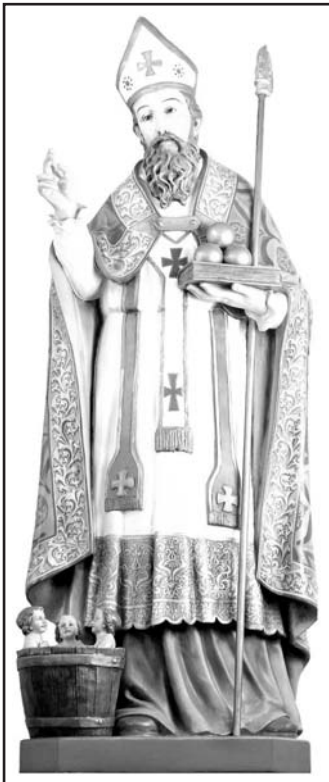


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Tutti i giorni prima o dopo la Messa.
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SUNDAY MASSES

9:00am : Italian
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12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

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

BAPTISM

By appointment and after instruction.
Parents must be registered members of our
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Every day before and after Mass and upon
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One year notice and marriage course
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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD — February 2, 2025



Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a significant moment in the life of the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph, following the Law of Moses, take Jesus to the Temple to offer Him to God, a tradition followed by every Jewish family. This Gospel is especially meaningful for young families, highlighting the importance of faith, dedication, and the vital role

parents play in shaping their children's lives. Just as Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to God, you, too, bring your children before the Lord—through Baptism, prayer, and teaching them about faith. As parents, you are the first catechists, the first to share God's love with your children. Raising a child involves more than just meeting their physical needs—it's about nurturing their spiritual life, helping them grow in love, faith, and trust in God. In the Temple, Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, recognizes Jesus as the Savior and proclaims Him as the light to the world. This reminds us that the Holy Spirit is present in our families, guiding us through both joyful and challenging times. There will be moments when raising children feels overwhelming, but trust that the Holy Spirit is with you, just as He was with Mary and Joseph. Simeon's words to Mary, that a sword will pierce her soul, remind us that faith is not always easy. Parenthood involves sacrifices, challenges, and moments of deep concern, but like Mary and Joseph, you are called to trust in God's plan. Faith is a journey, not about perfection but about allowing God to walk with you through all the ups and downs of life. This feast is called Candlemas because it reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World. As families, you are called to reflect that light in your homes, living faith daily through your love, patience, and sacrifices. The way you teach your children to pray, be kind, and forgive helps them carry the light of Christ. Let us entrust all families, especially young parents, to the care of the Holy Family. May Mary and Joseph inspire you, and may Jesus' light guide your home, knowing that your faithfulness as parents will leave a lasting light in the hearts of your children. Amen.

Join us for the Children's Liturgy



The Children's Liturgy is back, and we can't wait to welcome your children! This is a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the Mass in a way that's engaging, meaningful, and tailored just for them. During the liturgy, children will hear

the Sunday Gospel in a way that connects with their hearts and minds, helping them grow in faith and understanding. **All children are invited to join, especially those preparing for their First Reconciliation and Communion!** We strongly encourage their attendance as part of their faith journey.

Year of Jubilee – Pilgrimage for Young Adults

From: Fr. Paul Magyar, Director, Office of Catholic Youth

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Catholic Youth is excited to announce that the Jubilee for Youth is filling up fast, with 60 per cent of our 100 spots already taken! The pilgrimage to Rome will take place from July 23 to August 5. Registrations are open to all young adults ages 19 to 39 until the end of February 2025, so there's still time to secure a spot. Don't miss out—register today at [https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253!](https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253)



Blessing of Throats

The Blessing of the Throat on the Feast of St. Blaise will take place on Tuesday, February 4, after Mass.

St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts, he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. Since the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illness of the throat.

First-communion workshop



Thursday, Feb 27: 7-8PM. All students and parents are expected to attend.

Confirmation session



Tuesday February 18: 6-8PM in the parish hall. All students are expected to attend.

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PRESENTAZIONE DEL SIGNORE - 2 febbraio 2025



Mass Intentions

February 2 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Anna e Salvatore Baudanza

10:30am – Elvira Ferrer

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

February 3 Monday/Lunedì

No mass today ----- Nessuna messa oggi

February 4 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Ercio Alvarez, Idel Alvarez, Hipolita Medrano; For the generosity of St. Nicholas's parishioners; Holy Spirit's guidance for the families who have difficulties with separation, divorce, court hearings, custody of children, housing; Peace in the world; Birthday blessings upon Reina Hidalgo Ayala, Brenda & Blanca Rivas

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

February 5 Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Pasquale Emanuele, Florencio Perez; St. Joseph help upon Colette and Alistair, Sylvia Lorenzo, Dinora, Irena, Ania, Linh, Renaldo, Carlos Tejada, Julian & Tabatha, Luba, Bryan, Martin, Josue, Rene Meza, Johanna & Ivan, Andrew Coppens, Josue, Emmanuel; Birthday blessings upon Gabriel Elias Gallardo & Xavier Adalberto Silva Tam

