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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 30

- 9:00 a.m. +Roland Sia
- 10:30 a.m. +Selwyn Mukkath
- 12:15 p.m. +Marie Sealey

Monday, March 31

No Mass

Tuesday, April 01

- 8:00 a.m. + Jose DeLima

Wednesday, April 02

- 7:00 pm + Joanne Hadden

Thursday, April 03

- 8:00 a.m. +Arcelie Ramos

First Friday, April 04

- 7:00 p.m. +Emilia Socha & Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 05

- 9:00 a.m. +Austin Slemmerman
- 4:30 p.m. +Donato & Vincenza Cerqua

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 30, 2025

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Rev. Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Fr. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or email olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for information.**



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Next Week Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Pressing on Towards the Goal

1st Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

2nd Reading: Philipians 3.8-14

Gospel: John 8.1-11

The Woman Caught in Adultery

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The healing of the man born blind.

Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened by eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. — John 9:30

St. Paul, in a letter addressed to the Christian community in Corinth, reminds them of what he proclaimed to them “as of first importance”: “that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” He reminds them that the risen Lord appeared to Peter and the other Apostles, and then “to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive.”

When Jesus tells his disciples to ‘go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news’ he is not asking them to spread his teachings but to bring people into a life-giving relationship with him. As Catholic Christians we do not believe in Catholicism or Christianity; we believe in Christ. Evangelical Protestants have it exactly right when they emphasize ‘the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ’ and faith in Christ as one’s ‘personal Lord and Savior.’ They are wrong about other things, but they are not wrong about this. As St. Paul says, “I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”

The word ‘gospel’ is the old English translation of the Greek word *evangelion*, which literally means ‘good news.’ St. John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “These things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”

We ought to keep in mind as we reflect on today’s Gospel passage that all of Jesus’ life on earth leads to the cross. Although Jesus performed numerous miracles, what makes this particular healing stand out is the reaction of the Jewish authorities. This revelation of Jesus’ divine power intensifies their fear that the people will proclaim him as the Messiah. This fear will reach its peak after the raising of Lazarus and Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

The healing of physical blindness is a sign of the healing of spiritual blindness. Jesus himself lays this out: “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who do see may become blind.” The Pharisees get the point: “Surely we are not blind, are we?”

The Messiah was standing right in front of them and still they could not see who he was, despite having witnessed a miracle. All they could see was a threat to their way of life. If we look around us at the world today we see many people who would happily condemn Jesus all over again.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Classes will continue this Sunday, March 30 & April 06 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Parents are reminded to bring their child for confession if they missed it on January 16. Regular schedule confessions are Wednesday's at 5:30 to 6:15 pm and Saturday's at 3:30 to 4:20 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Candidates will have 2nd Confession day on April 10 at 7:00 pm in the church.



Attendance is mandatory for all the meetings listed in the class schedule given out to all with the application forms. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory.

R.C.I.A. program for 2024-2025 – sessions ...



Sessions are held in the 'Stage Room' every Sunday at after the 12:15 pm in our church hall.

Each session last more or less 60 minutes. The next sessions are this Sunday March 30 & April 06. At this point we cannot accept any more new applicants.

Every Friday during Lent ...

8:00 am Morning Mass

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Every Saturday in Lent ...

9:00 am Morning Mass

3:30 pm Reconciliation/Confessions

4:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Pope Intentions for April 2025



For the use of the new technologies Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Let's also pray for his healing. "For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, suffering from illness: May the Lord, our Divine Healer, grant him strength and peace, restore his health and guide him to a full recovery so that he may continue to lead the holy People of God, with wisdom and love. We pray to the Lord."

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday 2025



ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way. As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick's life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd. "By the grace of God, I am still alive," he proclaims. "I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober." Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

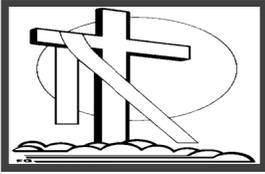
INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2025-2026

- Novena 1- Wed. **Apr. 23** at 6:00 pm
- Novena 2- Wed. **May 28** at 6:00 pm
- Novena 3- Wed. **Jun. 25** at 6:00 pm
- Novena 4- Wed. **Jul. 23** at 6:00 pm
- Novena 5- Wed. **Aug. 27** at 6:00 pm
- Novena 6- Wed. **Sept. 24** at 6:00pm
- Novena 7 -Wed. **Oct. 22** at 6:00 pm
- Novena 8- Wed. **Nov. 26** at 6:00 pm
- Novena 9- Wed. **Dec. 17** at 6:00 pm



The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.





Triduum Schedule for 2025



April 17		No morning Mass
<i>Holy Thursday</i>	7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 18		Day of Fasting and Abstinence
<i>Good Friday</i>	12:00 noon	Celebration of the Lord's Passion [1]
	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion [2]
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
April 19		No Morning Mass
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	12:00 pm	Blessing of Easter Food
	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 20	9:00 am	Easter Day
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	10:30 am	Sunday Masses
	12:15 pm	THE LORD IS RISEN – ALLELUJAH! ALLELUJAH!

Confessions/Reconciliation

Confessions will be available on:

Saturday April 12 at 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
& Wednesday, April 16 at 5:30 pm-6:45 pm.



**The Office is closed from Good Friday
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- both days inclusive -

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