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Sunday Mass

Sat Vigil Mass 5:15PM / Sun Mass 9AM,
12:15PM & 5:30PM. (Wkds: Mon, Wed, Fri 7PM;
Tues, Thurs, Sat 9AM)

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Saturday of the month at 11AM and third Sunday of the month at 1:30PM. Preparation session is required.

Reconciliation (confession)

Before all Sun Masses/Sat Vigil Mass and the Wed Mass or by appointment. Confessional is in Adoration Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick

At any time by appointment. In case of emergency, please ask hospital for Catholic priest. Or see Fr Simon.

Marriage

See Fr Simon before setting a date.

RCIA

If you know someone who wishes to become Catholic speak to priest.

Catholic Cemeteries

Head Office: 416-733-8544

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.

As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities.

ShareLife is a concrete way we can put the Gospel value to 'love one another as I have loved you' into action. I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife."

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your
generosity.**

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**Part One—The Profession of Faith****I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT****143. What is the relationship between the Spirit and Christ Jesus in his earthly mission?**

Beginning with his Incarnation, the Son of God was consecrated in his humanity as the Messiah by means of the anointing of the Spirit. He revealed the Spirit in his teaching, fulfilled the promises made to the Fathers, and bestowed him upon the Church at its birth when he breathed on the apostles after the Resurrection.

144. What happened at Pentecost?

Fifty days after the Resurrection at Pentecost the glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so that the Holy Trinity was fully manifest. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.

"We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us." (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion of Vespers of Pentecost)

145. What does the Spirit do in the Church?

The Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, he restores to the baptized the divine likeness that was lost through sin and causes them to live in Christ the very life of the Holy Trinity. He sends them forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and he organizes them in their respective functions so that all might bear "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22).

146. How do Christ and his Spirit act in the hearts of the faithful?

Christ communicates his Spirit and the grace of God through the sacraments to all the members of the Church, who thus bear the fruits of the new life of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also the Master of prayer.

**CONFIRMATION:
UPCOMING****Session 7**

Wednesday, April 25, 7:30PM

Confirmation Rehearsal

Friday, May 4, 7:30PM-8:15PM
(no sponsors)

Retreat

Saturday, May 5:
9:30AM—12:30PM

Mass of Holy Confirmation

Saturday, May 5:
5:15PM

Please be in the Hall with
Sponsors by 4:30PM for gown
and instructions.



2018 World Day of Prayer for
Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, April 23, 7PM:

+Sebastien Miranda

Tues April 24, 9AM:

+Jamie Tolentino

Wed April 25, 7PM:

+Joseph Attar

Thurs April 26, 9AM

45th Word Ann: Rene & MaryAnn

Fri April 27, 7PM

Thanks of Blck Nazarene Devotees

Sat April 28, 9AM

*B-day Thanksgiving by E. Gabriel***Saturday, April 28**5:15PM: *+Carmela & Antonio Scarano***Sunday, April 29**9AM: *Thanksgiving for Glen*12:15PM: *+Pablo Emiliano & Florentina Agnon*5:30PM: *The Parishioners*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Offering—\$1796.70.

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

NEW HYMN BOOKS

Cost: \$21*To date the price of 130 books have been donated: \$2,770.*

THANKS. To Donate: Please call Hayde at the office:

416-429-4000.

YOU CAN DONATE

Ambries

An Ambry is a glass container in which the Sacred Oils are kept. We have purchased the three glass containers for the Oil of the Infirm, Oil of Sacred Chrism, and Oil of Salvation. Cost was \$237.00.

An Ambry is also a container in which the three glass containers are stored. Oak Ambry cost is \$3,507.46; To date—9 Donations: \$997.

DEVOTIONS FOR EASTER

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays Of Easter: 4—5Pm

VOCATIONS

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director: 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND WITH
THE SALESIAN SISTERS

APRIL 27

6:00 pm—3:00: Montreal Rd., Cornwall

This is a unique opportunity for young women, ages 18 to 32, to come and see Salesian consecrated life up close and personal. The weekend promises to be prayerful, interactive, inspiring and supporting the desire to discern freely with God and with a Salesian community consecrated to youth in the style of St. John Bosco. Transport available. Sr. Cora Bebo 514-664-6488

www.salesiansisterscanada.com.

