

# Our Lady of the Airways Parish



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## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Fr. RUGGIERO Dibenedetto  
Priest in residence: Fr. CANISIUS Raj  
Secretary: Filomena

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Holiday: CLOSED

## DEVOTIONS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Friday 9:30 am- 11:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY: Mass at 9:00 am followed by all day adoration  
Mass at 7:00 pm followed by community adoration from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

HOLY ROSARY: Before every Mass

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: third Tuesday of the month/ terzo martedì del mese at 8:30 am

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP: Wednesday at 9:00 am

## BAPTISM

For information about the Baptismal Preparation process, please contact the parish office or refer to our website for details and Baptismal Registration Form.

## MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance, prior to making all other arrangements. Marriage Preparation course is required. Please refer to our website for details and Marriage Request Form.

## ANointing OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if any of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament or to receive Holy Communion.

## CATECHISM & RCIA

For the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation), please contact the parish office or refer to our website for details and the RCIA Initial Information Form.

## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am  
10:30 am Italian  
12:00 pm  
4:00 pm Tamil

## WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Or by appointment. Please call/email the office to set a time.

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To join, please call Bro Murphy  
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## PARISH REGISTRATION (Print clearly & completely)

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*Please submit this form to the Parish office or place it in the collection basket on Sunday*

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## **READINGS for SUNDAY, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** **(34<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- Year A)**

1st Reading - Ezekiel 34.11 - 12, 15 - 17  
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15.20 - 26, 28  
Gospel - Matthew 25.31 - 46

### **JUDGED ON LOVE**

Ordinary time ends with a solemnity whose name, to some, might sound a little strange. Why give Jesus Christ the title of King? Maybe it's a question we ask ourselves too. This liturgical anniversary seems to clash with our usual way of thinking about kings and the powerful. And it is not enough that those who are bestowed with such honors usually affirm that this is, first of all, a burden, a service. History, in fact, teaches that often, these good offers do not go beyond simple "adverts", without converting the existence of those called to tasks of leadership and power. As in all things, then, there is the need for a perfect, unfailing and absolute example and this is why the liturgy does not change the name of this solemnity: where is true royalty? It lies in service to the heart of man, to his needs, because, as St. Thomas Aquinas would say, one cannot help but love who God loves. The judgment on love is not a question of subsequent verification, but of continuous conversion to the true way of reigning in life. After all, it is true that we remember in life those who loved us!



### **GIUDICATI SULL'AMORE**

Il tempo ordinario si conclude con una solennità il cui nome, all'orecchio di alcuni, potrebbe suonare un po' strano. Perché dare a Gesù Cristo il titolo di Re? Forse è una domanda che ci poniamo anche noi. Questa ricorrenza liturgica sembra stridere con il nostro modo consueto di pensare ai re e ai potenti. E non basta che quanti vengono investiti da tali onori, solitamente affermino che ciò sia, prima di tutto, un onere, un servizio. La storia, infatti, insegna che spesso, questi buoni propositi, non vanno oltre a semplici "spot", senza convertire l'esistenza di chi è chiamato a compiti di guida e di potere. Come in tutte le cose, allora, ecco che c'è la necessità di un esempio perfetto, indefettibile e assoluto ed ecco perché la liturgia non cambia il nome a questa solennità: dove sta la vera regalità? Sta nel servizio al cuore dell'uomo, alle sue necessità, perché, come direbbe san Tommaso D'Aquino, non si può non amare che Dio ama. Il giudizio sull'amore non è questione di verifica successiva, ma di conversione continua al modo vero di regnare nella vita. Dopo tutto, è vero che noi ci ricordiamo nella vita di chi ci ha voluto bene!



