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Julia Di Paolo - *Secretary*

PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday

Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October - May

Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March - June 13)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church)

Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 12:00 pm Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

*Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church,
and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.*

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 5TH, 2023



His Face shone like the sun

The Transfiguration was the moment when the disciples were shown the divinity of Jesus on the Holy Mountain. The scene is reminiscent of Moses' encounter with God on Sinai, when his face, too, shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah are present because they are the two Old Testament figures who experienced the presence of God on the Holy Mountain. With his usual impetuous generosity Peter attempts to 'freeze' the moment. The public declaration of Jesus as God's Son at the Baptism is repeated, but with the addition that Jesus is the authorized divine teacher; Matthew is alert to the implications for the Church of the presence of Christ as Teacher. The cloud is also a symbol of God's presence, to which the human response can only be to fall to the ground in fear and reverence. The awesome moment of revelation cannot, however, last, and Jesus brings his disciples back to the dire realities before them with the reminder that his death must precede the revelation of his glory at the Resurrection. Until they have experienced the limitless generosity of his death, and the vindication by God of this love, they are not ready to spread the message of Jesus.

Nelle Scritture, la montagna è sempre il luogo della rivelazione. Sono gli uomini come Mosè (Es 19) e Elia (1Re 19) che Dio incontra. Si racconta anche che il volto di Mosè venne trasfigurato da quell'incontro: "Quando Mosè scese dal monte Sinai - le due tavole della Testimonianza si trovavano nelle mani di Mosè mentre egli scendeva dal monte - non sapeva che la pelle del suo viso era diventata raggianti, poiché aveva conversato con il Signore" (Es 34,29). La magnificenza della rivelazione divina si comunica anche a coloro che la ricevono e diventano i mediatori della parola di Dio. Gesù si mette a brillare come il sole sotto gli occhi di tre discepoli: questo lo individua come colui che è l'ultimo a rivelare Dio, come colui che oltrepassa tutti i suoi predecessori. Ciò è sottolineato ancor più dal fatto che Mosè ed Elia appaiono e si intrattengono con lui. Essi rappresentano la legge e i profeti, cioè la rivelazione divina prima di Gesù. Gesù è l'ultima manifestazione di Dio. È quello che dimostra la nube luminosa - luogo della presenza divina (come in Es 19) - da dove una voce designa Gesù come il servitore regale di Dio (combinazione del salmo 2, 7 e di Isaia 42, 1). A ciò si aggiunge, in riferimento a Deuteronomio 18, 15, l'esortazione ad ascoltare Gesù, ad ascoltare soprattutto il suo insegnamento morale .



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*
LENT Friday 9am - 5:45pm (Church)*

*In the Chapel, when there is a funeral.

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY MARCH 4TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

SUNDAY MARCH 5TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Paciano & Lourdes Borero

10:00 A.M. - Susanna e Gianni Onisto e Nunzio Lembo
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia
Leopoldo Volpe e defunti famiglia
Angelo Lamanna e defunti famiglia
Angelo Pagnuolo e defunti famiglia
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Marianna Agostino
Edmondo DellaSiepe - Oriele e Nino Beccati
Defunti famiglia Della Siepe
Rosina Commisso - Maria Galluzzo

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Holy Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY MARCH 6TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Pina & Angelo La Rosa

12:00 P.M. - Alec Chan

TUESDAY MARCH 7TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Carmela & Lina La Rosa

12:00 P.M. - Vince Corriero

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Juro & Maria Zemcjak

+ Felix Alphonso

+ Frances Natale

+ Wilfredo Bayucot

+ Eladiu & Feliciano Flores

+ Basilio & Incarnation Castro

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Divina Gaerlan

12:00 P.M. + Doreen Burlton

THURSDAY MARCH 9TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Carmen Campos Silva

8:30 A.M. - Erika Bagasan-Hare

FRIDAY MARCH 10TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Rizalina & Sixto Gimena

7:00 P.M. - Kimberly Yap

SATURDAY MARCH 11TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Barbara Ferreira

10:00 A.M. + Corazon & Mirna Mariano



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$5,788.25



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Dear Friends in Christ, a few weeks ago I read an article whereby an writer was sharing a story about a priest, who was teaching that prayer was not an important dimension of the spiritual life. The basis for this priest's teaching was his belief that Jesus neither prayed, nor did he deemed it an important element in his public teaching. Wow! Where do I begin?

While I will not comment about the priest's theological formation (or lack thereof), what I will say is that Father's erroneous teaching can be refuted by simply perusing the pages of Holy Scripture. In fact, it has been noted by various sources that the Bible contains: more than 650 listed prayers; references of Jesus praying more than 25 times during his earthly ministry; and St. Paul speaking of prayer 41 times in his various epistles to the primitive churches of his time. So, contrary to what he might think, "Yes, Father, prayer is an essential element of our faith life!"

