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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]

<https://www.youtube.com/@olghtamilparish/streams>

Sunday at 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11:30 am | Saturday at 4:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

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

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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Rev. Fr. Charles Collins, Pastor: 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12:30 & 4:30 pm (in Tamil)

Going the Extra Mile

In today's Gospel, we hear some of Jesus' bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says, "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you...". He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.



This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "as good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received, we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." The key word in the Cardinal's exhortation is "increase".

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in. Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness".

Summary

In today's Gospel Jesus boldly says, "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you...". He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love. As stewards, we should not just offer our gifts of our time and talents to our parish community in a mediocre way but strive to do so as generously as possible.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 16th

12:05 pm † Morgan Anthony Jude Leithwood on his 2nd yr. death anniversary
requested by the Leithwood family

Tuesday, February 17th

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

Wednesday, February 18th – ASH WEDNESDAY

12:05 pm † Jeong Myung Geon & Moon Chirenia
requested by Sarah Jeong

Thursday, February 19th

12:05 pm † Jose Torres Sr. on his birthday remembrance
requested by Tess Fernandez & family

Friday, February 20th

12:05 pm † Gaudencio Roque
requested by Myla Carlos

Saturday, February 21st

9:00 am For the healing & intentions of Shirley Sutton
requested by the D'Cruz family

5:00 pm † Lidia Cristan
requested by Jeanette Paul

Sunday, February 22nd

9:00 am In honour of the Chair of St. Peter
requested by Lucienne Nelson

11:00 am † Ross McMillan
requested by Evangeline

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, February 22nd



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE February 18th, 2026



- ❖ 9:45 am [School Mass]
- ❖ 12:05 pm
- ❖ 6:30 pm

What is ASH WEDNESDAY?

- It marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.
- It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption [i.e. *obtain salvation – deliverance from sin & death*].

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

What are the ASHES?

- They are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year.
- They are blessed and sprinkled with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense before distribution.
- They are also a reminder that God is **gracious and merciful**, and **this is of great importance during the season of Lent when we turn to Him to ask for forgiveness by frequently making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession.**
- Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes).
- Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross which identifies you as a disciple of Jesus Christ. One of the following two prayers that might be said as the ashes are marked on the foreheads of the faithful. They emphasize our call to continual conversion and holiness of life.



“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

This phrase comes from God’s response to Adam (Genesis 3:19). God reminds Adam of the effects of sin and of humanity’s dependence on God. Read Genesis 2:4–9, and explain that the breath of God sustains all living things. Adam and Eve turned away from God when they ate from the tree of knowledge. **When we mark our foreheads with ashes at the beginning of Lent, we are indicating that we are turning back to God.**

“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

Wearing ashes on our foreheads is a tradition of repentance that comes from the Old Testament. There are several stories that mention ashes, but one that is easy for children to understand is the story of Jonah. When Jonah preached repentance to Nineveh, the king covered himself in sackcloth and ashes and ordered the people to do the same (Jonah 3:6–9). Ashes and scratchy clothes were a

way for people to be humble before God and show that they were willing to make a big change in their lives. **We are marked with ashes for the same reason: to show that we are willing to change. The physical symbol—ashes—is for our benefit. God knows what is in our hearts; the ashes remind us to turn our hearts toward God.**

The Church gives us Lent as a time to change, to become a better version of ourselves, and to become more like Jesus. The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us of our call to repent and believe in the Gospel. The disciplines of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—help us prepare for Christ’s victory on Easter.

LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT



When: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm Lunch will be served

Where:

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
617 Blythe Road,
Mississauga ON L5H 2C3

Cost: \$45.00

Includes: Coffee/Tea with muffins and a hot lunch

Mass will be celebrated during the day

For more information please contact:

- Email: office@qoa.ca
- Tel. # 905-278-5229



DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend

Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine’s Seminary on **Friday, February 27 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 1 (2 p.m.)**. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

For more information, please email:

vocations@archtoronto.org

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