VIGIL CANDLES

Saturday, April 28—Friday, May 4

Sanctuary Tabernacle:

Chapel Tabernacle:

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Need Prayer Help?

Call Beth at 416-467-6492. Your intention will be emailed out to this prayer community. Only first name and intention will be shared.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK
& SHUT-INS**Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000**

SENIOR'S GROUP

Meets after 9AM Mass on the 2nd & 4th Thurs of Month—Next Meeting IS THURSDAY, April 26

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: GRD 1--GRD 8.

Sing 1st & 4th Sun @ 5:30PM Mass

CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Total for 2017/18 achieved! \$2157.95**COFFEE SUNDAY: Last Sun of the Month**

9AM Mass & 12:15PM Mass: *Thank you Volunteers for your generosity.*

OPENING THE WORD THROUGH EASTER

Every Saturday: 10:30AM—Noon

Come and Reflect on Sacred Scripture's Teaching for the Sundays of EASTER Facilitated By Carla Marcoccia, our youth minister.

Welcome to Opening the Word, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Featuring a variety of experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Jules Miles, Dr. Scott and Annie Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, and Dr. Ben Akers

MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday May 10—Day trip: Parliament Hill, Ottawa

Rally: 12:30PM / March: 1:30PM

We have booked 2 Coaches of 56 seats.

Mass for Life @ 6AM; depart from StJXXIII at 6:30AM; depart Ottawa immediately after the March— 3PM.

Washroom/coffee break at service centre going to Ottawa; dinner break on the way back at service centre.

Price: \$10. [Sign-up sheet in foyer](#)

PRAY FOR THE APRIL MISSION INTENTION

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters.

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH OVERNIGHT VIGIL—ADORATION CHAPEL

Next First Friday: May 4

Vigil Begins Fri 7:30PM and ends Sat 7:30AM

Contact: Elaine Shaver—647-713-1198

BUNDLE SUNDAY

Saturday/Sunday—May 4/5

St Vincent d'Paul will be collecting gently used *clothing, shoes, linens and household goods* to support our neighbours in need and our residential programs. Please bring your donations and help others in your community.

The truck will be open all day Saturday and Sunday.

What an opportunity! Clean out your closets and drawers.

PLEASE

No construction materials, no books, no furniture, no dishes, no video/audio cassettes.

SMILE

When Will It End—Winter?

Breaking! No summer this year, we're going straight into Christmas.

I like these cold, grey winter days. Days like these let me savour a bad mood.

I'm tired of winter, I want to fast-forward to summer so I can complain about how hot it is.

Dear Mother Nature, please cut back on your medications, have a glass of wine, and start thinking warm happy thoughts!

THANKS

To Fernando & Christina Soriano

They have been fixing-up our kneelers, stabilizing the pews, re-attaching the pew shelves, and attaching they new Ambry to its wall placement.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Prayer changes things.

Cardinal Collins has designated May 4 as our day of prayer for vocations in the archdiocese. Amidst your busy day, please join us in prayer as we ask the Lord for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR SEMINARIANS BEING ORDAINED

Friday May 11—6pm-Midnight

St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661

Kingston Rd, M1M 1M3

Parishioners are welcome to visit the Seminary on this date between 6PM & Midnight to pray for those to be Ordained to the Priesthood the following day.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Optional Memorial: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of the Catholic Women's League—Thursday

26: Devotion to the Mother of Good Counsel is associated with the story of a miraculous icon. The sacred image is found in a church in Genazzano, Italy. The church dedicated to the Mother of Good Counsel was built there in the fourth century. In 1467 all the residents of Genazzano heard a beautiful melody coming from heaven. As they looked up, they saw a white, shining cloud that descended on the church of the Mother of Good Counsel. The cloud gradually vanished, revealing a beautiful painting of Our Lady tenderly holding her Divine Son in her arms. Immediately, Mary began to cure the sick and grant countless graces.



The news spread throughout the country. Two Albanians from Scutari appeared in the town with a curious tale. They had fled from their homeland to escape the invading Turks. Before fleeing, they had stopped in the church and had seen how the icon of Our Lady, wrapped in a white cloud, lifted off the wall on which it had hung for two centuries. They followed the picture until they could see the towers of Rome, when it suddenly disappeared. The mysterious icon of Genazzano was identical to the one in the church in Scutari.

