



# ST. NICHOLAS OF BARI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Secretary:** Nina Marino    **Office Assistant:** Maggie Mirabelli

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### MESSE DOMENICALI

9:00am: Italiano  
10:30am: Inglese  
12:00noon: Ge'ez Rite

### MESSE FERIALI

8:00am: da lunedì a Sabato  
7:30pm: Mercoledì & Venerdì:  
Messe memoriali (prenotare prima)

### BATTESIMI

Chiamate in Ufficio quanto prima

### CONFESSIONI

Tutti i giorni prima della Messa  
Sabato dalle 4 alle 5pm  
Altri giorni su appuntamento

### MATRIMONI

Prenotarsi 1 anno prima

### RITI D'INIZIAZIONE

Chiamate in Ufficio

### SACRAMENTI PER GLI AMMALATI & ANZIANI

Chiamate in Ufficio qualunque giorno

### SUNDAY MASSES

9:00am: Italian  
10:30am: English (with Children's Liturgy)  
12:00noon: Ge'ez Rite

### WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00am: Monday to Saturday  
7:30pm: Wednesday & Friday Memorial  
mass (upon request)

### BAPTISM

By appointment and after instruction.  
Parents must be registered members of our  
parish community

### CONFESSIONS

Every day before Mass and after mass and  
upon request

### MARRIAGES

One year notice and marriage course  
mandatory

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Please call the Office

### SACRAMENTS FOR SICK & ELDERLY

Please call Rectory anytime

The Church is open for personal  
prayer and meditation from  
7:30am to 7:00pm

### Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio

III Mercoledì del mese  
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domenicale dalle 7:30am alle 3:30pm



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The Parish Hall is available for rent – Please call the Office

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 2021

### REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP

In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

### WHAT IS MASS?

#### Gloria

Do you know that we sing with the angels at Mass? After the Penitential Rite we sing the song that begins with the words the angels sang when Jesus was born: Glory to God in the highest! After we are reminded of God's great mercy we sing about the great glory of God and the peace that he brings to all of us. In the Gloria we sing our praise to God and then we sing about the mercy of Jesus.

As we begin Mass, we recall our sins and then are taken right to the Incarnation, the place where mercy and love is made flesh. We proclaim who it is that we are praising, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son. We head into the Liturgy of the Word by proclaiming who it is that is present in Scripture, Jesus Christ himself, and we give him glory.

During Lent and Advent we do not sing the Gloria because we are fasting and in preparation for the great feasts of Easter and Christmas and so when we are able to sing it again we sing it with great excitement and joy.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Families are working on Sessions #1 and #3.

### CONFIRMATION

Students should be working on sessions # 7 and 8 in preparation for our next meeting on March 23.

### OUR COLLECTIONS

Please consider supporting your parish, even if you are unable to come to the church!

For information on how to donate, please see our website (<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>).

Thank you for your generosity!

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18.  
Psalm: Psalm 116:10+15, 16-17, 18-19.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:31b-35, 37+.  
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10.

**Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love...there you shall offer him up as a holocaust..." —Genesis 22:2**



Think of the one person you love the most in the world. Is it your mom, dad, a brother or sister? Maybe it's a best friend or a cousin. Can you imagine if you heard God ask you to give them up forever? That would be the hardest thing you'd ever have to do. Yet, in today's scripture, that is what God asks Abraham to do. Abraham is a great example of faith and trust in God. He didn't understand why God wanted him to give up his only son, whom he loved with all his heart. But he trusted in God. In the end, we learn that God didn't want him to give up his son, he just wanted to test Abraham's faith and trust. I think he passed the test, what about you?

*Lord, may we learn to have the same faith and trust in you that Abraham had, even when we don't understand your ways.*

### 2021 MASS CALENDAR AVAILABLE

The Calendar of Masses for 2021 is available for booking. You could offer a Mass for a departed loved one, the intentions of person, in thanksgiving for an event like a birth or anniversary, or for a specific person, like a priest. Contact the office to book..

### FASTING & ABSTINENCE

**Abstinence:** All Catholics, aged 14 and up, are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

**Fasting:** Catholics, aged 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means one may eat 1 meal, and if needed up to 2 additional meals that together do not equal the regular meal (unless health conditions require an alternative).

### COVID RESTRICTIONS

Current Covid-19 restrictions limit the number of people in the Church to 10 persons, so the Cardinal has canceled all public Masses. The Church will remain open for private prayer, Tuesday & Thursday 8am –11am and Wednesday & Friday from 8am to 12 noon.

