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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: before Mass

Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays

Divine Mercy: Friday Evenings

Eucharistic Adoration:

• Fridays 8:30am-7:00pm

First Friday of the Month:

Holy Hour 7:30pm-8:30pm

Third Tuesday of the Month:

Holy Hour 6:00pm-7:00pm

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For assistance please call 905-671-8382

PARISH SCHOOLS

Ascension of Our Lord High School 905-676-1287

Holy Cross Elementary School 905-677-5660

Saint Raphael Elementary School 905-677-1038

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00pm English

Sunday: 9:00am English

10:30am Italian

12:00pm English

7:00pm Tamil

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

English Mass

Monday to Friday: 8:00am

Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 7:00pm

Saturday: 8:30am

Italian Mass

Tues. & Thurs.: 7:00pm

Holidays: (Bilingual) 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 7:30-7:50am

6:30-6:50pm

Saturday: 8:00-8:20am

4:00-4:50pm

First Friday: 7:30-7:50am

6:30-6:50pm

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM

Contact the parish office for information about the Baptismal Preparation process.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor **ONE year** in advance. Marriage Preparation course is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Visitation and/or communion for the sick upon request.

A Warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

**Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the church,
and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.**

Pastor's Corner

Dear friends in Christ, a few days ago I had the opportunity to speak to our confirmandi – students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming month. During their final lesson of preparation, the theme centered on the need to work our spiritual “muscles”, or what Christians generally call the exercise of “growing in virtue.” Just as we gradually build up our physical strength and endurance through exercise, so the exercise of spiritual virtues makes us strong enough to withstand temptation and avoid the development of sinful habits (also called “vices”). The Church, as you may recall, distinguishes different kinds of virtues. The four cardinal virtues – prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance – are considered human virtues because they influence our conduct with others and are developed through practice (like good habits). While the three theological virtues – faith, hope, and charity – are infused in our souls at Baptism and allow us to relate to God now and to live with him forever. Every one of us is called to live a heroic virtue, that is, to live a virtuous, holy life. To live a Christian life is not easy because choosing to do good is hard work. Even cooperating with God’s grace is not easy. It takes hard work and sacrifice.

In her extensive teachings, the Church also uses another name to describe this exercise of “growing in virtue”, or what she calls, “The Universal Call to Holiness and Apostolate.” Simply put, all people are called to be holy based on Jesus’ words, “Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matt 5:48). The call to holiness is mentioned on numerous occasions. Saint Pope John Paul II in his apostolic Letter, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, stated that **holiness is not only a state but a task**, whereby Christians should strive for a full Christian life, imitating Christ, God the Son, who gave his life for God the Father and for his neighbor. The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church taught: “...all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity....They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor” (cf. Chapter V, *Lumen Gentium*). Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI preached: “At the end of this series of Catechises, therefore, I would like to offer some thoughts on what holiness is. What does it mean to be holy? Who is called to be holy? We are often led to think that holiness is a goal reserved for a few elect. St Paul, instead, speaks of God’s great plan and says: “even as he (God) chose us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him” (Eph 1:4). **And he was speaking about all of us....**” (cf. General Audience of Wednesday, 13 April 2011).

Just a few days ago, Pope Francis released his latest apostolic exhortation, titled *Gaudete et Exsultate*, or “Rejoice and be glad,” and interestingly his focus was also on the universal call to holiness. Francis explains in the introduction the rationale for his third exhortation: “My modest goal is to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities.” Within forty-four short pages, Francis reiterates the fact that the call to holiness is the mission of every Christian. He offers many practical advices on how to answer the call to holiness in a world filled with distractions, consumerism and hedonism. He places a great emphasis on prayer and worship and the need to live the Beatitudes in our life, and to perform acts of love and mercy towards one’s neighbors, especially the poor. Although living the call is difficult, the Pope reminds us that, “The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence.” I invite you to not only read Francis’s latest exhortation, but more importantly, to remember that every one of us is called to live a call to holiness – to live a regimental exercise of “growing in virtue.” This call, which is rooted in our Baptism, can only be achieved by cooperating with the love and grace that comes from God. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: April 30th

- 8:00am - Reparation for Sins and Moral Renewal of Canada
- 7:00pm - In Thanksgiving 65th Wedding Anniv. Jose and Maria Quintal

Tuesday: May 1st

- 8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00pm - †Joe & Doris Casapinta

Wednesday: May 2nd

- 8:00am - †Antonio & Maria Vella
- 7:00pm - †Mary Manuepillai

Thursday: May 3rd

- 8:00am - †Felicisima Sorio
- 7:00pm - †Deceased members of the Italiano Family

Friday: May 4th

- 8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00pm - †Angela Zugaj

Saturday: May 5th

- 8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 5:00pm - †Daniel Franusic

Sunday: May 6th

- 9:00am - †Deceased members of the Cagnin Family
- 10:30am - For the People of Our Parish
- 12:00pm - †Florentina Flores

All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be.
—Saint Francis de Sales



Eucharistic Adoration

Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week's Collection \$5,720.00
ShareLife Collection \$9,794.00

Thank You For Your Generosity

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



God calls us daily into an intimate union with him. Today's readings remind us of this and that our souls thirst for God and his love. He is the only source of eternal life and apart from him we will never be satisfied.