The amazing news reached Rome. Pope Paul II sent two bishops to investigate the story. The prelates reported that 171 miracles were recorded in the months following the icon's appearance. The pope's commission also found that there was an empty space on the church wall at Scutari. An icon that had been venerated there for centuries was, indeed, missing.

The image was painted on a sheet of plaster so thin that it would have been impossible for any human hand to remove it without damage. It had survived the subsequent centuries through the tumult of several earthquakes and withstood the bombing during World War II. Several altars were destroyed, walls caved in, and the roof was crushed. The icon, only yards away from the explosion, remained intact.

In 1753, Pope Benedict XIV established the Pious Union of Our Lady of Good Counsel to promote devotion to Mary under this title. Pope Leo XIII added the title Mother of Good Counsel to the Litany of Loretto. Pope Pius XII dedicated his term of office to Our Lady of Good Counsel. And Pope John XXIII visited her shrine to pray for the success of the Second Vatican Council.

The icon at Genazzano is about a foot wide and eighteen inches high. It depicts a mother figure that is half turned toward her son and half toward the viewer, reflecting Mary's concern for both Jesus and his Church. If Our Blessed Mother is willing to ask her Son to work miracles to let us know of her motherly concern, Our Lady of Good Counsel is certainly willing to speak words of advice and instruction to help us over the hurdles of our daily lives.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

TOTUSTUUS

Dear Parents: We Have Four (4) Young Missionaries Coming To Our Parish This Summer For One Week: Sun, July 8—Sat, July 14.

(Registration Fee: \$10 per Student)

The Day program commences on Mon to Sat of this week from 8:45AM to 2:30PM daily

During the week, the children entering grades 1 through 6 in the upcoming fall school year participate in 4 classes each day, attend daily Mass, learn the Mass parts and liturgical songs, participate in games, icebreakers, skits, songs, recess, and prayer. The grade school curriculum helps children to learn and be reinforced in important principles of their Catholic faith.

The evening program commences at 6:45PM to 9PM daily: Sunday to Friday of this week.

Totus Tuus offers evening instruction for junior and senior high school youth (grades 7-12) during the week in the evenings: 7pm—9pm. We have found that energetic, faithful, college-aged teachers can effectively impact junior and senior high school youth. The team teaches in such a way as to continually offer a dialogue by which participants feel respected in their most basic dignity.

Sign-Up Sheet in Foyer

"I Am The Good Shepherd"

Jesus



Laura Maish photo

This Sunday's Readings: *Acts 4:8–12; Ps 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 29; 1 Jn 3:1–2; Jn 10:11–18*

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15–17).

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple,

that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see Mark 12:10–13; 1 Peter 2:4–7).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see Luke 10:16), and forgives sins (see John 20:23), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see Luke 24:35). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (Ex 4:22–23; Revn 21:7).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

Scott Hahn

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

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CAN I ATTEND A WEEKDAY INSTEAD OF SUNDAY MASS?

Question

Can going to Mass on a weekday substitute for Sunday Mass?

Answer

No. Our obligation is to attend Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evening). If someone is unable to fulfill his Sunday obligation for valid reasons (work), then his/her obligation to attend is simply cancelled (in this case, try and attend weekday mass).

If someone has missed Mass due to laziness or some other illegitimate reason, then he cannot make up for missing his Sunday obligation by attending a weekday Mass.

WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD FOR US?

Question

What is the will of God for us?

Answer

"This is the will of God: your sanctification." This is what the apostle tells us. Further, "It is the will of God that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." So, apart from everything else that God may will for individual lives, he wills that all things "work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his promise."

So, in any instance, we can know at least that God's will is that course of action that will lead us to greater holiness. Sometimes it may be hard to tell what that course of action might be, but in any case, if we desire union with God and holiness above all else, then we will accomplish his will, even with our failings and mistakes. Loving God and our neighbor is always the way to fulfill God's will!

MAY CATHOLICS BUY DESIGNER CLOTHING?

Question

May Catholics buy designer clothing?

