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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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Luke 6:17, 20-26

“Blessed are the poor. Woe to you who are rich.”



Matthew's Sermon on the Mount and Luke's Sermon on the Plain are both collections of sayings of Jesus about the basic conditions of Christian living. Each begins with a set of 'Beatitudes', announcing who is specially blessed by the Lord. One frisky modern translation renders them, 'Congratulations to you who are...!' Matthew's set of eight Beatitudes focuses more on spiritual qualities, poor in spirit, hunger and thirst for justice, whereas Luke's four are more directly on the circumstances of life. The stress is therefore on the reversal of values brought by Jesus. Jesus turns the world upside-down. His gospel or 'good news' comes to the poor, the neglected, the oppressed. True blessedness does not consist in wealth, fame or festivities. It is those who struggle now who will receive a lasting reward. Are the four negatives which follow too hard on the rich, the contented, the frivolous, the famous? Through this gospel runs a thread of warning about the dangers of contentment, and we seldom pay attention to warnings unless they are overstated! The worry of those who have plenty, about how they should use their advantages responsibly for others, must be as least as great as those who worry to survive.

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Nel Vangelo di Luca, le beatitudini si rivolgono a coloro che hanno già scelto il Signore, ai discepoli. Seguirlo significa abbandonare tutto (Lc 9,23), rinunciare agli agi (Lc 9,58), essere detestati (cf. Gv 17,14), allontanati dalle cerchie del potere, dai soldi e dall'onore (cf. Gv 16,2).

Il credente che riesce dappertutto, che riceve dal mondo ossequi e considerazione, si metta a tremare, si inquieti perché sarà inghiottito e digerito dal mondo che ama possedere (cf. Gv 15,19).

Non si tratta di demagogia né di paura della vita. Gesù non è un dotto professore di etica, né un sistematico autore di trattati di morale. La sua predicazione è una denuncia profetica: frasi corte e forti contrasti.

Le sue parole rimandano a situazioni correnti: l'abbondanza dei beni, la ricerca insaziabile del piacere, il desiderio del successo e dell'applauso,... tutte queste pretese producono la vanità (danno una falsa sicurezza), rendono orgogliosi (ci fanno credere che siamo più importanti degli altri), divinizzano (molte persone adorano coloro che posseggono e si prostrano davanti a loro), induriscono (rendono incomprensivi e privi di solidarietà), corrompono (finiscono per opprimere, credendo di farlo anche con la benedizione di Dio).

Le beatitudini ci avvertono seriamente: stabiliamoci nella verità di Gesù e cerchiamo di non sbagliarci nel momento decisivo.



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!



Mass Intentions
for the week



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Paul, Maria & Terrance Dalgado

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Arthur & Erika Hare

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Giovanna Costantino e famiglia

Giseppe Canini e famiglia

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Defunti famiglie Longo e Russo

Defunti famiglie Tamburro e Caccavella

Maria Lamanna - Clementina Colangelo

11:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Artur Nowakowski

MONDAY FEBRUARY 17TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Olga Orlando

12:00 P.M. - Mary Chan

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Ed Martin

12:00 P.M. + Sydney, Irene, Anne De Souza

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Ralph Pascarella

12:00 P.M. - Aghi & Greg Clovis

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Sydney, Irene, Anne De Souza

8:30 A.M. + Rosellie Llandelar

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Valdene Dizon

7:00 P.M. - TPSB Staff & Board Members

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Orlando Gaerlan

10:00 A.M. + Reginald Valladares



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$5,188.90

Heating: 2,220.10

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you

Pray
for
Vocations

Vocation Reflection

~ Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org ~ Website www.vocationstoronto.ca

*"The Church is a perpetually defeated thing
that always outlives Her conquerors."*

~ Hilaire Belloc ~

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Dear friends in Christ, where do you place your hope and trust? For some people, the answer might be in the things of this world, that is, in their job security, business connections, bank accounts, retirement funds, home, etc. As followers of Christ, however, our hope and trust must be rooted in Our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. St. Paul reminds us of this fact when he told the people of Corinth: *“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied”* (1 Cor. 15:17-19). Our Christian hope then goes well beyond the limits of this earthly life and it reaches to eternal life precisely because of Christ, who having risen from the dead offers us a share in his resurrection.

