

Weekly Bulletin

Parish Mission Statement:

We are God's Instruments who strive to grow by sharing and nurturing our joint commitment to Christ's message of love. And by committing ourselves to serve the needs of the parish as stewards for the sake of God's kingdom.

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Pastor: Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon Monday to Saturday - 9:30 am

Associate Pastor: Fr. Jomon George, M.Ss.Cc. Saturday - 5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Deacon: Mr. Raymond Frendo Sunday - 7:45 am, 9:00 am (Italian)

In Residence: Monsignor Fady Boktor 10:30 am, 12 noon &

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Rhoda Marcoccia 7:00 pm (English)

Office Hours Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Monday to Friday Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sacrament of Penance: Please contact the parish office.

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"Please remember us in your will"

ADVENT: A TIME TO LEARN HOW TO WAIT!

There are some wonderful refrains in apocalyptic literature around the importance of waiting. Before the messiah can be conceived, gestated, and given birth to, there must always be a proper time of waiting, a necessary advent, a certain quota of suffering, which alone can create the proper virginal space within which the messiah can be born: "God is never in a hurry!" "Every tear brings the messiah closer!" "It is with much groaning of the flesh that the life of the spirit is brought forth!"

All of these phrases say the same thing: What's sublime depends upon there first having been some sublimation; a feast can only happen after there has first been some fasting; love can only be a gift if the gift is fully respected; and (as Carlo Carretto so poignantly puts it) we must learn to wait—for God, for love, for the bride, and for Christmas. (Ron Rolheiser)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Anyone interested in volunteering with our Children's Liturgy Program, please reach out to Stephanie Penavic at transyouthministry@gmail.com as soon as possible.

THE MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION BOOK

This book features meditative prayers, essays, and poetry, an examination of conscience, and a unique feature: the Advent Stations. This Advent Companion Book is available at a donation of \$5.00 per book and is available in the vestibule this weekend. Just a few copies left, get your copy now!

MONSIGNOR FADY BOKTOR

We offer our congratulations to Fr. Fady Boktor on becoming a Monsignor. All are welcome to join us for a special Mass honouring Msgr. Fady on Monday, November 28th at 7:00 pm. A reception is to follow in our parish hall after Mass. We thank the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this special occasion.

MASS OF HOPE

On Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m., we will have a special Mass in honour of all the faithful departed of our parish with a special mention of those who have passed away this year. Relatives of those who have died (whose funeral Mass was held in our parish) are encouraged to participate in the celebration by lighting a candle during the Mass.

If the funeral Mass of your loved one was not held in our parish and you would like to add their name, please contact the church office so that their name can be added to the special list.

PARISH ENVELOPES 2023

Envelopes for the year 2023 are now available in the parish hall. They are displayed numerically so please make sure you know your number when you come into the hall.

Please <u>do not</u> start using your envelopes until the new year and at that time throw away any remaining unused 2022 envelopes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

At all Masses this weekend of Nov 26th and 27th envelopes will be handed out for our annual Christmas collection. The collection will take place the following weekend.

Last year at Christmas we helped 77 families This year we will be going back to delivering gifts in person. Besides making this possible, the collection also helps us through the summer months when the poor box receipts are at their lowest and the needs are the greatest. Income tax receipts will be mailed out for donations of \$20 & over. Please include your name, address and envelope number, if you have one. Cheques made payable to the St. Vincent de Paul/Transfiguration. If you would like to sponsor a family, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office and one of our members will get in touch with you. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

PARISH ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

This Advent, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. In our parish, the confession is on Wed., December 14th at 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: MASSES

Saturday, December 24th

4:30 pm: Confession

5:30 pm: Children's Christmas Mass

11:30 pm: Christmas Carols w/ Cecilia and Choir

12 Midnight: Mass

Sunday, December 25th

7:45 am, 9:00 am Italian, 10:30 am, 12 Noon and 7:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Dec. 3rd & Sunday, Dec. 4th

Membership Drive for all ministries at all Masses

Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm

Executive Pastoral Council Meeting with Fr. Carlos in the Parish Hall

Saturday, December 10th at 10:30 am

Catechists' Seminar with Fr. Carlos in the Parish Hall

Saturday, February 25th at 10:30 am

Formation Session for Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors with Fr. Carlos at Parish Hall

Saturday, February 25th & Sunday, February 26th

Commissioning Ceremony for all ministers present at each Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$3,374.47. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G). Thanks to all!