## **SATURDAY, NOV. 25, 2023 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY**

**5:00pm:** ✠ Mathai Poonoly  
✠ Ken & Shannon Ainsworth  
✠ Martin Braganza  
✠ Jose & Maria Fernanda Marques  
✠ Roberto & Edna Pinto  
✠ Anna Appruzzese  
◊ Birthday Blessings for Rose Amabelle Mendoza

## **SUNDAY, NOV. 26 CHRIST THE KING**

**9:00am:** ✠ Special Intentions for the Bonaparte Family  
**10:30am:** ✠ Filippo Aguanno & Franco Aguanno  
✠ Emilio Paternostro  
✠ Sante Quattrociocchi

**12:00pm:** Mass for 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of our church

## **TUESDAY, NOV. 28**

**9:00am:** ✠ Marikutty Thomas

## **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29**

(with devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

**9:00am:** ◊ Prayers of Healing Bebot Sonon,  
Anabelle Quilos & Sunsine Gadunl

**7:00pm:** ✠ MEMORIAL MASS for IDA DE ROSE

## **THURSDAY, NOV. 30 ST. ANDREW**

**9:00am:** ✠ Camilla McDonald  
◊ For Patients & Staff at Etobicoke General Hosp.

**7:00pm:** ✠ MEMORIAL MASS for CLEMENTINA GONCALVES

## **FRIDAY, DEC. 1 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

**9:00am:** ✠ Giuseppe Francesco Bava  
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament all day till 6:45pm

**7:00pm:** ✠ Agostino & Salvatore Dibenedetto  
✠ Karen Kelly

After Mass and till 8:30pm, ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament

## **SATURDAY, DEC. 2 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY**

**10:00am:** CONFIRMATION SESSION

**5:00pm:** ✠ Stephen Holt /// ✠ Mario Buosi

## **SUNDAY, DEC. 3 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

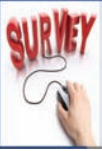
**9:00am:** ✠ Oscar & Fe Abe /// ✠ John Dimech  
**10:30am:** ✠ Antonio Ciampa /// ✠ Enrichetta Monaco  
**12:00pm:** ✠ Thresiamma Chacko  
◊ Blessings for Zoie Dsilva

## **READINGS for next SUNDAY, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** **(1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year B)**

1st Reading - Isaiah 63.16b - 17; 64.1, 3 - 8  
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.3 - 9  
Gospel - Mark 13.33 - 37





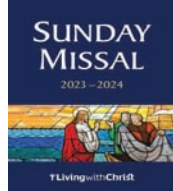


### **ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION YOUR PARTICIPATION IS REQUESTED!**

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) to complete a brief survey by **December 15, 2023**. Thank you for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment. *Everyone's participation is welcome.*

### **SUNDAY MISSAL 2024 are here**

The Sunday Missal for 2024 are here and on sale at the office or after Masses for \$5. *A Special Thank You to Newediuk Funeral Home for donating them to our church.*



### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL TOONIES FOR THE POOR**

Your help is also needed for donations to our poor box, to provide much needed assistance in the form of grocery gift cards for the most needy.

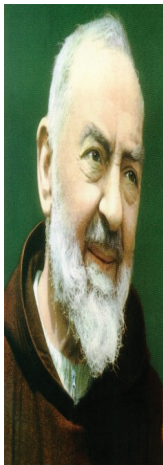
*Thank you for your generosity.*

### **ST. PADRE PIO Prayer Group**

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact, on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart. -St. Padre Pio

### **SAN PADRE PIO Gruppo di preghiera**

*La preghiera è la migliore arma che abbiamo; è la chiave del cuore di Dio. Devi parlare a Gesù non solo con le tue labbra, ma con il tuo cuore. Infatti in certe occasioni dovresti parlargli solo con il cuore. -San Padre Pio*



### **CANDLES**

Candles are available and with a donation under the mosaic of *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Padre Pio and St. Anthony*. Light a candle for your loved ones and for your intentions.

### **2023-24 FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

All Parents/Guardians of children in grade 2 and above and/or in Grade 7 and above, please register asap. If you have any questions contact 647-978-6513 or [olasac-ramentalpreparation20@gmail.com](mailto:olasac-ramentalpreparation20@gmail.com) In the meantime, **we look forward to seeing you in Church every Weekend.**



### **75th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR**

### **PARISH today @ 12**

Join us to celebrate **75 Wonderful Years of Our Lady of the Airways Parish**. Mass will be followed by potluck/coffee downstairs in big parish hall to celebrate. *Everyone is invited and is welcome to bring something to share or leave a monetary donation (please sign up at the back of the church or email us)* **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS**

### **ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament**

*This Friday being the first of the month (Dec 1st) Adoration all day long (please sign up the paper in the back) till 6:45pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm and Community Adoration till 8:30pm.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

