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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday at 11:00 am

FATIMA DEVOTION

Every 1st Saturday of the month
following the 9:00 am Mass

LIVESTREAM MASS [English]

www.olghtamilparish.com

Sunday at 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am | Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

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LEGION OF MARY

Br. Wally Gubuan 416.267.3900

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Alice Warford 416.453.3965

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

**FEAST OF
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. The *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and



the presentation of the child to God in the Temple and his buying back (redemption) from God. It is also known as the *Feast of the Purification of Mary*, and the *Feast of Candlemas*. It is also called the *Feast of Encounter* (*Hypapante* in Greek) because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna. Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for baby Jesus.

Reflection [Luke 2:22-40]

The story is told about a dying man who had one fervent wish before he dies. His fervent wish was to see Jesus in the flesh and to talk to Him even for a short while. Unfortunately, his wish did not become a reality for he died without seeing Jesus. Is there a magic word for us to see Jesus? Or is there a secret for us to see Jesus?

When the child Jesus was brought into the temple to present Him before the Lord. It was in fulfillment of the Jewish law which states that a child should be brought into the temple to present him before God forty days after its birth.”

We have in our gospel a Holy man named Simeon who has one wish before he dies which is to see Jesus. And Simeon was very blessed to see and hold in his arms the child Jesus. Was it pure luck that he was able to be with Jesus and His parents up close and personal? No, luck had nothing to do with Simeon’s meeting with the Holy family. Simeon as stated in our gospel was a righteous and devout man.

He was a good man; he was a man who wholeheartedly strived to follow the teachings of his faith. That’s why

God through the Holy Spirit gifted Simeon the very rare opportunity to be with the child Jesus in the temple before he dies. What a way to die! Isn’t this our wish also before we die? We would want to see Jesus and we would want to hold the hand of Jesus as we take our last gasp of breath?

When a person is near death, he/she would normally say that he is already seeing his departed relatives around him. Rarely would we hear a dying person say that he now see Jesus by his side.

By the life of Simeon, we now know the secret as to how we would be able to see Jesus as we fade out of this world. We have to be righteous and we have to be devout followers of Jesus. ~ by *Marino J. Dasmarinias*

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 3rd

12:05 pm † Menino Leitao
requested by Dominic Cardoz

Tuesday, February 4th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of St. Raphael
requested by Angela de Ga

Wednesday, February 5th

12:05 pm

Thursday, February 6th

12:05 pm Intentions of Dr. Mather & family
requested by Fr. Peter Gitendran

Friday, February 7th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of the Scared Heart of Jesus
requested by Ramajo family

Saturday, February 8th

9:00 am In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Libby on her birthday
requested by Libby Tillo

5:00 pm Intentions of Carole Pritchard
Alice Warford

Sunday, February 9th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

9:00 am For the Protection of Unborn Children
requested by the Masses for Life Project

11:00 am For the People of the Parish



Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a “Holy Year”. The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be “Pilgrims of Hope”. In the words of Pope Francis:
"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

The Holy Father opened the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica and continuing until January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we opened the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome to attend Regional Masses ** that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto in January and February.

**** Eastern Region:
Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7 p.m.
St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
(Cardinal Leo to preside)**

May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

Additional information on the Jubilee Year, along with relevant resources are also available online by visiting our parish website,
<https://immaculateheartofmarysc.archtoronto.org/>
OR
www.archtoronto.org/jubilee

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS with Bishop Ivan Camilleri



Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025
Mass Time: 2:30 p.m.
Place: St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond St., Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025.

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING



Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025
Time: Immediately following the 9 am Mass
Place: Parish rectory basement meeting room
New member are welcome!

Festival of Faith for Christian Unity 2025 Reflection and Prayer A Journey Through the Nicene Creed

Christians from various traditions in the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus



Christ throughout 2025 in the Greater Toronto Area and commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

All are cordially welcomed to join the neighbourhood events, for details, please see the main poster:
<https://bit.ly/FOF2025>

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