In this Easter season we rejoice in the Lord's resurrection and we continue to reflect on his unfailing and everlasting love for us. Today, we are called to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus and surrender our lives to him so we can be who we were created to be. As the branch needs to be attached to the vine, we need to be attached to Jesus to produce fruit. As we grow in faith and love for others, God will prune us so we can produce more fruit.

The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we will learn to love others and ourselves as he does. We will be faithful to his commandments and abide in him.

Today, let us open our hearts to Jesus and receive his love especially during Communion. Let us take today's readings home and meditate on them - especially the Gospel. It is a great passage to use for a *Lectio Divina* with family or friends.

(Sarach Escobar, Living With Christ)

Nei discorsi di addio del Vangelo secondo san Giovanni (capitoli 13-17) l'evangelista prende spunto dalle parole di Gesù per riflettere, con il carisma che gli è proprio, sulla vita dei credenti dal tempo dell'Ascensione al ritorno del Signore. Egli si riconosce talmente legato al Signore attraverso lo Spirito di Dio che parla ai suoi ascoltatori e ai suoi lettori usando l'"io" di Cristo. Per mezzo della sua voce, il Signore rivela a coloro che credono in lui qual è la loro situazione, ordinando loro di agire in modo giusto.

È durante la festa liturgica delle domeniche che vanno da Pasqua alla Pentecoste che la Chiesa propone alla lettura questi discorsi, per mostrare ai credenti cos'è infine importante per la loro vita. Attraverso un paragone, il Signore ci rivela oggi che tutti quelli che gli sono legati mediante la fede vivono in vera simbiosi. Come i tralci della vite, che sono generati e nutriti dalla vite stessa, noi cristiani siamo legati in modo vitale a Gesù Cristo nella comunità della Chiesa. Vi sono molte condizioni perché la forza vitale e la grazia di Cristo possano portare i loro frutti nella nostra vita: ogni tralcio deve essere liberato dai germogli superflui, deve essere sano e reagire in simbiosi fertile con la vite.

Per mezzo del battesimo, Cristo ci ha accolti nella sua comunità. E noi siamo stati liberati dai nostri peccati dalla parola sacramentale di Cristo. La grazia di Cristo non può agire in noi che nella misura in cui noi la lasciamo agire. La Provvidenza divina veglierà su di noi e si prenderà cura di noi se saremo pronti. Ma noi non daremo molti frutti se non restando attaccati alla vite per tutta la vita. Cioè: se viviamo coscientemente la nostra vita come membri della Chiesa di Cristo. Poiché, agli occhi di Dio, ha valore duraturo solo ciò che è compiuto in seno alla comunità, con Gesù Cristo e nel suo Spirito: "Senza di me non potete far nulla". Chi l'ha riconosciuto, può pregare Dio di aiutarlo affinché la sua vita sia veramente fertile nella fede e nell'amore.



Archdiocesan Day of Prayer Friday, May 4th

Thomas Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 4th as an Archdiocesan Day of Prayer. We are asked to take the time, as a community, to pray for all vocations: priesthood, religious and consecrated life.

In a special way, we are asked to especially pray for Rev. Mr. Alexander MacDonald and Rev. Mr. Raymond So, who will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **Saturday, 12 May at 10:00 am.**

Ordination Prayer Vigil Friday, May 11th

An Ordination Prayer Vigil will also be held at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, May 11th from 6:00pm to Midnight.** Our parish will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am to 7:00pm that same day. Please consider spending some time before our Eucharistic Lord and praying for all those who are discerning their respective vocation, and especially for those about to be ordained.



Office of Vocations



Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action.

If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, please call **Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Office, Archdiocese of Toronto** 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

OLA Youth

Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?



All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night** on **Friday, May 11th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

LIFE TEEN *All grades 9 - 12 are invited!*

All Teens in grade 9 - 12 are welcome to our next **Life Night** on **Saturday, May 5th.**

'Life Teen' begins with the **5:00pm Mass**
6:00pm: Dinner (in the parish hall)
6:30pm - 8:30pm: Life Night

Follow us on Instagram: [ourladyairwaysyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ourladyairwaysyouth)

For youth ministry info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com

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