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Thanksgiving

Be joyful always

Pray continually

Give thanks for everything.



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 am Margaret Roberts R.I.P. - Linda McLean

5:00 pm Cosmo Tavone R.I.P. - Bettina Tavone

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 am Rosina Ruffolo R.I.P.

- Maria & Angelo Gaudio

11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 pm Giacomo, Cono & Maria Lo Giacco R.I.P.

- Sara Giannini

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 am Serafino Guido R.I.P. - Romilda Guido

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00 pm Lino Buhagiar R.I.P. - Spiteri Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 am Antonio Luceno R.I.P. - Luceno Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 am Iolanda Magi & Stefano Brardinelli R.I.P.

- Brardinelli & Magi Families

5:00 pm Anna Le R.I.P. - Tran Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Giovanni Mangano R.I.P. - Mangano Family

Please note: Mass every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. with Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

For the sick: That they may be reassured of the great love God has for them, especially Michelina Ciociola.



For the faithful departed: That those who have died, and those who grieve them, may find comfort in Christ.

Pope's October Prayer Intention: *For mental health ministry* - Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Please note: Names will stay on the sick list for 30 days unless notified otherwise.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office is also closed every Tuesday.



We joyfully announce that the Installation Mass for our new pastor, Fr. David Gikonyo, will take place at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 1, 2026.

During this special Mass, officiated by Bishop Ivan Camilleri, Fr. David will publicly renew his commitment to pastoral care, make his Profession of Faith, and take the Oath of Fidelity in service to our parish community.

A light reception will follow in the parish hall immediately after Mass. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend, welcome Fr. David and express our prayers and support for his ministry.

Municipal Elections 2026 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Leo has given permission for these candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 3/4 through October 24/25. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role.

To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

Weekend Mass Attendance Survey October 17 & 18 and October 24 & 25

Once again, the Archdiocese of Toronto is requesting all parish and mission communities to participate in its' annual parishioner attendance survey on the weekends of October 17/18 and October 24/25. The reason for the count is to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese.

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KNOW YOUR CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

17. What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium?

95 Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium are so closely united with each other that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.

18. Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth?

105-108, 135-136 Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a “religion of the Book”, but of the Word of God – “not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living” (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).

Compendium of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary



During the month of October, we are reminded of the Church's deep devotion to the Holy Rosary. In a world filled with constant noise and heavy distractions, the Rosary serves as an anchor of peace for restless hearts.

Join us as we pray the Rosary together as a parish community after all the weekday Masses throughout October.



Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

Weekly Offering (Sep 27)	\$2,394.75
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$1,960.50
Expenses (Sep 21 - Sep 27)	\$1,785.79
Weekly Offering (Oct 4)	\$2,849.10
Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation	\$1,356.10
Expenses (Sep 28 - Oct 4)	\$3,799.40

Thank you for your contribution.

There will be a second collection next weekend, October 17/18, for World Mission Sunday.

We've been invited to a Feast, where God is the Host

In the first reading this Sunday, Isaiah, the Prophet, addresses the people who had become very unfaithful to God, in their Covenant with Him. Judah had been taken exile for their unfaithfulness. Yet to these people, Isaiah prophesied a great day; He reveals a time of plenty and great jubilation. He announced a feast, where God would be the host; *“On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.”*

God gives his People, another chance. God would go a distance to ensure that their joy was complete; The question then became; would the people respond to his generosity?

This Day of joy came in Christ Jesus. In today Gospel reading, he narrates a Parable that revealed the People of God's reaction. Jesus compares the Kingdom of his Father to a wedding feast. The wedding feast was on. The banquet was ready. But those invited refused to respond to the invitation! The host was patient with those first invited. He summoned them and pleaded with them; *“Behold I have prepared my meal; my calves and fattened cattle are killed and everything is ready; come to the feast.”* The invited opted to go by their own interest and ignored their master's generosity. We hear Jesus express God's longing for his people in a lament in Matthew. 23:37 *“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you refused!”*

With the failure of the invited to respond to God's generosity, the host extended his invitation to the people in the streets and these, accepted.

You and I are invited to a Banquet. We are called to respond to the generosity of God in thanksgiving. God has given us the gift of faith, having been born in God's Love through Baptism. How are we responding?

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Registration

Parents and guardians are invited to register their children for these essential milestones in their faith journey.

First Holy Communion Eligibility: Open to children in Grade 2 or older who have received the Sacrament of Baptism. Preparation will cover both the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. **Registration deadline is Sunday, October 25, 2026.**

Sacrament of Confirmation Eligibility: Open to youth in Grade 7 or older who have been baptized and have received their First Holy Communion. **Registration deadline is Sunday, October 25, 2026.**

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