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Office Closed until  
further notice.

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*Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor*

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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Morning Prayer:**

Monday to Friday 8:40 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am  
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
For any other day by appointment only

**First Fridays:**

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm  
Mass 7:00 pm

**Baptism:**

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

**Marriage:**

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

**Care of the Sick:**

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

**New Parishioners:**

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

**Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction**

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

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**Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter**

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
FEB	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
28 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Fe & Vinda Olase – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Connie & Beth Escabarte
<b>MAR 1</b> 29 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Incoronata Ambrosini – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Incoronata Ambrosini
2 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Margarida & Manuel De Sousa +	Nitz Amparo
7 pm	Mass	
3 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Daniel Chun+	Helena Lee
4 <i>Fri, 9am</i> 6 pm 7 pm 7:30 pm	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> Pamfila Gacote + <b>Holy Hour</b> Mass Stations of the Cross	Yvette Beltran
5 <i>Sat, 9am</i>	• Joe & Natalie Giarraputo +	Angela Mancini & Family
5pm	All HC Volunteers	
6 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	For the Deceased Members of the Bodreau & Doumouras Families+	Karin Doumouras
11am	Myrtle Saldanha – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	D’Souza Family

# Meditate on God's Word



**1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7**  
**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54-58**  
**Gospel: Luke 6.39-45 – Judging Others**

## Unlocking the Secret of Happiness

“Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.” These are the words from the refrain of this Sunday’s responsorial psalm. Thanksgiving is at the core of what it means to be a steward. We cannot offer our gifts to our parish communities if we don’t first acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us these gifts in the first place. *Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that, “deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability ... We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God.”*


Not only does gratitude unlock a spirituality of stewardship, but it is also the first step in living a life of greater joy. The opposite of gratitude is indifference. Often times we are indifferent and unaware of all the great gifts in our lives. By adopting an intentional lens of gratitude we can begin to realize how blessed we truly are.

St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that “the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God’s love in our lives. As stewards, let us begin to adopt a spirituality of thanksgiving and begin living more joyful lives.

### Summary


St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that “the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for a few things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, the joy of family and friends, and above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God’s love.

\* *Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*  
 Available at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/pastoral-letter>



*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every [Tuesday to Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.](#) in the Church *except on holidays*.



*Let us pray for the sick*

*We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.*

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

**CHURCH SEATING CAPACITY at 100%**

We are pleased to share the news that by March 1, 2022, places of worship will be in a position to offer 100% seating capacity with no physical distancing restrictions. **However, our parish will not implement it immediately. We will keep the physical distancing as is for three (3) more weeks.**

*Please note that face masks will still be required.*



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS RESUME**

**NOTE to PARENTS:** Please check your email for the assigned seat number & detailed guidelines.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
GRADE 2 (27 pax)	FRIDAY, MARCH 11	5:30 PM	8 mins. video, <b>STUDENTS ONLY</b>	Hall
			Parents and/or other guests	Will wait inside the Church
		5:45 PM	FHC Ceremony	Church
GRADE 3 and other Grades (26 pax)	SATURDAY, MARCH 12	10:00 AM	8 mins. video, <b>STUDENTS ONLY</b>	Hall
			Parents and/or other guests	Will wait inside the Church
		10:15 AM	FHC Ceremony	Church

**CONFIRMATION**

	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
GRADE 7 (15 pax)	FRIDAY, MARCH 25	5:30 PM	7 mins. video, <b>STUDENTS &amp; SPONSORS ONLY</b>	Hall
			Parents and/or other guests	Will wait inside the Church
		5:45 PM	Confirmation Ceremony	Church
GRADE 8 (18 pax)	SATURDAY, MARCH 26	10:00 AM	7 mins. video, <b>STUDENTS &amp; SPONSORS ONLY</b>	Hall
			Parents and/or other guests	Will wait inside the Church
		10:15 AM	Confirmation Ceremony	Church
GRADE 9 (20 pax)	SATURDAY, MARCH 26	1:00 PM	7 mins. video, <b>STUDENTS &amp; SPONSORS ONLY</b>	Hall
			Parents and/or other guests	Will wait inside the Church
		1:15 PM	Confirmation Ceremony	Church



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**March 2**

**Masses : 9 am & 7 pm**



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

**Every Friday**

**7:30 pm : March 4<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm : April 15<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)**

*(Stay tuned for the Holy Week Services Schedule)*

**Ten Thematic Nuclei to be Explored (Series)**



**VI. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY**

Dialogue is a path of perseverance that also includes silences and sufferings, but which is capable of gathering the experience of persons and peoples. What are the places and modes of dialogue within our particular Church? How are divergences of vision, the conflicts, the difficulties addressed? How do we promote collaboration with neighboring Dioceses, with and among religious communities in the area, with and among lay associations and movements, etc.? What experiences of dialogue and shared commitment do we have with believers of other religions and with non-believers? How does the Church dialogue with and learn from other sectors of society: the world of politics, economics, culture, civil society, the poor...?

**VII. WITH THE OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS**

The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one Baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey. What relations do we have with the brothers and sisters of other Christian denominations? What areas do they concern? What fruits have we drawn from this "journeying together"? What are the difficulties?

**VIII. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION**

A synodal Church is a participatory and co-responsible Church. How do we identify the goals to be pursued, the way to achieve them, and the steps to be taken? How is authority exercised within our particular Church? What are the practices of teamwork and co-responsibility? How are lay ministries and the assumption of responsibility by the Faithful promoted? How do synodal bodies function at the level of the particular Church? Are they a fruitful experience?

Source: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/the-synod-on-synodality-share-your-thoughts/>

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