During the season of Lent, we are encouraged to pray more. Yet, what does that mean? Perhaps, a more fundamental question to ask is "What is prayer?" In order to answer these questions, allow me to share the wisdom and teachings of some of our saints who know a thing or two about the subject of prayer: "*We must **speak to God** as a friend speaks to his friend, servant to his master; now asking some favor, now acknowledging our faults, and **communicating to Him** all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seeking His counsel*" (St. Ignatius of Loyola). "*Prayer is an **aspiration of the heart**, it is a **simple glance** directed to heaven, it is a **cry of gratitude and love** in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus*" (St. Therese Lisieux). "*We must **pray without ceasing**; in every occurrence and employment of our lives - that prayer which is rather a **habit of lifting up the heart to God** as in a **constant communication with Him**" (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton). "*Vocal prayer . . . must be accompanied by reflection. A prayer in which a person is not aware of Whom he is speaking to, what he is asking, who it is who is asking and of Whom, I don't call prayer - however much the lips may move*" (St. Teresa of Avila). Interestingly, the common thing that resonates in all these brief excerpts of the saints is the idea about communicating, speaking, and dialoguing with God. Prayer is fundamentally about having a personal and intimate relationship with the Divine Lord.*

The highest good is prayer and our conversation with God, because it means that through prayer we are in God's company and in union with him. Through prayer God's inextinguishable light shines within us and his inexhaustible love bathes our entire being. Given this wonderful reality, prayer should be as essential to our spiritual life as breathing is to our physical life. Every one of us should be praying each day from the heart and not from routine; praying throughout the day and not necessarily during a particular moment in time; praying continuously by day and night, by lifting our mind, heart and thoughts to the one true God, who seeks nothing more than for us to be in total and intimate communion with Him!

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us make a concerted effort to grow deeper in our relationship with God by making prayer an essential dimension of our daily life, regardless what our state of life, be it the priestly, consecrated, religious, married, or single state. As St. Faustina once poignantly remarked: "*A soul arms itself by prayer for all kinds of combat. In whatever state the soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer.*" May we strive to grow in deeper union with the Divine well-spring of Love through our prayers.

Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas

Talk // Small Groups // Fellowship

Spiritus East Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19-35)
"The Vocation of Man & Woman."



Let's face it, finding vocation is really hard. It is a calling to live a life totally contrary to our secular world but it is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. You probably get told often to be patient and pray more and trust God more which is true, but what if there was a vocational calling you could live out right now? One that would make that secondary vocation down the road that much better.

Join us as we hear a talk by James Sullivan on Wednesday, March 8th at 7pm, held at St Theresa's Parish (2559 Kingston Road). See you there and bring a friend!

For more information or to get involved please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at samantha@ocytoronto.org or 416.599.7676



LENT Friday Schedule:

8:30 am - English Mass
9:00 am - 5:45 pm
Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Confessions
6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Latin Mass

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK: We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.

Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat – March 17-19, 2023 at St. Augustine's Seminary:



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. We encourage you to promote this event in your parishes, during your announcements as well as including this event in your respective parish bulletins, it would be greatly appreciated. We have also attached a poster and ask that you kindly display it on your respective bulletin boards. Thank you in advance for your assistance as we work together to build a culture of vocations. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee



Vocations' Reflection . . .

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Stewardship Reflection . . .

The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that "God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." Let us take some time to reflect on the teaching of divinization and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes, for to be a good steward is to be like Christ.



"Die before you die, there is no chance after."
C.S. Lewis



Give a helping hand to those who need it most, right here at home. By donating to ShareLife, you help support over 40 agencies to serve the most vulnerable people in our community – regardless of their faith, age, or background.

2023 ShareLife Parish Goal :
\$33,700

March 26th is Share Life Sunday.
Please give generously.

Dear Padre

March 5, 2023

What is the value of lighting a candle in church?

Lighting candles is one of many customs that can be found in most of the world's religions. Lit candles, in church or at home, in front of a picture or statue of a favorite saint, serve a symbolic function. The light of the candle represents our desire that our prayer may be constant, as St. Paul urged (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The candle burns while we go about our daily tasks, symbolizing our desire to be at prayer with God. Similarly, Tibetan Buddhists spin prayer wheels and believe that as long as the wheels spin, a prayer is offered. Candles give light and banish the darkness. For Catholics they symbolize the light of Christ, by whose death and resurrection we are saved.

Lighting a candle isn't a required act. You can pray without lighting candles, without statues, without anything but your faith in God. However, we Catholics love our symbols. We like to engage all of our senses in our prayer experience: beautiful churches, colored light, incense, great music and, yes, candles.

One extreme position to avoid is lighting a candle hoping it will cause something else to happen, like the sudden cure of a loved one or relief from financial ruin. We are to avoid all appearance of using candles as if they have an untapped, magical power. Nevertheless, lighting a candle as a part of our prayer is a comforting custom and most things (and people?) look lovelier by candlelight. ●

— Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Join our Pastor

Fr. Thomas Lim

**PILGRIMAGE TO
TURKEY & GREECE
In the Footsteps of
St. Paul**



**June 02-15, 2023,
14 days**

Flyers/registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church or visit

[St Lawrence Martyr](#)

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**FATHER
YOU CALLED**

**SAINT LAWRENCE
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
MARTYRDOM.**

**HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM
IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.**

AMEN