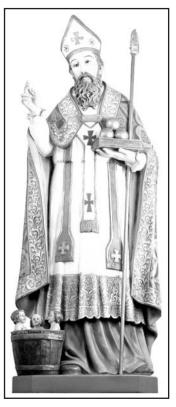
Join us in celebrating faith and culture as one—everyone is warmly welcomed into our parish family, where Christ's love embraces us all! Tutti sono benvenuti nella nostra famiglia parrocchiale, dove l'amore di Cristo abbraccia ciascuno di noi!



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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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

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Chiamate in Ufficio

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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

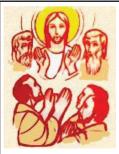
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Luke 9:28-36

First, the Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus is not just a wise teacher or a miracle worker—he is truly the Son of God. His glory was always present, but here, for a brief moment, the disciples were allowed to see it. This experience was meant to strengthen their faith, as they would soon face the darkness of the

Cross. In the same way, God gives us moments of clarity and grace—times when we feel His presence deeply. These moments are not meant to be held onto, as Peter tried to do by suggesting they build tents, but rather to prepare us for the challenges ahead. Second, the command from the Father is clear: "Listen to Him." This is the heart of our Lenten journey. Are we truly listening to Jesus? Are we making space in our lives for His word to guide us? So often, our hearts are filled with noise—worries, distractions, ambitions—but Lent is a time to quiet ourselves and return to God. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we open our ears and hearts to listen more attentively to Christ. Finally, the Transfiguration teaches us that suffering is not the end of the story. Jesus speaks with Moses and Elijah about His upcoming Passion—His suffering and death in Jerusalem. Yet, this moment of glory shows that beyond the Cross lies the Resurrection. We, too, must endure struggles and hardships, but God is leading us toward transformation and new life. As we continue this Lenten journey, let us take the Father's words to heart: "Listen to Him." Let us spend more time in prayer, seeking to hear Jesus in the Scriptures, in the Eucharist, and in the quiet of our hearts. Let us trust that whatever crosses we carry, they will lead us to the glory of Easter. May we be strengthened by this vision of Christ's glory so that we can walk with Him in faith, knowing that He is always leading us toward eternal life.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

If you are a new member or haven't yet registered, please fill out the registration form on the back cover of the bulletin and drop it into the collection basket at any mass.

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.

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Our ShareLife goal for 2025 is **\$5,200.00**.

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Thank you for your generosity! To learn more about how to make a donation, please visit our website.

(https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-<u>Us/donate</u>).

SECONDA DOMENCA DI QUARESIMA - 16 marzo 2025



March 16 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Celeste e Francesco Bianco

10:30am – Rosetta Conforti; Francesco Martino

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

March 17 Monday/Lunedì

No mass today ----- Nessuna messa oggi

March 18 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am - Repose of the soul of Roberto

Ramirez, Gustek Misko, Arturo Gonzalez; Birthday blessings upon Arturito Gonzalez Moz. Camila Gotlik, Ruben Garcia, Ivan Jose Perez

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

March 19 Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am – Giuseppe e Prudenzia, Michele Liscio; Giuseppe Campolieti; St. Joseph help upon Colette & Alistair, Sylvia Lorenzo, Dinora, Irena, Ania, Julian & Tabatha, Luba, Bryan, Martin, Emmanuel, Jose Mauricio Castaño; Birthday blessings upon Maritza Rodas de Lopez

6:45pm – Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio 7:30pm - Memorial Mass - Nicolino Pallotta (1vr.) & Angela Pallotta

March 20 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am - Fiorentino Grazia; Repose of the soul of Roberto Ramirez, Josefa Campos; End of abortion & euthanasia; ; Healing of Jacob Lee McEwen, Otto, Walter, Irena, Ania, James Breggar, Gloria, Joe, Lucia, Pinargote Castro Family, Mily, Yolanda

Gomez, Jorge Guzman, Sandra Mejia, Yuli Buenahora, Karen Manzano

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite) March 21 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am - Antonio Palladino; Repose of the soul of Yvonne, Harold, & John Way, Ana Piecha; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; Repentance, conversion; Peace in the world; Healing of Ivette, Pax, Emriz, Miguelito, Sebastian, Emma Sophia Greco, Han Ycaza, Joaquin Guzman, Tatiana, Gloria del Pilar Guandique, Ingrita Gonzalez

6:45pm – Via Crucis / Way of the Cross

March 22 Saturday/Sabato

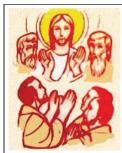
8:00am - Repose of the soul of Zozislawa (Gina) Galazka, Michael and Michalina Pawluk; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children; All souls in Purgatory; For all migrants, refugees, prisoners, dying, sick, lonely, unemployed, poor; Birthday blessings upon Luba Pawluk & Victoria Linares

1:00pm - Baptism - Francesco III Vilmar Turcha-

March 23 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am - Vincenzo Speranza, Iolanda LoBianco, Silvana Ricchio

10:30am – Vito, Nicola e Rosa Cece; Teresa Pace **12:00pm** – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)



Nel cuore della Ouaresima, il Vangelo di oggi ci porta sul monte della Trasfigurazione. Gesù si rivela nella sua gloria davanti a Pietro, Giacomo e Giovanni. Il suo volto splende, le sue vesti diventano bianchissime, ed ecco apparire Mosè ed Elia, che parlano con Lui della sua Pasqua imminente. Poi, dalla nube, risuona la voce del Padre:

'Questi è il mio Figlio, l'eletto; ascoltatelo!" Questa scena ci ricorda che la Quaresima non è solo un tempo di sacrificio, ma un cammino verso la luce della Pasqua. Gesù mostra ai discepoli la sua gloria per prepararli alla prova della croce. Anche noi, nel nostro cammino di fede, viviamo momenti di gioia e di prova, ma la Trasfigurazione ci assicura che la meta è la vittoria della vita sulla morte. Il Padre ci invita ad ascoltare Gesù. Ma lo stiamo davvero ascoltando? In un mondo pieno di rumori e distrazioni, la Quaresima è il momento favorevole per fare silenzio, pregare di più e riscoprire la voce di Cristo. Egli ci parla nella Scrittura, nei Sacramenti e nei fratelli più bisognosi. Lasciamoci trasfigurare da Lui, trasformando il nostro cuore con la preghiera, il digiuno e la carità. Solo così potremo scendere dal monte, come i discepoli, pronti a testimoniare la luce di Cristo nel mondo.

Che cos'è la Via Crucis e perché è importante nella Quaresima?

La Via Crucis è una devozione cristiana che ripercorre gli ultimi momenti della vita di Gesù, dalla condanna a morte fino alla crocifissione e sepoltura. È un cammino di preghiera e meditazione che ci aiuta a rivivere il sacrificio di Cristo per la nostra salvezza. Durante la Quaresima, la Via Crucis assume un significato ancora più profondo perché ci invita a meditare sulla Passione di Gesù e a prepararci spiritualmente alla Pasqua. Attraverso questo percorso, impariamo il valore del sacrificio, della sofferenza accolta con amore e della misericordia di Dio.

Come da tradizione, ogni venerdì di Quaresima alle 18:45 celebriamo la Via Crucis in italiano e in inglese. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare a questo momento di preghiera e riflessione.



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