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Tuesday to Friday
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Sunday Masses:

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

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday 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: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
1 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
2 Tues, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Fr. John Pac	Claudette Wilson
3 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Monica Sigue	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
4 Thur, 9am	Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel	Connie & Beth Escabarte
5 Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm	Justiniano Palero + Holy Hour Ruthcelle L. Soldevilla + Macario Ramos + Anthony Godfrey +	Nenita Cabahug Ninfa Gasis Imelda Ramos Vicky & Eleanor
6 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosa Marie Rivers + Thanksgiving – St Michael Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon Edith Grima + All Deceased members of the Ambrosini Family Raffaele + Jarae Mabutol Mendoza+ Nikola & Sharon Incoronata Ambrosini Thelma Miranda CWL Incoronata Ambrosini Incoronata Ambrosini Jamaica & Raymond Mendoza Edith Ramos
5pm	Thanksgiving – Mariano Edith Riva	
7 Sun, 9am 11 am	96 th Birthday Thanksgiving – Maria Boudreau Dan Ingrouville +	Karin Doumouras & Family Nancy Ingrouville & Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: John 10.1-10 – Jesus the Good Shepherd


Imitating the Good Shepherd

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.” These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherds that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love. As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us. One practice we can adopt, especially on this world day of prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that “stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations.” Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

Summary


Faithful shepherds labour for their flock by journeying with them, seeking out the lost sheep and defending them from any ravaging predators. As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd, which means we too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>



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.*



World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 30

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. 2023 marks the 60th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God." ~**Pope Francis**



April 30-May 5, 2023

Catholic Education Week Apr 30 to May 5. Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the distinct identity and significant contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, "Catholic Education: We Are Many, We Are One" and will take place during the week of April 30 to May 5.

Prayer for Catholic Education Week

We are many, we are one; we all form one body in Christ. Lord, when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within; when we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts; when we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand; when we learn from those around us, let us respect our differences with joy; and when we act, may we be kind and generous to all, for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are. We are many, we are one. Amen.



Are you new in the Parish?

If so, please take a moment to register by filling out a Registration Form located in the foyer and place it in the offertory basket. Kindly provide us with the complete information, Parish office will then contact you.

Join the Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' series for 4 Tuesdays: 7 – 9 p.m. on **May 9, 16, 23, and 30th**, as we continue our study on "**SALVATION HISTORY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW: Part V**". Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information.

St Vincent de Paul - Spring Bundle-up Weekend - May 06/07:
Please bring your donations to the truck parked at the back of the Church on the weekend of May 06/07. A member of the Society will be available at the truck between 9:00 am - 6:00 pm both days.
What we accept: Any clothing, footwear, bedding (any condition) drapery, towels, toys (new only)
DONT accept: Baby items, construction material, dishes, furniture, books.

St Vincent de Paul - Marygrove & Ozanam Camp:
The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting names of children from families in need who want an opportunity (free of charge) to attend the Society's Camps - Marygrove Camp for Girls aged 5 -13 & Camp Ozanam for Boys aged 7 – 12. Please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your Name, Tel, Child's name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.

ShareLife Today is ShareLife Sunday. Living the Gospel by providing for those in need. "One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. ShareLife is a tangible way we can put the Gospel value to "love one another as I have loved you into action". Inviting all parishioners to support the mission work of the church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. Thank you for your generosity.

The annual March for Life Week in Ottawa is fast approaching. There are events for both youth and adults. The Rally and March is **May 11th** followed by the Rose Dinner in the evening. The "Stand for Life" Youth Banquet is May 11th followed by the Youth Summit May 12th. Visit marchforlife.ca



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