Today’s Gospel from Luke recounts Jesus’ famous Sermon on the Mount. At first hearing, it seems rather dark especially in light of the series of “woes” spoken by our Lord: *“Woe to you who are rich.... Woe to you who are full now.... Woe to you who are laughing now.... Woe to you who are praised by other men....”* (Lk. 6: 24-26). The word “woe” is an archaic English translation for a “curse” or a “judgement.”

The beatitudes proclaimed by the Lord, however, have to be understood in the light of his resurrection, for being anchored in the eternal, they go beyond every expectation of security and happiness in this world. Jesus brought about a shift in the values of things with his beatitudes with the value of worldly things no longer to be considered in relation to the immediate and transitory suffering or joy they might contain, but rather according to their future and eternal worth. Only one, who believes and trust in Christ, and lives in the expectation of the kingdom of God, can comprehend his words: *“Blessed are you who are poor.... Blessed are you who hunger now.... Blessed are you who weep now.... Blessed are you when men hate you....”* (Lk. 6: 21-22).

It is important to note that it is not poverty, hunger, grief, or persecution per se that makes a person blessed, nor does it ensure her a guarantee entrance into the kingdom of God; rather, it her humble and patient acceptance of these privations and sufferings, sustained by a great trust in our heavenly Father, which is the key. As Jeremiah reminds us in today’s first reading, *“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord”* (Jer. 17:7).

Conversely, those who are rich, who are satiated, who are laughing now... are threatened with painful “woes.” A person who is satisfied with the things of this world often do not realize the urgent need to be saved from his precarious state, given that the things of the world satisfies him so immensely that the kingdom of God holds little meaning or significance to him. That is why the Lord says through the prophet Jeremiah: *“Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes”* (Jer. 17:5-7). Although the Lord’s beatitudes are offered to everyone, only those who are detached from self and from worldly goods are in a true position to attain them.

The Catechism offers us an additional thought on the nature of the beatitudes. It says: *“The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portrays his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection. They shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life. They are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations. They proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ’s disciples. They have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints”* (CCC 1717).

In other words, the beatitudes give us a profile of Christ - a man of sorrow - who experienced poverty, hunger, persecution, mourning and a shameful death. The beatitudes also express the vocation of every faithful to experience and embrace the reality of suffering in their life. In the end, the beatitudes hold paradoxical promises, because it is through our acceptances of trial and tribulations that we find salvation; or alternatively, it is only through the Cross that we receive the rewards of eternal life.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



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On March 14 - 16, 2025, weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30pm and end on Sunday afternoon @ 2:00pm. Meals & Accommodations will be provided. **Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.**



WHEN July 23, 2025 - August 5, 2025
WHERE Rome, Italy
WHO Young Adults (ages 19 - 39)
Last day to register is Thursday, February 27th at 5:00pm!

Pilgrims of Hope! You are being called to embark on a pilgrimage of a lifetime. **The Office of Catholic Youth and the Archdiocese of Toronto** are inviting all Young Adults between the ages of 19 - 39 to embark on an incredible journey!
[Jubilee of Youth 2025 - OCY](#)

Dear Padre

February 16, 2025

I have always been an "every Sunday" Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn't feel that special. I believe that it's the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels "routine." Sometimes I'm even distracted while receiving. Help?

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28-36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don't always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don't feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other's company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don't already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●

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 With our Pastor **Father Thomas Lim**
September 27 to October 10, 2025
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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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



"Make sickness itself a Prayer"
 ~ St. Francis de Sales ~

"Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife." — Pope St. Leo the Great