NEWEDIUK 25TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday December 10th at 3pm at newediukfuneralhome.com Join this uplifting service offering you the opportunity to reflect, share and connect to find strength and comfort for making it through Christmas. The service will only be accessible through our website & will not be held in person. A recording of the service will be available to view into the new year. If you would like more information for attending online, please contact us at 416.745.7555 or email us at infonewediuk@newdiukfuneralhome.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will hold it's first General Meeting since the beginning of the Pandemic. A Dessert & Coffee Party will be held Monday December 5th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All women of the Parish are welcome. We need your input.

We will kick off our 2023 Membership Drive at the same time. Thank you for your support during the Pandemic. We hope you will continue to support this national voice of Catholic Christian values. Membership Fees are \$35.00. Cheques can be made payable to Transfiguration Catholic Women's League & left in the Parish office. Please include your name, address, phone number & email address.

The CWL will also hold it's Winter Warmth Drive. New hats scarves, mitts, gloves & socks for all can be left in the bin in the Parish Office until Sunday December 18th at 7 will be given to The Good Shepherd & the Ernestine's Shelter. All parishioners are invited to contribute.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Il pressante richiamo di san Paolo: «è ormai tempo di svegliarvi dal sonno». Scuotiamoci dal nostro torpore, dalle nostre insensibilità, dalla nostra scarsa attenzione a Dio che viene e al prossimo che ci interpella. Solo se viviamo questa «consapevolezza del momento» e ci «rivestiamo del Signore Gesù Cristo» possiamo accogliere il monito di Gesù: «Vegliate...tenetevi pronti perché, nell'ora che non immaginate, viene il Figlio dell'uomo». La vigilanza richiede una grande capacità di preghiera e di lotta interiore per non essere intontiti, in balìa di falsi affanni, preda dello stordimento (cf Lc 21, 34-36). In altre parole, il credente è chiamato a «comportarsi onestamente, come in pieno giorno». Pertanto, tutto ciò che è ambiguità, ciò che è falsità con noi e con gli altri, ciò che è contraddizione fra quello che professiamo nella fede e ciò che viviamo, ciò che suscita contesa, gelosia, sopruso, violenza, non appartiene al regno di Dio: sono opere delle tenebre che noi dobbiamo gettare via, secondo l'esortazione di san Paolo. (don Lucio D'Abbraccio)

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

Grazie per la vostra generosità. La colletta regolare della settimana 06 Novembre e' stata \$3,374.47. Grazie ancora per il vostro contributo per aiutare con le spese della chiesa. Utimamente abbiamo fatto dei lavoretti di manuntenzione che richiedono delle spese...Dio vi benedirà.

MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE

Sunday November 27 First Sunday of Advent

7:45 am Pro Populo: Mass for all the living & deceased

members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church

12:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass from Noel & Vivienne Rodrigues

7:00 pm † Henry John, † Julianna D'Souza

† Simon & Katherine Fernandes

Monday November 28

9:30 am † Gravetinha & Saluzinho Pinto & Families

† Natale Clemente, † Teresa Clemente

7:00 pm Mass for Monsignor Fady Boktor

Tuesday November 29

9:30 am † Rosaria, Giannino, † Maria Fantini, † Filomena Rea,

† Mike Pasquariello, † Deceased Priests & Religious

7:00 pm Memorial Mass: Maria Arruda **Wednesday November 30** Saint Andrew, Apostle

9:30 am † Domenico Cosentino, † Giuseppe Consentino

† Antonietta Mongiardo

7:00 pm Mass of Hope

8:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal for D. Valeriani & D. Gallippi

Thursday December 1

9:30 am

1:30 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass: Vincenzina Fata

Friday December 2

9:30 am † Joan Constance Montgomery 5:00 pm Baptism: Omari Anthony Mosely

Saturday December 3 Saint Francis Xavier

† Ada Grella

12:00 Noon Wedding: Danielle Valeriani & Domenico Gallippi

3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence

4:30 pm Confession

5:30 pm † Val Cicci, † Tony Reilly **Sunday December 4** Second Sunday of Advent

7:45 am Pro Populo: Mass for all the living & deceased

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9:00 am † Virginia, Carmine, † Natale Bozzo

† Giovanni & Rosina Filippelli

10:30 am † Nicola Biancofiore, † Anthony Misquitta

† Ben & Ellen Ortiz

† Boniface & Giselle Pereira

† Venanzio & Nicolina Di Giallonardo

† Deceased Members of the Verdan-Ortiz and

Javierto-Reyes Families

12:00 pm † I.C. Varghese, † Giuseppe Pisani

1:30 pm IGBO Mass 7:00 pm † Marion O'Farrell

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