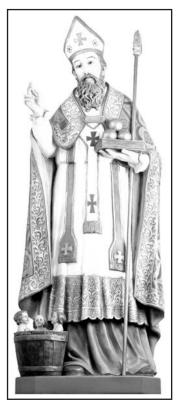
Join us in celebrating faith and culture as one—everyone is warmly welcomed into our parish family, where Christ's love embraces us all! Tutti sono benvenuti nella nostra famiglia parrocchiale, dove l'amore di Cristo abbraccia ciascuno di noi!



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

RITI D'INIZIAZIONE

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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

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One year notice and marriage course mandatory

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Comment on Luke 13:1-9

Today's Gospel reminds us of two great truths: God's call to conversion and His incredible patience with us. Jesus speaks of a fig tree that has not borne fruit for three years. The owner wants to cut it down, but the gardener asks for more time—he will nurture it,

care for it, and give it another chance. This is a beautiful image of God's mercy in our lives. Like the gardener, He does not give up on us, even when we struggle, even when we fail. He patiently waits for us to grow, guiding us with love and care. As families, we are called to reflect this same patience and mercy in our homes. Parents, be patient with your children as they grow in faith and character. Children, be patient with your parents, who are also learning and growing. And all of us, let us open our hearts to God's grace, so that we may bear the fruits of love, kindness, and forgiveness in our families. Today, let us ask the Lord to nourish our hearts, to help us turn away from what holds us back, and to bear good fruit in our homes and in our world. What's one small way your family can "bear fruit" this week by showing kindness to others? Amen.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

The week of March 30 to April 5th 2025, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto will offer a Day of Confessions. St. Nicholas of Bari's Day of Confessions will take place on **April 4, 2025**, with two opportunities: **10:00am - 12:00pm and 5:00pm - 6:30pm**.

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.



Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, May 3rd 10:00am-4pm

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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Living the Gospel: 2025 Parish Campaign ShareLife Sunday Collections

March 30 | May 4 | June 8

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Weekly offerings: \$1114.55 Donation: \$670.00 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).



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)

<u>March 24</u> Monday/Lunedì

No mass today ----- Nessuna messa oggi

March 25 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Evangelina Quesada, Luis Ortiz Gamboa, Vina Lauren Mallari; **11:00am** – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Confirmation Session - Topic: Sacraments, Mission

<u>March 26</u> Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Ana Sylvia Argueta, Mauricio Vasquez; St. Joseph help upon Colette and Alistair, Sylvia Lorenzo, Dinora, Irena, Ania, Linh, Renaldo, Jose Mauricio Castaño Martin; Birthday blessings upon Rene Alejandro Meza

<u>March 27</u> Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Lorena Barahona, Stanislawa & Gustek Misko; 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

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

<u>March 28</u> Friday/Venerdì

8:00am – Repose of the soul

of Christopher, Lescek; Kristof, Wadek, Wiesiek, Helena, Krenija Poljak; Healing of Arturo, Ivette, Pax, Emriz, Emma Sophia Greco, Han Ycaza, Joaquin Guzman & Tatiana,

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

March 29 Saturday/Sabato

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Julio Ariel Maya (March 31), Any Orellana, Tadeusz; Birthday blessings upon Almy Comejo

10:30am – [†] *Memorial Mass* – Giovanni Catricala

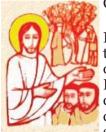
March 30 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Pasquale Vecchiarelli e defunti Famiglia Vecchiarelli e Rosa e Paolo Pallotta e defunti Famiglia Pallotta; Giovanni e Maria D'Angelo

10:30am – Rosa e Teodoro Mellace; Guido Di Prospero

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

Comento sul Vangelo di Luca 13, 1-9



Il Vangelo di oggi ci presenta due tragedie: i Galilei uccisi da Pilato e le diciotto vittime della torre di Siloe. Davanti a queste disgrazie, molti cercavano colpe o peccati per giustificarle. Gesù respinge questa logica: la sofferenza non è punizione divina per

colpe personali. Ma aggiunge un invito urgente alla conversione. Non per evitare disgrazie simili, ma per non morire senza essersi riconciliati con Dio. Nella parabola del fico sterile, vediamo la pazienza di Dio. Il padrone vorrebbe tagliare l'albero improduttivo, ma il vignaiolo - Cristo - intercede, offrendosi di prendersene cura personalmente. Come quel fico, anche noi rischiamo di vivere vite sterili. La Quaresima è il tempo in cui Dio "zappa" intorno alle nostre radici, ci nutre con la sua Parola e ci offre la riconciliazione. Non sprechiamo questa opportunità. Dio attende pazientemente i nostri frutti e crede in noi anche quando noi stessi abbiamo smesso di farlo. Convertiamoci non per paura, ma per gratitudine verso Chi ancora crede nelle nostre possibilità.

Amen.



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.

GIORNO DI CONFESSIONI

La settimana del 30 Marzo al 5 aprile 2025, tutte le parrocchie dell'arcidiocesi di Toronto offriranno una Giornata delle Confessioni. La Giornata delle Confessioni di San Nicola da Bari si svolgerà il 4 aprile 2025, con due occasioni: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Tutti siete invitati.

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La prossima domenica si terrà la prima colletta per ShareLife. Vi invitiamo a contribuire con generosità per raggiungere l'obiettivo della nostra parrocchia di \$5,200.00. Grazie per il vostro sostegno!

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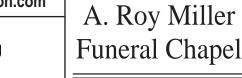
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