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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 p.m.**

**Baptism:** Please call the office to arrange to discuss your child's Baptism.

**Confession:** Each Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Marriage:** The parish congratulates all newly engaged couples and reminds them that, by Archdiocesan Policy, they are required to contact the parish at least one year in advance of the proposed marriage.



**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph  
- Borkowski Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

9:00 am Joseph Tran & Alfonso Nguyen R.I.P.  
- Tran Family

11:00 am The People of the Parish

**MONDAY, APRIL 10**

9:00 am Gloria Murray R.I.P. - Grace Anne Poloni

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

7:00 pm Anne Colangelo R.I.P.  
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

9:00 am Agazio & Teresa Gagliardi R.I.P.  
- Antonietta Luceno

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

Passion of the Lord 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

*There will be no 9:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. Mass*

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

Easter Vigil Mass (approx. two hours)  
8:30 pm Tadeusz & Eugenia Maderak R.I.P.  
*There will be no 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Mass or Confessions*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

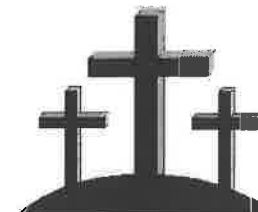
The Resurrection of the Lord  
9:00 am The People of the Parish  
11:00 am Ben & Mica R.I.P. - Bessie & Jack Culotta

**Senior Men's High School Retreat**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill on Saturday, April 29, 2017 (from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m). Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men (grades 11 & 12). Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please contact or call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**EASTER COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for Easter. If you would like to begin using offertory envelopes please see the young person at the counter in the church foyer.



**PASCHAL FAST**

**Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.** The Church of God asks us to observe this Paschal Fast on Good Friday, and where possible, continued through Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of His resurrection.

"Abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter."

Guidelines For Pastoral Liturgy, 2016-2017.

*Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*

"The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening."

*Letters & Legislation, Archdiocese of Toronto*

**Good Friday Pontifical Collection on April 14, 2017 for the benefit of the Holy Land**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday, April 14, 2017.** Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

*With gratitude, Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM  
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

Weekly Offering (April 2).....	\$4,004.00
March Pre-Authorized Donations.....	\$1,209.18
ShareLife.....	\$9,482.30
Expenses Mar 31 - Apr 6.....	\$2,652.74
Diocesan Assessment for Jul-Dec 2016 paid to the Archdiocese Mar 31.....	\$16,887.00

*Thank you for your contribution.*



**"Living the Gospel" by supporting the Deaf community...**

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to



try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counsellor in the Silent Voice Sign Language summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I'm grateful to ShareLife-supported Silent Voice

and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me." **Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language summer camps.**

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017  
Please give generously.



Mass of Chrism

**Mass of Chrism**

Mass of Chrism is a special Mass, held in Toronto at St. Michael's Cathedral for the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto, on the Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11 at

11:00 a.m. At the Chrism Mass the holy oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Sacrament of the Sick are blessed and supplied to the local parishes for use. All are welcome to attend.

**BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS**

In certain cultures there is a tradition of blessing foods that would be eaten during Easter. We invite you and your family to bring your Easter food basket to the Church (parish hall) on Holy Saturday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. for a brief blessing service.



The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, April 14th and Easter Monday, April 17th.

**Sick:** That they may be healed, especially Val Aguilar and Maria Pereira.



**Deceased:** That the crucified and risen Christ will lead them to heaven, especially Eloisa Valverde Soares.

**Pope's April Universal Intention: Young People** - That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained**

We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic faith. But how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* opens up the "big picture" of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it and articulate it to others.

Each Tuesday evening until April 18 we will be showing "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained" immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Next week's presentation: Episode 9 - Mary and the Saints: *Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints (36 minutes).*