9:00am – School Mass – (Stella Maris)

February 6 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Ana Francisca Pachon de Velez, Evangelina Quesada; End of abortion & euthanasia; For all Priest living and deceased; Healing of Jacob Lee McEwen, Otto, Walter, Irena, Ania, James Breggar, Gloria, Joe, Lucia, Pinargote Castro Family, Mily, Yolanda Gomez, Jorge

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

February 7 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Sarantos Katsoulis, Rafael Marroquin; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; Repentance, conversion, peace in the world; Healing of Ivette, Pax, Emriz, Emma Sophia Greco, Han Ycaza, Jorgin

February 8 Saturday/Sabato

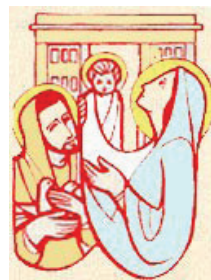
8:00am – Repose of the soul of Zozislaw (Gina) Galazka, Giuseppe Carinci, John Danielle; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children; All souls in Purgatory; For all migrants, refugees, prisoners, dying, sick, lonely, unemployed, poor; Thanksgiving to Heavenly Father for all Sacraments

February 9 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Nicola Iannetta

10:30am – Joseph Deleo; Anthony Steve Merchan

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite) Mass



Oggi celebriamo la festa della Presentazione del Signore, un momento di grande luce e speranza. Maria e Giuseppe portano Gesù al Tempio per presentarlo al Signore, secondo la Legge di Mosè, e lì incontriamo due figure straordinarie: il vecchio Simeone e la profetessa Anna. Questa pagina del Vangelo ci parla in modo speciale a noi che abbiamo vissuto tanti anni, che abbiamo atteso, sperato, sofferto e gioito. Ci insegna che Dio è fedele e mantiene sempre le sue promesse.

Simeone era un uomo giusto e pio, e il Vangelo dice che aspettava la consolazione di Israele. Chissà quante volte si sarà chiesto: "Quando verrà il Messia? Lo vedrò con i miei occhi?" Eppure non ha mai smesso di credere. Poi arriva quel giorno speciale. Spinto dallo Spirito Santo, entra nel Tempio, prende in braccio il Bambino Gesù e pronuncia una delle preghiere più belle della Bibbia: "Ora lascia, o Signore, che il tuo servo vada in pace, secondo la tua parola, perché i miei occhi hanno visto la tua salvezza." Simeone aveva atteso per tanti anni, ma Dio non lo ha deluso. Questo ci insegna che l'attesa del Signore non è mai inutile. A volte possiamo pensare che la nostra vita non abbia più scopo, che il tempo passi invano... ma Dio ha sempre un progetto per noi, anche negli anni della vecchiaia. Poi il Vangelo ci presenta Anna, una donna di 84 anni che trascorre la sua vita nel Tempio, pregando e servendo Dio. Anche lei, come Simeone, riconosce in quel Bambino il Salvatore e inizia a parlare di Lui a tutti. Anna ci insegna che non si è mai troppo vecchi per servire il Signore. Magari le nostre forze fisiche diminuiscono, ma il cuore può sempre lodare Dio, la bocca può sempre annunciare il suo amore, le mani possono ancora donare affetto e conforto. Questa festa è anche chiamata la Candelora, perché ci ricorda che Cristo è la Luce del mondo. Quando accendiamo una candela, non serve a scacciare il buio? Così è Gesù nella nostra vita: illumina i nostri giorni, anche quelli della vecchiaia, anche quelli della sofferenza. Cari fratelli e sorelle, non temiamo l'età che avanza. La vita di Simeone e Anna ci dice che ogni stagione della vita ha la sua bellezza, il suo significato, la sua missione. Forse oggi ci sentiamo più deboli, forse abbiamo nostalgia di chi non c'è più, forse ci domandiamo quale sia il nostro posto in questo mondo che cambia così in fretta... Ma il Signore ci dice: "Io sono con te. Tu sei prezioso ai miei occhi" (Is 43,4).

Benedizoe della Gola



La benedizione della gola in onore di San Biagio si terrà martedì **4 febbraio** dopo la Santa Messa. Siete tutti invitati!

Il martire Biagio è ritenuto dalla tradizione vescovo della comunità di Sebaste in Armenia al tempo della "pax" constantiniana. Avendo guarito miracolosamente un bimbo cui si era conficcata una lisca in gola, e invocato come protettore per i mali di quella parte del corpo. A questo risale il rito della "benedizione della gola", compiuto con due candele incrociate. Nell'VIII secolo alcuni armeni portarono le reliquie a Maratea (Potenza). Di cui è patrono e dove è sorta una basilica sul Monte San Biagio.

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