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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Closed for Lunch 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m.)

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Holidays CLOSED

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. (Service in Vietnamese)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 a.m., 12 Noon

Saturday & Statutory Holidays 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) TIMES

Confessions before every weekday and Saturday Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (In the Chapel)

Our adoration chapel is open for adoration and prayer day and night from Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The Chapel will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Those who wish to spend time from 7:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. are requested to contact the parish office to obtain an access code. A valid photo identification document will be required. The Vocation Adoration held overnight on the 3rd Saturday of the month will continue.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Fridays 6:30 p.m. in the Church

Baptism Every 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

An interview with the Pastor to set the baptism date is mandatory. Following the interview, attendance by the Parents and Catholic Godparents at Baptism Preparation Class, held every First Saturday of the month, is required. Parents of the child to be *baptized are expected to be active members of the Parish community.*

Marriage One year notice is normally required to prepare to receive this sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor for an initial interview.

Pastoral Care of the Sick. Requests for visitation of the sick and/or to receive the sacraments for the sick and homebound are to be made through the Parish Office. In times of emergency or beyond regular office hours, please contact a Priest in person.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults An interview with the Pastor is mandatory.

NEW TO THE PARISH Kindly complete a Registration Form. We also strongly encourage you to introduce yourself to the Pastor and Associate Pastor after the celebration of the Mass.

PARISH RECORDS The Parish Office tries its best to keep them up-to-date. Please advise of any important changes you may have (telephone and address).

MISSION STATEMENT

"To demonstrate the love that we have for God by the community we create and our response to the needs of our neighbour."

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 11TH, 2026



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes our Christmas Season. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us of Jesus' profound humility and willingness to fully embrace our humanity. As Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, Jesus sanctified the waters and opened the way for our salvation, showing us the path of humility, obedience, and divine love.

Baptism is more than a one-time event; it is the foundation of Christian life. It marks our entrance into the family of God, washes away sin, and fills us with the Holy Spirit. It is a call to live as children of God, sharing his light and love to the world. As we reflect on this feast, let us renew our commitment to live as beloved children of God, called to reflect his light in the world. May this feast also inspire us to renew our commitment to live our faith daily, sharing Christ's love and mercy with everyone we meet. Together, as a parish community, let us support one another in this mission and grow closer to God in unity and grace and grace.

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor

We invite you to Creating Encounters! Worship with us and come as you are to make space for a joyful encounter with Jesus!

CREATING Encounters
WORSHIP NIGHT

SRL PARISH
JANUARY 24
7PM - 10PM

[CLICK TO RESERVE A SPOT](#)



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), JANUARY 10TH

The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 P.M. + Pamela David

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 A.M. + Michael Thek
9:00 A.M. - For All of Our Parishioners
10:45 A.M. + Francis X. Cawley
12:30 P.M. + Mary Rita Franco
4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH

7:30 A.M. + Lourdes Lapar
7:00 P.M. + Victor D'Mello

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

7:30 A.M. - Lorraine Fernandes (Birthday)
12:00 P.M. + Josephine McHarg

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

7:30 A.M. + Keith Jacob (Death Anniversary)
7:00 P.M. + Ernesto & Cirila Guinpalaran

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

7:30 A.M. - Jacob & D'Souza Families
12:00 P.M. - Sandra & Louis Gomes-Pereira (Anniversary)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

7:30 A.M. + Lourdusamy
7:00 P.M. + Anthony & Susan David

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions
(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)



In Loving Memory
An offering made in memory of a deceased loved one.

An acknowledgement for your donation will appear in the weekly bulletin but no tax receipt is issued.

Below are the suggested donation amounts:

Bread and Wine \$25

Sanctuary Lamp (Church) \$20

Lamps beside Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel \$10/each

Oil for Altar Candles \$10

Remembering Our Loved Ones

 **The Sanctuary Lamps (Chapel)** was donated by Rick and Connie Chua in loving memory of the deceased Alvarez, Barrientos, and Chua Family.

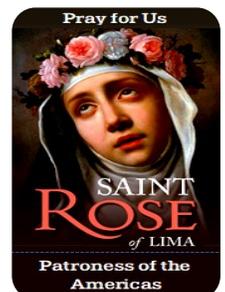


On this first Sunday of Ordinary Time, we recall the Baptism of the Lord. But, in addition to remembering this historical event, we also are asked to call to mind our own baptism. Why? Because our baptism isn't just an event from the past, but a present reality that impacts every aspect of our lives.

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers.

"Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love."

"Make sickness itself a Prayer" ~St Francis de Sales



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 11TH, 2026



WE WANT TO BRING BACK THE EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE IN OUR PARISH

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help organize upcoming parish events. If you enjoy planning, sharing ideas, or working as part of a team, we would love to have your help! No experience is necessary—just a positive attitude and willingness to contribute. Activities could include pasta night, church picnic, and pie making, to name a few.

There will be a meeting on Saturday, 17th January, from 10:30pm to 12:00 p.m. in our parish hall. All interested individuals are welcome to attend. Please contact the parish office for additional information.



ARCHDIOCESAN update

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026
Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST Venue: Runnymede
United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.



Marriage Sunday 2026 W/ Bishop John Boissonneau
February 8, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



During Marriage Sunday 2026, we will honor married couples, especially those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ anniversaries. All couples can renew their vows at the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

"He has much who needs least. Do not create necessities for yourself." ~ St. Josemaría Escrivá



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME IN PRAYER!

From Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm (after the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass) To Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm.
VOCATION ADORATION HELD OVERNIGHT ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

Chapel Regular Hours are from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Those who wish to spend time outside the regular hours (7:30 PM to 6:30 AM) are requested to contact the parish office to obtain an access code.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL Ste. Rose of Lima Conference A HUGE THANK YOU!!!



You, our Parishioners, responded in a big way this Christmas with generous support to our appeals for funding over the past year and especially our Christmas fund raising appeal with your gifts under the Angel Tree, gift cards, and a food voucher provided last month to our Neighbours In Need.

A special thanks also to the Knights of Columbus and the CWL for their support at Christmas and throughout 2025 as well as all members of the various Choirs who were involved in the St. Rose Concert on December 9th.

Thanks to you, we were able to help 181 families, including 343 Adults and 222 Children totalling \$18,230 in assistance as well as the gift cards you provided.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!



A WORD OF GRATITUDE

From Fr. Sojan Augustine, CSE

St. Rose of Lima has been a true divine blessing in my priesthood. My time here has been richer than words can express, and I thank God for the grace of our paths crossing. You didn't just welcome me as a priest; you gave me the space to grow, to serve, and to belong truly. Through your faith, kindness, and generosity, this parish became a home.

I am sincerely grateful to our pastor, Fr. Vijay, and to Fr. Martin, who will soon serve as associate pastor; together, they will be a wonderful blessing for this parish. Among my greatest gifts has been meeting so many of you who are so grounded, sincere, and genuinely good at heart.

As I prepare to begin a new assignment as a pastor in Northeast India, I carry St. Rose of Lima in my heart with deep gratitude. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will always keep you in mine. This is not goodbye, just 'see you again.' You can always reach me by email.

With sincere thanks,
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