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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)

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

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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)

Learning from Doubting Thomas

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we are faced with the Gospel passage that earns St. Thomas the Apostle the name of Doubting Thomas. Jesus appears to all of the disciples when Thomas wasn't present and Thomas refuses to believe in the risen Christ until he sees and touches Jesus himself. A week later, Jesus appears to them again, this time with Thomas present, and Thomas believes exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!"



As disciples of Christ, we, too, may experience many moments of doubt in our lives. Especially with the overtly secular culture we live in, it is becoming harder to accept the truths of our faith. So how are we to deal with these moments of doubt? Firstly, we should take consolation in the loving and gentle way Jesus dealt

with Thomas' doubt. Jesus meets him where he is and lovingly tries to help him look past his doubt. So too with us, Jesus does not reprimand us for our moments of doubt, but is constantly providing us opportunities for us to grow in faith.

However, it is important that we play our part. If we doubt the truth about certain mysteries of our faith, we should try to read what the Church teaches on this point. St. Anselm's motto was "faith seeking understanding." Sometimes, we need to use our rational faculties to try to educate ourselves on the teachings of the Church and pray that God may illumine our mind. There are a variety of good books and websites that can help us find the answers we're looking for. Let us strive to rid ourselves of all doubt by slowly seeking understanding and praying for faith.

Summary

Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we too may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith. However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 28th

12:05 pm † Reynaldo Tecson on his 1st yr. death anniversary
requested by the Sevilla family

Tuesday, April 29th

12:05 pm

Wednesday, April 30th

12:05 pm † Catalino Pasquin on his death anniversary
requested by Nereza Frias

Thursday, May 1st

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of St. Joseph
requested by the Ferreira family

Friday, May 2nd

12:05 pm † Felix Hipolito on his death anniversary
requested by Jesus and Judith Hiolito

Saturday, May 3rd

9:00 am † Ranjet Savundranayagam
requested by his brother, Bunton

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 4th

9:00 am † Cristiano Medeiros on his birthday remembrance
requested by Ida Medeiros & family

11:00 am † Michael & Dominic D'Cunha
requested by Annie D'Cunha & family

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Apr. 27th at 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Confession | Exposition & Benediction |
Blessings of candles
& rosaries

JOIN US!

BOOK BARROW EVENT

This event will be held by the Legion of Mary next Sunday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Borrow book for free!
Deepen your faith, learn about
saints and more !



7 PROOFS OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST *Continued ...*

Proof #5: Large Crowd of Eyewitnesses

A large crowd of more than 500 eyewitnesses saw the risen Jesus Christ at the same time. The Apostle Paul records this event in 1 Corinthians 15:6. He states that most of these men and women were still alive when he wrote this letter, about 55 A.D. Undoubtedly, they told others about this miracle. Today, psychologists say it would be impossible for a large crowd of people to have had the same hallucination at once. Smaller groups also saw the risen Christ, such as the apostles, and Cleopas and his companion. They all saw the same thing, and in the case of the apostles, they touched Jesus and watched him eat food. The hallucination theory is further debunked because after the ascension of Jesus into heaven, sightings of him stopped.

Proof #6: Conversion of Paul

The conversion of Paul records the most drastically changed life in the Bible. As Saul of Tarsus, he was an aggressive persecutor of the early church. When the risen Christ appeared to Paul on the Damascus Road, Paul became Christianity's most determined missionary. He endured five floggings, three beatings, three shipwrecks, a stoning, poverty, and years of ridicule. Finally the Roman emperor Nero had Paul beheaded because the apostle refused to deny his faith in Jesus. What could make a person willingly accept—even welcome—such hardships? Christians believe the conversion of Paul came about because he encountered Jesus Christ who had risen from the dead.

Proof #7: They Died for Jesus

Countless people have died for Jesus, absolutely certain that the resurrection of Christ is an historical fact. Tradition says ten of the original apostles died as martyrs for Christ, as did the Apostle Paul. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of early Christians died in the Roman arena and in prisons for their faith. Down through the centuries, thousands more have died for Jesus because they believed the resurrection is true. Even today, people suffer persecution because they have faith that Christ rose from the dead. An isolated group may give up their lives for a cult leader, but Christian martyrs have died in many lands, for nearly 2,000 years, believing Jesus conquered death to give them eternal life.

REDEMPTORIS MATER MISSIONARY SEMINARY, ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO 23rd Annual Fundraising Dinner

Come and celebrate with us at the 23rd Annual Fundraising Dinner in support of the formation of future priests for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

An evening full of events for a great cause! Among them: excellent food, open bar, live entertainment, experiences of seminarians and the raffle draw (main prize \$1,500 Air Canada voucher).

Tickets are available via the following link:
<https://rmms23dinner.eventbrite.ca> or through our website: www.rmmstoronto.org.

You can also contact the rector, Fr. Tomasz Skibinski, at 416-264-9477 ext. 1.

Date & time: May 2, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Location: Paramount EventSpace
222 Rowntree Dairy Road Vaughan
ON L4L 8B8

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• Dancing Floor • Raffle**

DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED

Location: Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, ON L1X 1V4

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025

Time: 9:30am - 5:00pm

“Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?” Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Facilitated by: Sr. Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland

Suggested Offering: \$65 per person (includes lunch)

Please contact: Mary Hyland - 905-441-0957

EVERY FRIDAY

There will be Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the rosary on the 1st Friday and every Friday at 11:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 12:05 pm, and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following the Mass.



1st SATURDAY



Devotions to our Lady of Fatima will take place next week Saturday following the 9 am Mass.

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