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MESSE DOMENICALI

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

MESSE FERIALI

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

BATTESIMI

Chiamate in Ufficio quanto prima

CONFESSIONI

Tutti i giorni prima o dopo la Messa.
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)
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

WEEKDAY MASSES

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
parish community

CONFESSIONS

Every day before 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 12:00pm
(Monday to Friday)

Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio

III Mercoledì del mese
alle 6:45pm

Adorazione / Adoration

1° Venerdì del Mese
First Friday of the Month
8:30am - 9:00am

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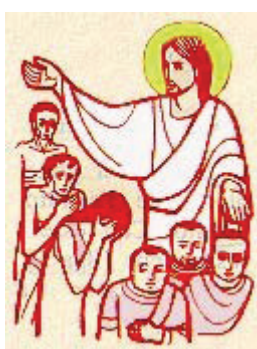


REQUEST ENVELOPE



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Hall della Parrocchia disponibile per affitto. Chiamate in Ufficio
The Parish Hall is available for rent – Please call the Office



Today's Gospel challenges the way we see blessings. Jesus tells us, "Blessed are you who are poor... who hunger... who weep." This may seem surprising because we often associate blessings with success and comfort. Yet, Jesus reminds us that God is especially close to those who struggle, to those who trust in Him even when life is difficult. In family life, this speaks deeply—

parenting is filled with love but also with sacrifices, worries, and exhaustion. And yet, in these very moments of giving ourselves for others, we come closest to the heart of God. Children remind us of the simplicity of the Beatitudes. They find joy in small things—a loving embrace, a kind word, a moment of play. They do not chase wealth or status; they seek love. Jesus calls us to that same trust: to measure our lives not by what we have but by how we love. A home is not blessed because of its size, but because of the love within it. A child is not truly rich because of possessions, but because they learn faith, kindness, and generosity. So today, let us bring this message into our homes. Let us find blessings in the sacrifices we make for our loved ones, in the patience we show, in the love we give. And as we come to the Lord's table, may we renew our trust in Him, knowing that even in life's struggles, we are truly blessed.

Blessed Moments: Offering Mass for Your Loved Ones

Did you know that you have the option to arrange a mass for your loved ones? Consider dedicating a mass for a departed family member or friend, someone going through an illness, in gratitude for a significant event like a birthday or anniversary, or even for a special person such as a priest. If you wish for your intention to be included in the mass, kindly reach out to Mary before the scheduled service. Your thoughtful gesture can bring solace and blessings to those you care about.



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.

Join us for the Children's Liturgy



**SUNDAY MORNINGS
10:30 AM MASS**

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.

2025 Refugee Sponsorship Program: Helping Parishioners Reunite with Family

The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees is excited to launch the 2025 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This initiative supports parishioners in sponsoring family members who have been forced to flee their homeland because of war, violence or persecution and who need resettlement.

If you are a parishioner interested in sponsoring a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor. Please note that interested parishioners will be asked to provide the necessary funds required by Immigration Canada for sponsorship.

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)

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Advertising will begin in February 2025 to support the bulletin service. Please consider supporting the bulletin by advertising your product or service. For more information, contact Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Weekly offerings : \$1,124.80 Donation: \$219.87
Thank you for your generosity! To learn more about how to make a donation, please visit our website. (<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>).



Mass Intentions

February 16 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Luciano Carini e la famiglia Calabrese; Giuseppe Ladato, Joe e Serafino Militello, Giovanni, Gaetana e Giovannina La Corte, Ignazio Shambari

10:30am – Francesco & Giuseppina Martino; Giuseppe Marrelli; Gilda Mendicino & Marzio Turco

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

February 17 Monday/Lunedì

No mass today ----- Nessuna messa oggi

February 18 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Juana Rodriguez, Pedro Rivera, Florena Mallari; 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 Julian, Maximiliano Ayala Moron, Rebeca Isabel Peña Monge, Sienna Ianuzzi

