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Tuesday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00pm

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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:

Tuesday 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

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
6 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
7 Tues, 9am	All Souls in Purgatory
8 Wed, 9am	Nicholas Joyce – for healing	Pauline Taylor
9 Thurs, 9am	Marnie O’Leary +	Legion of Mary
10 9am	Thanksgiving Birthday – Helen Chan	Pauline Taylor
7pm	Mass/ Stations of the Cross	
11 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + Federico Beltran + Rosita Jala + Thanksgiving - Luzminda que Nikola & Sharon Beltran Family Ybarola Family Connie & Beth Escabarte
5pm	Henry & Lucinda McErlean +	Joan Skura
12 Sun, 9am	Reynaldo Mejilla +	Mercedita Mejilla
11 am	Thanksgiving – Monica Sigue	Monica Sigue

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection


Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9 – The Transfiguration

Becoming like God

In the Gospel this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration. In this mystery, Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John, and is transfigured before them and briefly “discloses His divine glory” (CCC 555). Moreover, “the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body” (CCC 556). The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. Not only does Jesus raise us from sin, death and hell, but He even raises us up to divine life. He desires us to be made sharers in His own divine nature and participate in the life of the Trinity. St. Athanasius boldly proclaims that “He was made man that we might be made God.” We can share in the Trinitarian life by cooperating in the work of God. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that “God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” To be a steward is to be deified and take part in the life of the Trinity. How often do we appreciate this rich reality of being a steward for Christ? Let us take some time to reflect on our raised identities in Christ and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes.


Summary

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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.**



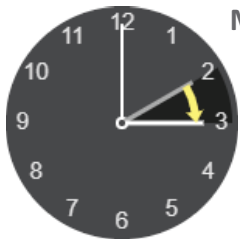
Let us pray for the sick

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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Activities	Mass / Service
Every Friday from Feb 24 to Mar 31	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm Start with 7pm Mass
Mar 28 Tuesday	Parish Lenten Confessions	6:30 to 7:30pm Frs. Freddy & Vijai
Apr 2 Sunday	Palm Sunday	Saturday: 5pm Mass Sunday: 9 & 11am Mass
Apr 6 Thursday	Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Last Supper & Washing of the Feet	No 9am Mass 7pm followed by Adoration until 10pm
Apr 7 Friday	Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of Christ Stations of the Cross	12 noon & 3pm 7pm
Apr 8 Saturday	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	No 9am Mass 8pm
Apr 9 Sunday	Easter Sunday	9 & 11am Mass
Apr 10 Monday	Easter Monday NO Mass / Office is closed	



Mar 12, 2023 - Daylight Saving Time
Starts *When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 12, 2023, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour.*

Soup Night



The Catholic Women's League will be hosting soup night on **Friday Mar 31st, 2023**, after the Stations of the Cross from 7 to 9pm Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to join.



Office for Vocations Re: Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat – March 17, 2023 – March 19, 2023 at St. Augustine's Seminary From: Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations The Office of Vocations

will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. We encourage you to promote this event in your parishes, during your announcements as well as including this event in your respective parish bulletins, it would be greatly appreciated. We have also attached a poster and ask that you kindly display it on your respective bulletin boards. Thank you in advance for your assistance as we work together to build a culture of vocations. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee FOR MORE INFORMATION: vocations@archtoronto.org.



Lenten Series "Journey Through Lent, a resource offered by the Canadian

Bishops. Every Monday throughout Lent, a video will continue to be posted on the CCCB website in English and in French for the following Sunday's Eucharistic celebration. <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2023/> It is hoped that this video series will provide you and the faithful in your dioceses with additional opportunity to prepare for the Church's celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.



Coins For Life 2023 Would you, your family and friends put aside your townies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a Culture of Life in Canada? If so coins for life boxes will be handed

out at the back of the church on **Mar 4 & 5**. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 11, 2023. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. You may even wish to make this a family, school, office project? Spread the good news of the sanctity of every life from conception to natural death which God created as no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death society we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this 'little project' for life. The Parish will post the date to return the boxes and if you wish, leave your name/address/email/cell so CLC can thank you personally for your kindness. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126. Volunteers are always needed!

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