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Sunday Masses:

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

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 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
6 9am	NO MASS	
7 Tues, 9am	Greg & Cording Tapawan +	Len & Myrna Tapawan
8 Wed, 9am	All deceased members of Waldron Family	Claudette Wilson
9 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Therese De Manche	Therese De Manche
10 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Fr. Charles Anang	Therese De Manche
11 Sat 9am	All Parishioners Nancy Ingrouville + Teresita Que + Beryl LaMotte + Thanksgiving – St Joseph Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel Prayers for a successful surgery – Monica Mizzi Marie Cervantes Beth & Connie Escabarte Margaret Grieco Incoronata Ambrosini Claudette Wilson Georgina Saliba
5pm	Cristita Benedicto +	Myrna Ramos
12 9am	Mike & Cesina Pulla +	Adriana Cammisa & Family
11 am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Marie Cervantes	Karin Doumouras

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
6th Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 15.9-17 – *No Greater Love*

Laying Down our Lives


“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” are the beautiful words we hear from Jesus in the Gospel today. Jesus goes on to say that He no longer calls us servants but His friends. This is the radical truth of our faith. That God became man in order to befriend us and show His love for us through His death on the cross. As stewards we too are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him.

While the most literal way to lay down our life is to become a martyr for the faith, few are actually called to this type of death. It is more likely that we are called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says, “The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” This is how we can display love’s greatest act in our lives, to live not for ourselves but to live for the Gospel. As stewards, we can live for the Gospel by giving our time and talents to our parish community. Our lives are made out of time, so to freely offer our time to help serve those in our community is a beautiful way to lovingly give to others. Likewise, to give of ourselves through the sharing of our talents is another way to lay down our lives for Christ and the Church. Let us strive to commit more faithfully to our call of stewardship.

Summary


As stewards, we are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him for there is “no greater love than this.” Since it’s unlikely that we’ll be called to martyrdom, we are instead called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Let us strive to accomplish this through a renewed commitment to stewardship.

<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 9:30 a.m. 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.*

Message on the Month of the Blessed Mother
His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
 May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

In our Catholic devotional life, Holy Mother Church, for many centuries now, has assigned special devotions to each month of the year to help us grow closer to the Lord and advance along the path of holiness. May, of course, is the month dedicated entirely to the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy. Let me begin my reflection by highlighting the inspiring words of Pope St. Paul VI with respect to this extraordinary month of grace: "The month of May is almost here, a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth. For this month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

Consequently, we intentionally and wholeheartedly honour, celebrate and venerate the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, who was entrusted to us by Our Lord on the Cross as our spiritual Mother and entrusted us to her as her beloved children (cf. Jn 19:25-27). The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary goes back as far as at least the thirteenth century. Pilgrimages, prayers, various devotional practices, and liturgical rites in veneration of Our Lady during this month have long been a mainstay of Catholic piety, including **May crownings**: As Pope St. Paul VI had intuited: there is an even greater outpouring of God's graces showered upon us this very month thanks to Divine Providence who wills that these blessings come to us through the Mother of Christ. It is truly significant and vital to have filial recourse to The Mother so as to benefit more abundantly from the mercy, generosity and help of the Lord.

Consecration to Our Blessed Mother is another meaningful form of Marian piety. When we consecrate ourselves to Mary, we offer the entirety of ourselves along with the merits of our prayers to her as Mother and Queen, Intercessor and Advocate, Sister and Companion. The reason we offer Our Lady all our works is so that we can belong more fully to Jesus, knowing that she can do greater things with our small offerings than we can on our own. She wants only the best for us, and we give her everything, so she can present it all to Jesus. Let us be reminded that true devotion to the Mother of Jesus "consists neither in sterile or transitory affection, nor in a certain vain credulity, but proceeds from true faith, by which we are led to know the excellence of the Mother of God, and we are moved to a filial love toward our mother and to the imitation of her virtues."

Dear Brothers and Sisters, during the entirety of this blessed month, I encourage you to take the time to re-read and mediate upon this Marian reflection whether alone or with others in community asking ourselves what kind of relationship we have with Mother Mary and what are the next steps we are prompted to take on this journey. Finally, I humbly urge all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto, our families and parishes, schools and other faith, religious and ecclesial communities and institutions, to get to know Our Lady in a deeper, personal way; to approach her with filial devotion, speaking with her daily with all our hearts; to experience her motherly closeness as we share everything with her; and to emulate her virtuous life in faith, so that in spending time pondering with complete faith and trust the great things that the Lord accomplishes in our lives and thought out the archdiocese, we may truly, with her, magnify Him each day joyfully.

Blessings upon you in Jesus with Mary!

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

Most Rev. Francis Leo

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sacramental Preparations
May 5 Final Session for Confirmation - 12:15 Parish Hall



Know Your Faith:

Do you ever wonder what the **BOOK OF REVELATION** is all about?

Come and join us as we start our study on this intriguing Book. Four Tuesday evenings: **May 14, 21, 28 + June 4** from **7-9 p.m.** in the hall.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting names of eligible children from families in need who want an opportunity (no fees) to attend the society's camps - Mary Grove Camp for Girls aged 5 to 13 & Camp Ozanam for Boys aged 7 to 12. Please call us 416.421-5225 Option 3 and leave your name, Telephone, Child's name and age. A member of the Society will get back to you to arrange an interview and completion of forms. Please register as soon as possible for more chances of spots.



Celebrate Catholic Education

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, **We Are Called To Love** and will be celebrated during the week of May 5th – May 10th, 2024. **Principal Kimberley Blanchet** of Holy Cross School will be our resource speaker on May 4, Saturday during the 5pm mass.



Crowning of Our Blessed Mother – May 12 during the 11am Mass.




Mother's Day flowers – The CWL will be giving flowers to mothers during the weekend of May 12 for all masses (includes May 11, 5pm anticipated mass. It's a beautiful way to honor and appreciate the special women in the community.



Memorial Service for Dan & Nancy Ingrouille – May 18, Saturday @ 11am.



May 25 and 26, 2024. Thank you in advance for participating in the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's collection for our neighbors in need.

	<p>The Special Devotion Candle Thanksgiving for Enrique De Leon "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." as requested by: Claudette Wilson Apr 30 to May 7</p>
<p>Special Devotion Candle (Sanctuary Lamp in the Tabernacle) is available to burn for your intention for one week for \$20.00. Please call the parish office to book your lamp.</p>	

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