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Confirmation Session – Topic: Gifts & Fruits

February 19 Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Roberto Julian Aguilar, Josefa Campos; 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, Salvador Gomez Pimentia; Birthday blessings upon Enmanuel Jose Perez, Nelly Julissa Calix & Daniel Gonzalez

9:40am – Loretto College – (Memorial Mass for Yohannes Hagos)

6:45pm – Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio

7:30pm – † **Memorial Mass** - Loreta Lanfanti

February 20 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Christopher, Lescek; Kristof, Wadek, Wiesiek, Krenija Poljak; 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 Guzman; Birthday Blessings upon Brian Miklas

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

February 21 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Gabriela Crego, Marylin Ribeiro, Heidi Park Lafford; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; Repentance, conversion; Peace in the world; Healing of Miguelito, Lussianita, Emma Sophia Greco, Han Ycaza, Sandra Mejia, Yuli Buena-hora

February 22 Saturday/Sabato

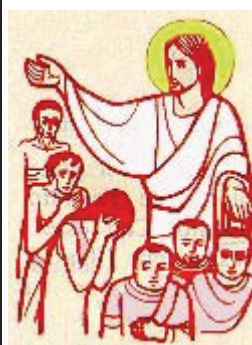
8:00am – Repose of the soul of Egle Judith Cova, Zofia, Stanislaw & Stanislaus Misko; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children; All souls in Purgatory; Birthday blessings upon Ania Misko

February 23 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Antonia Pallotta

10:30am –

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)



Il Vangelo di oggi ci presenta Gesù che si ferma su una pianura, in mezzo alla folla, e pronuncia parole che sembrano ribaltare il senso comune: *“Beati voi, poveri, perché vostro è il Regno di Dio. Beati voi che ora avete fame, perché sarete saziati. Beati voi che ora piangete, perché riderete”*. Noi siamo abituati a pensare che la felicità

venga dalla sicurezza, dalla salute, dalla tranquillità, eppure Gesù ci dice che la vera beatitudine si trova altrove. Non nei beni materiali, non nella stima del mondo, ma nella fiducia in Dio, nella capacità di amare e di sperare anche nelle difficoltà della vita. Queste parole parlano in modo speciale a chi ha vissuto a lungo, a chi ha conosciuto le gioie della vita ma anche le sue prove. Con il passare degli anni, ci rendiamo conto che la vera ricchezza non sta nelle cose, ma nelle relazioni; non nel potere, ma nella generosità; non nell'apparenza, ma nella profondità del cuore. Forse alcuni di noi hanno conosciuto la povertà, la malattia, il lutto, eppure Gesù ci dice: *Non abbiate paura, perché Dio è vicino a voi*. La sofferenza non è mai l'ultima parola: chi si affida a Dio, chi ha vissuto con amore, chi ha condiviso ciò che aveva con gli altri, scoprirà una gioia più grande, una pienezza che il mondo non può dare. Ma il Signore ci dà anche un avvertimento: *Guai a voi, ricchi... guai a voi che ora ridete...* Non è un rifiuto della gioia o dei beni della vita, ma un richiamo a non vivere per sé stessi, a non chiudere il cuore agli altri. La vera beatitudine non si trova nell'accumulare, ma nel donare. Cari fratelli e sorelle, oggi il Signore ci invita a riflettere: dove stiamo cercando la nostra felicità? Sappiamo riconoscere la presenza di Dio anche nelle prove? Oggi, come comunità, come famiglie, come persone sagge che hanno percorso tante strade, siamo chiamati a testimoniare con la nostra vita che la vera ricchezza è nell'amore. E che chi confida in Dio, anche nelle difficoltà, sarà beato per sempre.

SALLA PARROCCHIALE DISPONIBILE PER LOCAZIONE

La nostra sala Parrocchiale (Hall) è disponibile per locazione per piccole feste: battesimi, cresima, compleanni, anniversario di matrimonio, incontri... Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate l'ufficio.

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