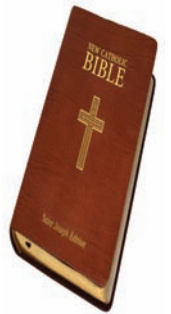


### **OLA YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS: A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT**

All students in grades 5 - 8 are welcome to our Advent Journey, Saturdays Dec. 2 - 9-16-23 from 3pm to 5pm in the Parish Hall (entrance from the back). For registration info, please see the Youth Ministry table Nov. 18 - 19 & Nov 25 - 26th after Masses. Or contact us at [alwaysyouth@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysyouth@gmail.com)

### **BIBLE CLASS coming to OLA**

We are pleased to announce "INTRODUCTION to BIBLE" to be held in the chapel on Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20th from 7pm to 8pm. Entrance from side door of the church in front of garage. Please bring a Catholic Bible (a few are available in the office for purchase). Open to all, join us to learn more about Jesus and the bible.



### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT in our Church SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 @7pm**

In the spirit of Christmas, Danielle, our organist/soloist along with her pianist and cellist, will be performing for our community a Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 16th at 7pm. Tickets are \$20/each (children under 10 are free). Join us for this joyous event.

### **ALTAR SERVER AWARDS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Altar Servers, **Agnel TOM, Alvina CHACKO, Benita JOLLY and Neha PRINCE** recipients of this years Altar Server Award from Our Lady of the Airways Parish. We would like to invite **NEW** young people to join our servers group.



# Our Lady of the Airways Parish

## 75th *Anniversary*



1948 - 2023

### **Pastoral Team**

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Priest in Residence: Fr. Canisius Raj

Secretary: Filomena

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### **Contact Information**

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### **Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday (English) - 5pm

Sunday (English) - 9am and 12pm

Sunday (Italian) - 10:30am

Sunday (Tamil) - 4pm

### **Weekday Eucharist**

Tuesday to Friday - 9am

## A message from your pastor



Dear parishioners,

It is a great pleasure and a big honour for me to be here and to be celebrating with you the 75th anniversary of our beautiful church of Our Lady of the Airways.

75 years of the parish means the people, events, sacraments, celebrations and much much more. I am grateful with you to the Lord and to all priests and parishioners of yesterday and today I am looking forward to continue to work together for the service of the Lord and His people.

May God bless us all from wherever we come and for the good we do.

Your pastor, Fr Ruggiero

## Parish History Summary

Located some twenty kilometers from Lake Ontario, the particular area that was to be later known as Malton, was probably well traversed by many Aboriginal people. Their way of life began to be touched significantly by European civilization in the 17th and particularly the 18th century. The land around Malton was purchased from the Mississauga Indians for the sum of £8,500 Sterling by the British Government. Malton was first named as a village in 1819. Because it was a railroad station, it became a center for the many farms in the area. Every village and town has its own distinct quality, reflected in its people. Malton is no exception.

Our Lady of the Airways Parish is now over seventy years old but the presence of the Catholic church in the Malton area dates back to the 1830's. On land, donated by a Colonel Baldwin, presently the site of Pearson International Airport, a small Catholic church was built in 1830 and called St. James. Then, in 1833, another patron, John McGuire, donated land to a Father Gordon who oversaw the building of St. Bernard's. This rival church was larger and served the people in this area until the latter part of the nineteenth century. As the Archdiocese of Toronto took shape and the geographical parishes were established, St. Bernard's, later known as the Old Fifth Line Church, fell into disrepair and was torn down about 1930. A reminder of this church is a Catholic cemetery which still remains with the boundaries of the present airport.

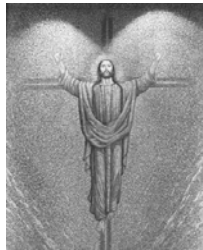
The airport, which we are so aware of today, began when land was purchased in 1937 and put Malton on the map. The village really began to change with the advent of World War II and the development of the wartime industries in the area. Many people moved here from all parts of Canada; wartime housing was built and still serves many of our parishioners today.

During the early part of this century, the small Catholic population of this area had to travel to other parishes, notably St. Patrick's in Wildfield, which had been established in 1830. However, the presence of the Air Force at the airport and the growing number of Catholics in Malton led to masses being celebrated in the Community Centre by the Air Force Chaplain, Father John Moss and by Father Ralph Egan of Wildfield. By 1944, the numbers warranted that the Malton area become a mission of St. Patrick's. For the next few years masses were held in homes and in some public housings such as the Old Hall, behind the Old Post Office.

