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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:

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>		
Nov	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
4 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
5 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Exudio & Donato Macarayan	Macarayan Family
6 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Maria Rosas Quintero	Maria Casement
7 Thurs, 9am	Raymond Stanley William +	Macarayan Family
8 Fri, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Fr. Freddie Claudio	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
9 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Christopher Gabriel Vincent Tirone Runco + Lowry Panis + Karin Doumouras Gene & Vivian Beltijar
5pm	Valentine Labang +	Augustine Labang Family
10 9am	1 st Birthday Thanksgiving Rian Doumouras	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Rufina Baquial +	Ghie Severano Critch

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Gospel: Mark 12.28-34 – The First Commandment

A Steward's Way of Loving

“You shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” Love – that is what is at the core of our Christian stewardship. In response to God's love and goodness for us, we are inspired to love Him and our neighbour.


Jesus isn't vague in his explanation on how we ought to love. Instead, he specifies in great detail that we are to love with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In essence, we are called to love with our entire lives. In order to love in this manner, it is essential to embrace a spirituality of stewardship. An authentic steward is called to offer the gifts of their time and talent to God and the Church.

One way in which we can love through the gift of our time is through our dedication to prayer. We are woven out of time, so what we spend our time on greatly reflects what is most important to us. As stewards, we should set aside a portion of each day that is reserved solely for prayer. In regard to our talents, we can love others by sharing these gifts with our parish community through various ministries. For example, if we have an ability to sing, perhaps we can look to join a parish choir. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can better use our time and talents to love God and our neighbour with our entire lives.

Summary


Jesus teaches us that we are to love God and our neighbour with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In essence, we are called to love with our entire lives, which requires us to embrace a spirituality of stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can better use our time and talents to authentically and generously love Christ and the Church.

<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.*



All Soul's Day Reflection
Today, we come together to remember and honor the souls of our departed loved ones. This day reminds us of the fleeting nature of life and the eternal

bond we share with those who have gone before us. It is a time for reflection, prayer, and gratitude for the lives that touched ours.

As we light candles and say prayers, let us find comfort in the belief that our loved ones are at peace in the presence of God. May their memories inspire us to live with purposes, love and compassion. Let us also take this moment to reconnect with our faith and find solace in the promise of eternal life.

In remembering them, we keep their spirits alive and continue their legacy of love and kindness. May our prayers bring us closer to them and to God, and may we cherish the time we have with those who are still with us.



The lost ones may no longer be among us, but their memories will live on.....

The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.....

No matter where you are, your memories will keep you alive.....



Book of Remembrance

For the month of November, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members and friends, whom you wish to be remembered at Mass, in our Book of Remembrance. Envelopes are also available where you may include the names of deceased loved ones along with an offertory donation.

Special Devotion Candles - Oct 29 to Nov 5



In Loving Memory of Esperanza Prudenciano
Requested by: Claudette Wilson
"In memory of a life well lived."



Thanksgiving – Incoronata Ambrosini
Requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini
"Always grateful for the love and goodness that God bestows upon us."

We are pleased to offer two Special Devotion Candles (Sanctuary Lamps near the Tabernacle) available to burn for your intentions for one week. The cost is \$20.00 per candle. To book a candle, please call or email the office. Monthly offerings will be posted on our web and Facebook page.

The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection, Nov. 17, 2024

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds, so the elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden year. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Liturgical Ministries: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans Music Ministry: Choir Members, Musicians Youth Ministry: Mentors, Catechists for Kids' Liturgy / confirmation Outreach: RCIA Sponsors, Food Drives, Visiting the Sick Fellowship: Parish Socials and Fund-raisers Upkeep: Volunteers for cleaning, decorating, maintenance, and minor repairs when required

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN:

- Catholic Women's League -C.W.L.
- Movement for Marriage Enrichment - M.M.E
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul – S.S.V.P.
- Legion of Mary – L.O.M.

No matter your age, skills, or availability, there's a place for you to contribute and grow in faith. Volunteering not only enriches our parish life but also brings fulfillment and a sense of purpose to those who serve. Let's come together as a community and make this new season one of service, connection.



CWL is collecting **new** and **slightly** used articles for our **November 9 Bazaar**. Please leave items in the church foyer or see Claudette for more info or call 416-467-0720.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

With Advent and Christmas season approaching, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is accepting names of individuals and families who need help this Christmas. Please call 416-421-5225 (ext.3) Cut-off date for this event is Nov. 23, 2024.



- Nov 2 - Mavis Aerondight Hailey Villanueva Rivera
- Nov 16 – Leo Santo Angelo Gallo
- Nov 30 – Mia Valentina & Luca Salvatore Covelli

Special Devotion Candles intentions for Nov & Dec are filled. We are now accepting January 2025 intentions. Thank you for your continued support.

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