconate, or
consecrated life. Contact

Fr. David Twaddle,
Director of Vocations,
AoT, at 416-968-0997.

Come & See Weekend
Discernment Retreat for
men 18 years and older,
at St. Augustine's
Seminary on Friday, Nov
6 (6:30 p.m.) until
Sunday, Nov 8 (2 p.m.).

Registration online at:
www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 25TH, 2026



CWL is organizing the
All Hallows-eve
and
All Saints Day
EVENT

Rose of Lima Parish
Sunday, Nov 01, 2026
at 9:00am Mass

Asking all the children and youth of our parish to dress as their favourite Saint, Angel or any Biblical Character.

Children will receive blessing and a goody bag.



All Souls' Day Mass – November 7, 2026, at 2 p.m.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families to join the All-Souls' Day Mass on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations: All are welcome.

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

<https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/all-souls-day-mass/>



Remembering our Loved Ones for the Month of November

During November, we will remember the deceased at all Masses. We will place the Book of Remembrance beside the altar so parishioners can write the names of their loved ones to be remembered.



Looking for voices to join the Marian Choir for the 12:30 PM Sunday Mass.
Contact: Jay Franco at 416-430-0300 or email jay@francointernational.ca



Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

Starting Saturday, Nov 14th, St. Rose of Lima will host Horizons of Hope, a four-part palliative care program developed by the CCCB.

Saturdays, Nov 14, 21, 28, & Dec 5, Parish Hall

From 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Attendance is required

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, November 10th

To register, sign up using the Horizons of Hope folder in the narthex; call the parish office at 416-438-6729, or email breakingopentheword@gmail.com




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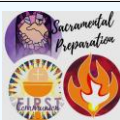
Join us after for raffle prizes, refreshments & fellowship in the Parish Hall!

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ADULT-\$20; CHILD 6-12-\$10; CHILD 5 & UNDER- Free

You can get your tickets at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!



TEACHERS NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Would you like to teach with us?

We need volunteers to teach Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion classes twice a month on Saturday mornings, from November through April.

Teaching guidelines are provided.

For more information, email sacramentalprep2@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S LITURGY SUNDAYS, 9 AM Mass
All children from K to Grade 6 are invited to participate.

Breaking Open
The Word
Mondays
7:30pm -8:45pm
St. Paul's Room



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3rd Friday each month
6PM-8:30PM, Parish Hall



Eucharistic Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!

From Sunday afternoon at 2 pm (after the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass) to Saturday afternoon at 4 pm.

Vocation Adoration is 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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