A question always asked is, "How did this parish get its name?" The aircrafts overhead were a constant reminder of the air age and the proximity of the airport. This church on Beverley Street served many Roman Catholic travelers who passed through the airport until a Chaplaincy was established in 1980. The parochial motto is

"Super Pennas Ventorum", which means in English, "Upon the Wings of the Wind". Father Ralph Egan felt that the name "Our Lady of the Airways" was the only appropriate name for this mission because it was so closely associated with the airport.

Between 1944 and 1948, the Catholic Church continued to grow as a mission of St. Patrick's. Their baptismal register shows that many of those baptized lived in Malton. The last such entry is dated November 1947. During this time, there was active interest in establishing a church and a Catholic school in Malton. Under Father Ralph Egan's leadership, a building that had been used as a cafeteria by the Victory Airplane factory during the war was purchased and moved to Beverly Street. It was eventually turned into a very wonderful little church. In the spring of 1948, Our Lady of the Airways became a full-fledged parish. For the first few months, the church served as a school during the week. Then a Quonset hut became available and was placed across from the church and divided into classrooms. It opened as Our Lady of the Airways School on December 5th, 1948.



Father Vincent Egan, no relation to Father Ralph Egan of St. Patrick's, was the first Pastor of Our Lady of the Airways, which settled into a way of life that was to remain stable for the next 20 years.

Another phase in the history of the parish began to unfold with the appointment of Father Joseph Nolan in 1969. Father Joseph guided the parish throughout the next 12 years during a period of great dynamic growth in population.

When the city declared the original church on Beverly Street to be unsafe for the parish to gather for worship, masses were celebrated in Holy Cross School at Morningstar and Darcel Avenue. The decision to build the new church adjacent to Holy Cross School instead of the original site was intended to place the parish church at the centre of the new growth in the parish.

The new Our Lady of the Airways on Darcel Avenue was completed in 1971 at a cost of \$177,550.00. The new church was officially blessed by the Most Reverend Philip Pocock. The cross was dedicated to the memory of Father Andrew Stevenson and the Bell Towers (complete with bells) to the memory of Father Howard MacMillan. With further increase in Catholic population, more space was required. In 1976, new plans were begun for an addition to the structure at the corner of Morningstar and Darcel Avenue. This addition was completed in 1978. The parish now had a church which could seat 950 people and a hall which could accommodate 200.

**SOURCE:** <https://oltheairwaysmi.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/our-history/our-parish/>





26 November 2023

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I wish to extend my prayers and best wishes as your community celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of the Airways Parish. This name, inspired by Mother Mary and reflective of the proximity of the parish to Toronto's Pearson International Airport, also carries with it a most appropriate motto, "Super Pennas Ventorum", or in English, "Upon the Wings of the Wind".

We give thanks to our gracious and loving God for the abundance of blessings that He has showered from in high upon your community over so many years. We remember all those who have contributed to the growth of the parish: clergy who have shepherded the faithful selflessly, the powerful witnessing of religious men and women and the committed lay faithful who have given so generously of their time, talent and treasure to sustain and strengthen your faith community.

On this most joyous of occasions, let us give thanks and continue to seek new opportunities to share our cherished Catholic faith and good works in Gospel outreach with all those we encounter, building on the rich legacy that has been carefully nurtured over the past 75 years.

Be assured of my spiritual closeness as you celebrate this important milestone and turn to Our Lady for her continued intercession in your lives. May she continue to watch over you as a loving mother caring for her children and accompany you throughout our earthly journey soaring high to the Heavenly Kingdom by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Wishing you a most grace filled and blessed 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ad multos annos.

Yours Sincerely in Jesus with Mary,

Most Rev. Francis Leo  
Archbishop of Toronto



75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Members

Father Ruggiero Dibenedetto

Nitu Hukil

Anne De Guzman

Geraldine Oliveira

Alice Mascarenhas

Tameka Mahoney

Rose Perdue

Mike Ainsworth

*On behalf of the pastoral team and the committee members,  
thank you to all who have generously contributed to  
celebrating the 75th anniversary of  
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