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Office Hours:

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

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:

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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... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
12 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
13 Tues, 9am	Cristita Benedicto +	Myrna Ramos
14 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Geekie Family	Julia Geekie
15 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Vinda & Fe Olase	Elena Manuel & Family
16 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Geekie Family	Julia Geekie
17 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Cristita Benedicto + Thanksgiving – Siony & Arthur Libatique Mila Benedicto Elena Manuel & Family
5pm	Birthday Thanksgiving – Myrna Ramos	Myrna Ramos
18 Sun, 9am	1 st Wedding Anniversary – Alexandra Doumouras & Manan Bhatia	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Myrna Ramos	Toni Tabaniag

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Gospel: John 10.27-30 – Jesus the Shepherd

Attending to Our Primary Vocation

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As disciples, we all share one common vocation, the vocation of holiness. The Second Vatican Council says “that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity.” (Lumen Gentium 40).

We cannot become holy and virtuous by our own merits. Rather, any growth is the result of the grace of God. We can receive numerous graces whenever we turn to him in quiet times of prayer as well as through the sacraments. The greatest form of prayer we can partake in is the Holy Mass. Consequently, we should strive to make it the highlight of our week, ensuring there are no competing distractions for our time. We can also, to the best of our circumstances, try to attend Mass on weekdays as well.

It is only when we are attending to our primary vocation of holiness that we'll be able to discern our secondary call to the vocation of priesthood, religious life, marriage or consecrated singlehood. Holiness will allow us to have the humility and docility to hear the voice of God gently guiding us. It will also strengthen us to overcome any fears and say yes to whichever vocation He calls us to. Let us strive to live out our vocation of holiness to the best of our ability.

Summary

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<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.*



Congratulations to Our First Holy Communion Communicants

Dear Communicants,
Congratulations on this special

milestone in your faith journey! As you receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time, may your hearts be filled with God's love, grace, and presence.

May this sacred moment be the beginning of a deeper relationship with Christ, guiding you with wisdom, peace, and joy throughout your life. May you always walk in His light and find strength in His word.

Blessings to you and your families on this joyous occasion!

Fr. Godofredo Claudio
Pastor



A Prayer for Our Confirmation Candidates
Heavenly Father,

We lift up our 24 Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Bless them with wisdom, courage, and understanding, that they may walk faithfully in

Your love and truth. Strengthen them to live their faith with joy and conviction, and may the Holy Spirit guide them throughout their journey. May this sacred moment deepen their relationship with You and inspire them to share Your love with others.

Amen.

Aung William	Mabuto Eric
Aziz Thaddeus Dante Jr.	Magat-Santiago Liv Avrey
Bulpit Gabriella Sophia	Maher Aria Noelle
Cabatay Carl Ellie	Mico Saena
Chan Kutty Dylan	Ortencio Madeline Josephine
Chown Desmond Prince	Ortizo Mary Therese
Cueto Ric Andrei	Palanca Vien Einzhel
Dugtong Ariana Moreen	Park Audrey Chloe
Espanola Yezequiel	Raheb Alina Evangeline
Hollohazy Ashton James	Shllaku Erin
Labang Julia Moon	Sutherland Andrew David
Labang Julia Mai	Wuyaw Rosa Suting

Special Devotion Candles May 6 to 13

In Loving Memory of Doug Flach

Requested by: Sandy Hall

"Our shared moments are timeless treasures."

Birthday Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel

Requested by: Mila Benedicto

"May God bless you with joy, health, and peace."

As this candle burns, may it be a symbol of our prayers rising to heaven. May its flame shine brightly in honor of [intention or person's name], illuminating the presence of God's love, peace, and grace.

Lord, hear our prayers and bless this offering of light. May it bring comfort, hope, and guidance in times of need, and may Your divine presence be felt in every flicker of its glow. Amen.

Welcome Back, Fr. Fred!

We are so grateful to welcome you back Fr. Fred! We've missed you and are thankful for your recovery.

A heartfelt thank you to Fr. Nabine for graciously stepping in and celebrating the Masses during Fr. Fred's recuperation. Your kindness and dedication have been truly appreciated by our parish community.

May God continue to bless both of you in your ministry!

Bus Trip Organizers and Parishioners

We sincerely thank everyone (parishioners & guests) who participated in the trip to Niagara (Feb 22 & Apr 26) and contributed to raising funds for the replacement of our rectory boiler. To our organizers, your hard work and dedication made this event possible, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable journey for all. Your support and kindness embody the spirit of our parish community, and we are deeply grateful for your contributions.

"The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is accepting names of eligible girls and boys interested in attending camp this summer. A bus is available to take campers to/from each camp. More information can be found on the website. <https://www.ssvp.on.ca/en/childrenscamp.php>

*Camp Ozanam is a camp for boys ages 7 - 12, near Stouffville. It is a 7-day camping experience for boys who might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. There are 3 sessions in July and 1 session in August.

If you have an interested girl or boy camper wishing to register, please contact Maria Dawson at mtdawson64@gmail.com or please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your name, telephone number, child's name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.



KNOW YOUR FAITH:

The BOOK OF REVELATION is a very intriguing Book in the New Testament. Come and join us as we continue to unveil the deeper reality behind the symbols and meaning of this inspiring Book. We will be meeting in the hall for 4 Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. on MAY 13, 20, 27 + JUNE 3rd. Everyone is welcome!

"A Day with Mary" May 31st bus trip to Villanova College 2480 15th Sideroad King City, during this Jubilee Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope. We are blessed to have Cardinal Leo and our pastor, Fr. Godofredo Claudio, join us for this special occasion.

Time:	Bus leave @ 7:30am
Price:	\$45/person
* Food trucks available with combo meals at \$10.00	
* Feel free to bring a bag lunch	

All are welcome, including children of any age. However, please ensure they are **registered with the church (416-421-5225) or Claudette (416-467-0720)**. There is plenty of space on the bus, but early registration is encouraged! Don't miss out on this meaningful and enjoyable experience.



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