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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

EUCHARISTIC 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) Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator <u>awarford@archtoronto.org</u>

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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)

Giving our First Fruits this Lent

As we enter into this Season of Lent, let us reflect on how we can best use this time to grow in our relationship with God and our commitment to stewardship. In the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people saying that when they come to give their offerings to God, they should "bring the first of the fruit of the ground." The Lord wants our very best, not what we have leftover.

This is very true in our lives as stewards. It's definitely good to offer up our time and talents to our parish community. However, do we only give from what we have remaining after all of our other priorities are taken care of? To serve the Gospel should always be of prime importance.



One Lenten resolution we can adopt to help us offer our "first fruits" is the practice of scheduling our time of prayer in advance. Prayer should not be an afterthought that we try to squeeze in when we have time. Instead, we should block out a chuck of time each day that is free from all other competing distractions and is reserved only for our conversation with God. Let us strive to create a scheduled prayer life this Lent, perhaps starting with 10 minutes a day. If we do so, we will see great wonders take place in our relationship with God and others.

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~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday throughout Lent, there will be the Stations of the Cross after the12:05 pm and 6:30 pm Masses.



Monday, March 10th

12:05 pm † Vince David requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano

Tuesday, March 11th

12:05 pm

Wednesday, March 12th

12:05 pm † Cris Reyes requested by Rachel Lim

Thursday, March 13th

12:05 pm Birthday intentions of Jane Eigo requested by Nereza Frias

Friday, February 14th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Judith Hipolito on her birthday *requested by Jesus Hipolito*

6:30 pm

[Note: Stations of the Cross after all Masses]

Saturday, March 15th

9:00 am

5:00 pm † Helen Valere on her70th birthday remembrance *requested by Anthony Mapp*

Sunday, March 16th – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 am † Dorothea Borja requested by Elsa Borja

11:00 am **†** Frank Galant

requested by the Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish



2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Of you have not yet picked up your 2025 offertory envelopes, kindly ask one of the volunteers to assist you <u>or</u> contact the parish office. Please discard all OLD envelopes. **We thank you for your co-operation.**



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a 'Pancake Breakfast' THIS Sunday, March 9th after the

9 am & 11am Masses. Tickets are \$5 per person <u>or</u> \$15 for a family of 4 [i.e. two adults and two children under 12 yr. old].

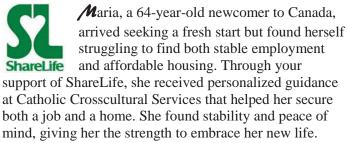
Come, join, and get to know your parish community for some fellowship over a delicious breakfast of hot pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice.

Looking forward to seeing many of your there!

SHARELIFE

1st Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

Your love is a guiding light during Lent



Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-andministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimagechurches/

In addition, for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church, further information can be found at:

https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-andministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/plenaryindulgence/

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTION

"Tempted, Tested, Transformed: Embracing Self-Denial and the Cross." facilitated by Rev. Michael Corpus Vice Rector of St. Augustine Seminary



On this talk, we explore the powerful journey of spiritual transformation through the themes of Temptation, Testing, and Self-denial. By examining the life of

Jesus and His ultimate sacrifice on the cross, we will learn how embracing moments of struggle and surrender lead to growth and deeper faith.

It is an invitation to face our own temptations with courage, allowing them to purify us and draw us closer to Christ. Discover how self-denial is not a loss, but a path to true freedom and transformation.

Fr. Michael will preach at all this weekend Masses and give a short introduction. He will return on Monday March 10th and Thursday March 13th at the 12:05pm and 7pm beginning with Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and then, he will give his reflection.

Join us!

CHALICE



Chalice, which is Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization, will be coming to our parish on the weekend of March 15th & 16th. Deacon Thomas Aquino will be preaching at all the Masses and will educate us regarding what they do as an

organization. He will also have a sponsorship table available for anyone interested in sponsoring a child or to answer any questions you may have.

Please consider sponsoring a child.



ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Come and celebrate a St. Joseph feast day on Wednesday, March 19th in the church hall following the 12:05 p m Mass. Join us for a light lunch! Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 905-624-4422

