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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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**Principal: Kimberly Blanchet**

# Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May/June	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
26 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
27 Tues, 9am	Romeo Iligan +	Libatique Family
28 Wed, 9am	Peter Guest +	Barbara Read
29 Thurs, 9am	All deceased members of the Ambrosini Family	Incoronata Ambrosini
30 Fri, 9am	90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving – Arturo Libatique	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
31 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Paz Pacita Legaspi +  Vincenzo & Rita Pigniataro +	..... Vivian & Gene Beltijar Incoronata Ambrosini
5pm	Jovita Co Montille +	Mark & Galla Bertoia
1 Sun, 9am	Thanksgiving – Nelson & Nelia Ducusin	Karin Doumouras and Marie Cervantes
11 am	Dolores Eucinas +	The Ybarola Family

## Sunday Gospel Reflection

6th Sunday of Easter

Gospel: John 14.23-29 – The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Peace Be with You

The life of the Christian disciple is one that should be filled with great peace. However, peace does not mean the absence of difficulties or trials. Rather, true peace is living in joy despite the turbulences we may experience. We're reminded in the Gospel that we can only receive this peace from Jesus. He tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives."

How does the world give peace? The world tells us that if we have lots of money in the bank, the fancy car, the extravagant house and the perfect looks, then we will be at peace. It promotes peace as something that is achieved through exterior possessions or circumstances. However, what does the world offer us when difficulties arise? How does the world teach peace in the midst of tough financial situations or an unfavourable medical diagnosis? This is where the peace of Christ triumphs.

We can achieve a sense of interior peace despite the exterior sufferings when we fix our minds on things that are heavenly. We can always draw great strength from realizing our identity as beloved children of God. God loves us. This reality alone has the profound effect of easing the greatest of crosses. St. Teresa of Avila says "Let nothing perturb you, nothing frightens you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything." God is always faithful towards us. The next time we're in a moment that threatens to rob us of our peace, let us take a deep breath, call to mind the smiling gaze of Christ towards us, and pray, "Jesus, I love you."

### Summary

Jesus tells us "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." The world promotes peace as something that is achieved through exterior possessions or circumstances, yet it offers no remedy for times of great trial. On the other hand, with Jesus, the next time we're in a moment that threatens to rob us of our peace, let us take a deep breath, call to mind the smiling gaze of Christ towards us, and pray, "Jesus, I love you."

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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 9:30 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.*



Thank you, Ernie Di Ciccio! We are very grateful for your kindness and generosity in celebrating Mass with us while Fr. Freddie attended the priest retreat (May 20-22). Your presence and dedication have been a blessing to our community, and we deeply appreciate the time and care you've given to lead us in worship. Thank you for sharing your faith, wisdom, and warmth with us.



#### 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 27 + JUNE 3rd. Everyone is welcome!

#### Special Devotion Candles May 20 - 27



##### Birthday Thanksgiving – Arturo Libatique

Requested by: Mila Benedicto

"There is no gift greater than the gift of life and there is no love greater than the love of God!"



##### Thanksgiving – Margaret & Pam Bowes

Requested by: Mila Benedicto

"Thank You for the gift of life, for answered prayers, and for the strength You provide in times of need."

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.

**"A Day with Mary" May 31<sup>st</sup> bus trip to Villanova College 2480 15<sup>th</sup> 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 other priests**; 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.

Know someone who can't come to Mass due to illness or infirmity? Our Communion Team takes the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound, in the hospital and seniors' homes. Please call the parish office for details or to sign up.



#### A Moment to Cherish First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2024-2025

With gratitude and joy, we celebrate the faith journey of our First Holy Communion and Confirmation

candidates. These sacred milestones mark a profound step in their spiritual growth, as they embrace the grace of the Eucharist



and the strength of the Holy Spirit. We extend our heartfelt

appreciation to everyone who contributed to making both sacramental ceremonies a beautiful success. A

special thank you to Bright Pics, the official photographer, for capturing these cherished moments for our parish community. May this occasion be a lasting reminder of God's love and guidance in the lives of our candidates Congratulations to all!



#### Become an Altar Server—Join Our Ministry!

Have you ever felt called to serve at the altar during Mass? We invite young members of our parish to become altar servers, a meaningful

role that deepens your faith while assisting in the celebration of the Eucharist. As an altar server, you'll have the opportunity to grow spiritually, learn more about the liturgy, and play a special part in our worship. Training will be provided, and no previous experience is needed—just a willing heart and a desire to serve. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office, and we'll connect you with Shauna D'Souza, our Altar Server Coordinator. We'd love to have you be part of this important ministry!

#### April Offertory Collections Report

Apr 3	\$4872.20	This total includes all revenue received from candles, Mass offerings, First Communion/Confirmation registration fees and certificate copies. Thank you for your continued support.
Apr 9	\$8095.60	
Apr 16	\$3915.75	
Apr 23	\$6494.95 Holy Thursday \$1230.30	
Apr 30	\$2984.9	
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