Answer

Of course. All clothes have a designer. Some are anonymous, others are famous. This being said, it is always good to make sure that if we are purchasing luxury items for ourselves or others, we do not forget to purchase blessings for ourselves by being proportionately generous to the poor and those in grave need, who often walk the streets of our cities with no place to live. Some designers are actually involved in works of charity themselves, and so you might find out which ones and patronize them if their products match your tastes.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Next God Squad Night: Easter Bible Study Series

Friday, April 27 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

Next Kids of the Cross Night: Easter Bible Study Series

Friday, May 4 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

THE AWAKENING OF A GIANT

Movie Life of Saint Veronica Giuliani

Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 7 & 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 12, 2018 @ 1, 6 & 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 13, 2018 @ 2:30, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

York Cinema—115 York Blvd, Richmond Hill

St. Veronica's body remains incorruptible. She was considered by Pope Leo XIII to be most full of grace after Our Lady. Our Lady herself referred to St. Veronica as "heart of my heart" and "my favourite daughter." Tickets bought on-site. sainteveronica@sawtelrab.org

CATHOLIC REGISTER PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

May 18

Join The Catholic Register to celebrate the newspaper's 125th anniversary with a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Florence. We will explore the spirituality of Pope Francis and St. Francis of Assisi. Highlights include Pentecost Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at which the Pope is expected to preside, attendance at the Pope's weekly audience in St. Peter's Square, a tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, two days in Assisi and two days in Florence. Cost: \$3,595 + \$600 airport taxes and fuel charge. The Catholic Register: 416-934-3405 pilgrimage@catholicregister.org
www.catholicregister.org

YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP TO YELLOWKNIFE AND FORT PROVIDENCE

July 16—23, 2018, Cost: \$1,300:

Includes transportation, meals and accommodation.

Information night: Monday, April 23rd, 2018, @ 7PM
Office of Catholic Youth, 54 Hoskin Ave, Toronto M4T 1W2

Registration Ends & Deposit is due (50% of the cost):
Friday, May 25, 2018


Young Adults (19-39) are invited to join us. Travel to Yellowknife and Fort Providence to serve the community. Learn about our missions in Canada and Indigenous culture.

To enter fully into the missionary experience, simple accommodations will be arranged, which may include a few nights of roughing it.
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ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Takes place in the Adoration Chapel
 Every Friday: 9AM to 6PM, concludes with evening prayer and Benediction at 5:40PM. Come minutes or an hour and keep watch with the Lord. Pray for others, the family, yourself.



LENT IS HERE!!!

When Is Ash Wednesday?—February 14

What is Ash Wednesday?

This day marks the beginning of Lent. We attend Mass on this day and receive the Ashes on the forehead as a sign of sorrow for sin and as sign of our intention to become more faithful.

What is Lent?

The penitential season of the Church's year. It is 40 days of preparation to renew our Baptismal vows on Easter Sunday. During this time we seek closer union with the Lord through an increase of *fasting*, *prayer*, and *giving of alms* (charitable giving).

Lenten Fast & Abstinence

Catholics are obligated to Fast & Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

The Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The fast on Ash Wed and Good Friday involves eating only one full meal. One or two smaller meals may be taken on those days, but may not total one full meal. No eating between meals.

Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstinence on these days from meat can include eggs or dairy products.

Age Requirements

"All Catholics at 15 are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60 year.

Fridays of the Year

It is a requirement of our Faith that we abstain from meat on all the Fridays of the year (except Feasts) in commemoration of our Saviour's death.

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Movies, documentaries, apologetics, youth, faith formation, Bible studies, current topics, youth; talks, audio dramas, audio books. Spanish too. Go to "formed.org"; input our parish access code: MRFx27; fill out your profile and password.

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Catholic Women's Fertility Health

Are you planning to space your children and feel unsure of the family planning system you're using?

FertilityCare Toronto can help.

Is your family complete and are wondering what comes next for family planning? **FertilityCare** Toronto can help.

Would you like to follow your faith but don't know a reliable, scientific family planning method?

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Do you have health concerns and want to learn more about your body and gynecologic health?

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Are you suffering from infertility or recurrent miscarriage and don't know where to turn for effective help? **FertilityCare** Toronto can help.

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