## 2° DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA – 28 FEBBRAIO 2021



**Because of COVID-19, by decree of His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, public Masses and other functions in the parishes are canceled, until further notice. Church will remain open for private prayer only.**

Please know, Fr. Bruno will be saying private Masses for the parishioners and their intentions.

### **February 28 Sunday/Domenica**

9:00am - Cancelled / Cancellato

10:30 - MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED - Antonio de Figueiredo

12:00pm - Catholic Ge'ez Rite -Livestreamed

### **March 1 Monday/Lunedì**

NO MASS TODAY

### **March 2 Tuesday/Martedì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

11:00am - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

### **March 3 Wednesday/Mercoledì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

### **March 4 Thursday/Giovedì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

11:00am - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

### **March 5 Friday/Venerdì**

10:30am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

\*World Day of Prayer / Giornata Mondiale di Preghiera\*

### **March 6 Saturday/Sabato**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

### **March 7 Sunday/Domenica**

9:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

10:30 - MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED - Salvatore e Luciano Seminerio

12:00pm - Catholic Ge'ez Rite -LIVESTREAMED

### **PRENOTIAMO LE MESSE PER 2021**

Il libro per prenotare le Messe per l'anno 2021 è disponibile. Si può chiamare in Ufficio per prenotare le Sante Messe per l'anno 2021.

### **LE NOSTRE COLLEZIONI**

Considerate la possibilità di sostenere la vostra parrocchia, anche se non potete venire in chiesa!

Per informazioni su come donare, consultate il nostro sito web (<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>).

Grazie per la vostra generosità!

### **RIFLESSIONE SULLE LETTURE**

**Prima Lettura:** Gènesi 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18.

**Salmo:** Salmo 116:10+15, 16-17, 18-19.

**Seconda Lettura:** Romani 3:18-22.

**Vangelo:** Marco 9:2-10.



La trasfigurazione occupava un posto importante nella vita e nell'insegnamento della Chiesa primitiva. Ne sono testimonianze le narrazioni dettagliate dei Vangeli e il riferimento presente nella seconda lettera di Pietro (2Pt 1,16-18). Per i tre apostoli il velo era caduto: essi stessi avevano visto ed udito. Proprio questi tre apostoli sarebbero stati, più tardi, al Getsemani, testimoni della sofferenza di nostro Signore. L'Incarnazione è al centro della dottrina cristiana. Possono esserci molti modi di rispondere a Gesù, ma per la Chiesa uno solo è accettabile. Gesù è il Figlio Unigenito del Padre, Dio da Dio, Luce da Luce, Dio vero da Dio vero. La vita cristiana è una contemplazione continua di Gesù Cristo. Nessuna saggezza umana, nessun sapere possono penetrare il mistero della rivelazione. Solo nella preghiera possiamo tendere a Cristo e cominciare a conoscerlo. "È bello per noi stare qui", esclama Pietro, il quale "non sapeva infatti che cosa dire, poiché erano stati presi dallo spavento". La fede pone a tacere la paura, soprattutto la paura di aprire la nostra vita a Cristo, senza condizioni. Tale paura, che nasce spesso dall'eccessivo attaccamento ai beni temporali e dall'ambizione, può impedirci di sentire la voce di Cristo che ci è trasmessa nella Chiesa.

### **ASTINENZA e IL DIGIUNO**

**Astinenza:** Tutti i Cattolici, di età compresa tra 18 e 59 anni, sono tenuti ad astenersi dal mangiare carne il Mercoledì delle Ceneri e tutti i Venerdì durante la Quaresima.

**Il Digiuno:** i cattolici, di età compresa tra 18 e 59 anni, sono obbligati a digiunare il Mercoledì delle Ceneri e il Venerdì Santo. Ciò significa che si può mangiare 1 pasto e, se necessario, fino a 2 pasti aggiuntivi che insieme non equivalgono al pasto normale.

### **RIFLESSIONE SULLA GESTIONE**

In una cultura sempre più secolare, vivere il Vangelo e praticare l'amministrazione può portare a molte prove che possono indurci a rinunciare alla ricerca della santità. In momenti come questo possiamo trovare grande consolazione nelle parole di San Paolo che dice che nulla può separarci dall'amore di Cristo. Quando la nostra vita di amministrazione diventa difficile, prendiamoci un momento per pregare semplicemente: "Ti amo Gesù, aiutami ad essere più consapevole del tuo amore per me".



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