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Rev Fr Peter Tammearu, Pastor



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.45 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

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SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Please make an appointment to see the pastor

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please call 647.428.2880

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Darlene Barron, President 416.264.6407

LEGION OF MARY

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Peter Gitendran, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Mass at 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 18, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday March 19

St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Allison Nilo on her 8th birthday
requested by the Nilo family

Tuesday March 20

12:05 pm † Annie Laki on the 10th anniversary of her death
requested by her mother, Vera Laki and family

Wednesday March 21

12:05 pm † Sally Asuncion on the 1st anniversary of her death
requested by Amy Costales

Thursday March 22

12:05 pm † Arcely Briones
requested by the Briones & Patacsil families

Friday March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

9:30 am *School Mass*
12:05 pm
7 pm † Paterno Catedrilla on his death anniversary
requested by the Catedrilla family

Saturday March 24

Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

9 am For the intentions of the Palomeno family
requested by Lisielyn Palomeno

5 pm † Catherine & Ivor Hasting
requested by their family

Sunday March 25

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9 am For the People of the Parish
11 am † Dominic D'Cunha
requested by his wife, Annie D'Cunha; & his children, Peter, Rolanda and family

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday March 19

10:30 to 11:30 am *'Making a Retreat in Everyday Life'*
with Speaker Fr. Peter Tammearu
St. Joseph's Table

12:30 pm

Tuesday March 20

7:30 pm CWL Choir practice

Thursday March 22

12:30 – 1:30 pm Line Dancing [Church hall]
7:30 pm – 9 pm Legion of Mary meeting [*Seniors*]

Friday March 23

11:15 pm **Stations of the Cross** followed by rosary
6:30 pm **Stations of the Cross** followed by 7 pm Mass

Saturday March 24

3:45 pm Confirmation Class #3

Sunday March 25

10 – 11 am Children's Choir Practice

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE



- ❖ **Good Friday** March 30th at 11 am
- ❖ **Holy Saturday** March 31st at 3 pm
- ❖ **Easter Sunday** April 1st at 10 am (following the 9 am Mass)
- ❖ **Monday to Friday** April 2nd to April 6th at 12.30 pm (following the 12.05 pm Mass)
- ❖ **Saturday** April 7th at 9.30 am (following the 9 am Mass)
- ❖ **Divine Mercy Sunday** April 8th at 3 pm



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Monday March 26th at 12.05 pm**
- Tuesday March 27th at 12.05 pm**
- Wednesday March 28th at 12.05 pm**
- Holy Thursday March 29th at 7 pm (English) and at 9 pm (Tamil)**
- Good Friday March 30th at 1 pm (English) and 3 pm (Tamil)**
- Easter Vigil March 31st at 7 pm (English) and 9 pm (Tamil)**
- Easter Sunday April 1st at 9 and 11 am (English) and 12.30 pm (Tamil)**

LA TAVOLA DI SAN GIUSEPPE

[The Table of St. Joseph]

We will celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **Monday, March 19th** with a traditional St Joseph's Table following the 12.05 pm Mass.

St. Joseph is the principal patron of Canada, but is also considered to be the patron saint of Sicily. The custom of the St. Joseph's Table is still celebrated in many Italian communities. According to legend, there was a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages, caused by a severe drought. People prayed for St Joseph to bring them rain, and when the rain came, they prepared a feast to thank their patron saint.

A St. Joseph's Table is usually decorated with flowers and candles and offers a variety of baked goods, cakes and cookies, including traditional cream-filled pastries called zeppole.

The Ministry of Maturing Adults invites you to join us to celebrate St Joseph with fellowship, coffee and treats.

All are welcome, and if you would like to contribute any baked goods for the occasion, please phone the Parish Office to let us know.





St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food items for our local food bank on Sunday March 18th and 25th. Our goal is to

collect 40 cans or more to donate before Easter. Items most needed are canned vegetables, baby food, canned tuna or salmon, oatmeal, nuts, brown rice, canola oil and peanut butter. All other non-perishable food items are welcome. A box will be located at the front of the church. We thank you for your kind donation! For more information please contact us at 647-428-2880.



Jesus said "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour."



~ John 12:24-26 ~

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Living the Gospel locally and around the world

“It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they’re invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are



helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**”

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

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

Reflection: Not every wheat grain will germinate. Without the right conditions, a grain will lie dormant and never bear fruit. The grain needs sun, rain, nutrients before it can begin to grow. Is my faith life dormant? Or am I nourishing it so that it will yield an abundant harvest?

What needs to die in me so that I may live more fully? Pray for the grace to see what I have to do and for the grace to do it.

God can use us to affect the lives of many people for good. But for this we need to be following Jesus, not following our own whims and preferences. We are to surrender our lives and ask the question ‘Lord, what do you want me to do with my life today?’

Lord, grace me with the gift of letting go of all that I cling to. May I not block your Spirit moving in me. Work through me so that like Mary, I may carry you to all those whose lives I touch.

It will not do for the grain of wheat just to die in order to produce fruit. It must ‘fall into the earth’. We will achieve nothing on our own. We need the nourishment which Jesus provides, for he is our life.

Jesus says here that ‘serving’ and ‘following’ him are the same thing. It is not for us to choose how or where to serve him. We must follow first and let him lead us to where he wants us to serve. A disciple cannot say, ‘I did it my way!’

The image that Jesus presents is simple yet strong. He does not speak of ‘passing away’ or ‘falling asleep’ but of death and loss. Faith in Jesus strengthens me to look beyond death to the beginning of new life.

Jesus speaks to me as friend and calls me into his family as he invites me to remain ready to follow and to serve.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

MAKING A RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE

The final session will be held on **MONDAY, MARCH 19th**. All are always welcome to join us in the Church Hall at 10:30am.

Fr. Peter Tammearu will help us to explore Ignatian Spirituality. Join us to refresh your spirituality during the time of Lent by entering into the spirit of a retreat in order to prepare to make a good confession and receive the Easter Eucharist with joy.

MONTHLY SOCIAL will be on **Monday, March 19th**.

Our next monthly Social will be on the Feast of St. Joseph. Please join us for this traditional celebration of our beloved St. Joseph. We will have St. Joseph’s table after the 12:05 pm Mass.



GOD’S GIFT OF LONG LIFE

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The crucifixion involved a sinless human being united to the person of the Divine Son who eternally returns all that he is to the Father in love. He does this right here in our history. Nothing will ever be the same again. As we walk along Jesus’ journey of suffering, we begin to see: we get spiritual clues to total self-giving in love from the one who has gone before us. Catholicism expresses that infinite selfless love of God.

In Saint Alphonsus Liguori’s version of the stations, we pray: “You have made this journey to die for me with unspeakable love.” This is the love that burns eternally in the Godhead and it is being poured out right here on earth. Moreover, walking alongside this miracle of real love as it happens is Mary, Jesus’ Mother, who has to watch her son being tormented to death. Hence we sing the verses of the Stabat Mater as we move from station to station.



COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine’s Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God’s call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ’s disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org



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at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm for Stations of the Cross.**

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