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Parish established in 1926, Church erected 1929
Original painting by Gary Smith

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am
(Children's Liturgy October – May 10:00 am Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

Public Holiday Mass: 10:00 am

First Friday Adoration: 9:00 am Mass: 12 Noon

OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Loretto Room)

Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Loretto Room)

Registration forms for the parish and all sacraments,
as well as mass cards and religious items, are available
in the Loretto Room after all weekend Masses. We
also have a DVD lending library.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

All Parishioners are encouraged to register in our
community. Registration forms are available in the
Loretto Room on the weekends.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor

Fr. Joseph Nguyen – Associate Pastor

Paul McDonald - Deacon

Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM

Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM

Joanna Manturowicz – Youth Minister/Sacramental Prep.

Rafal Bartosinski – Seminarian Intern

PASTORAL STAFF

Julie Brett - Office Administrator

Paul Honeyford - Property Manager

Agnes Ahn - Bookkeeper

Lumen Fernandes - Part-Time Reception

Juliet Lobo - Part-Time Reception

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:45 pm—4:25 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room.
Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Marriage Request Forms are available in the Loretto
Room after Mass. The form must be completed one
year in advance of the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you need a priest to visit someone who is ill at home
please call the office to notify the Parish Priests.

PARISH MINISTRIES

* Lectors

* Eucharistic Ministers

* Ministers of Hospitality

* Parish Women's Group

* Development & Peace

* Director of Music- Paul Jenkins 416-920-3341

cpauljenkins@mac.com

* Heart & Soul Choir (10am) Sarah Martin &
Joan McGivney

* R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

* R.C.I.C. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

* Catechetical Program for Public & Private School Children

* Outreach Programs (Out of the Cold, Good Shepherd)

* Knights of Columbus (1388 Council)

* Eucharistic Marian Prayer Group - Mondays 5:30 pm

* Children's Liturgy (10 am - must register)

* Altar Servers

* Sacristans

* Marriage Preparation

* BSC Youth Group

* St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Toronto - 416-934-0606

www.archtoronto.org

Blessed Sacrament School - 416-393-5226

Principal - Richard Walo

Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

Catholic Family Services - www.cfstoronto.com

Vocations - www.vocationstoronto.ca

Vatican - www.vatican.va

Gaudette Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Advent



Communion Reflection

Joy.....

There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy. Joy is a blend of laughter and tears. It consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life. It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages, knowing that big packages are few and far between. It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now. Joy is love bubbling over into life. And it can coexist with pain. Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace, has taken up residence in our hearts.

St. Joseph Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
Marianna Francesco Sama

St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
John Beck

Masses of Intentions

Monday – Jean Watson (INT) / Jose Samson +
Tuesday – Eddrin Sequeira + / Fred, Gertrude & Gerry Byrne +
Wednesday – Celine McGinley + / Souls in Purgatory +
Thursday – Lorenao Di Cecco + / Carolyn & Dick Cerrone +
Friday – Cosimo Puseteri + / Sheelagh Creaghan + / Ken Hartley + / Eric Foss +
/ Katrina Foss + / Jean-Paul McLena + / Huguette McLean +

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, George Hallan, Vince Pelletier

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH – Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30 pm we will celebrate Christmas in Italy at our parish. Michael Castaldo (www.michaelcastaldo.com) will be at Blessed Sacrament to perform classic Christmas carols and Advent songs. Tickets are \$30/\$25 for seniors/students and are available in the parish office, the Loretto Room on weekends or on-line at www.brownpapertickets.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The Angel Tree – Our special tree is adorned with angels, each representing families less fortunate with a wish for Christmas. We will be supporting St. Paul's School and the Good Shepherd Refuge. You are invited to select an angel from the Tree beginning this weekend and purchase gift certificates. Please leave them in the box under the tree by **Sunday Dec 23rd** or bring to the parish office. For more information please call the parish office.



The **Out of the Cold** dinner program serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community is sponsored by Glenview Presbyterian, St. Leonard's Anglican and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The program runs every Sunday from the first Sunday in November to last Sunday in March at the Glenview Presbyterian Church at 1 Glenview Avenue. The Blessed Sacrament Church is responsible for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare NUT FREE desserts that are easy to carry away like muffins, cookies, brownies, squares, etc. Desserts can be dropped off at Glenview Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 4pm during this period. In addition, donations for NEW socks, mittens, gloves, and undergarments are always welcome as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to this year's Out of the Cold leaders. 2nd Sunday: Sandra Girard and Nina Spinosa at ootc.secondsunday@gmail.com. 3rd Sunday: Ann Marie and Bill Rosenitsch annmarieroz@gmail.com.

Blessed Sacrament Card Group – Meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, December 20. All are welcome; there is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

Rafal, our Seminarian, will give presentations on the Four Figures of Advent on Tuesday December 4, Tuesday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 18th at 2:30 pm in the Loretto Room. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.

Scripture : Zephaniah 3.14-18a, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.10-18

December 16, 2018

The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Is 7.14)

Jeff Cavins "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"

**Bible Study beginning Thursday, January 17, 2019 for 8 weeks (no class February 21).
Contact Elisa Weaver for more information at elisa.wever@gmail.com or the parish office.**

2019 ENVELOPES - Please pick up your 2019 envelopes at the back of the church. **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF THERE IS AN ERROR WITH YOUR BOX NUMBER. Please DO NOT use any leftover envelopes from 2018 or any other year!**

Recycle your outdated envelopes. If you did not pick up your 2018 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. If you would like to be an envelope user, please pick up a new box in the Loretto Room as well. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes used so we can update the parish data for 2019. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Also pick up your 2019 parish calendar.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Advent Day of Confession

Thursday, December 20th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

For all other times please come to the parish office

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24th

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Children's Liturgy 4:30 pm

Masses: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25th

Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

Wednesday, December 26th

Mass: 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary

New Years Eve, Monday,

December 31st

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Tuesday,

January 1st

Masses: 10:00 am & 11:30 am

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Parish Office Christmas Hours
Wednesday, December 12st – Closed from noon to 2:30 pm

Closed Monday, December 24th at noon

Closed Tuesday, December 25th

Closed Wednesday, December 26th

Closed Monday, December 31st at noon

Closed Tuesday, January 1st

ATTN: Altar Servers - please sign up for the Mass that you will be serving at on Christmas and New Year's Day in the Loretto Room.



The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass:

Christmas Eve on VisionTV at 9:00 pm ET yesTV at 10:00 pm ET

Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV

11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light 1:00 pm on yesTV

You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.com

Please remember the Good Shepherd Refuge over the Christmas Season. More casseroles are needed.

ADVENT 2018! During the Holy Advent Season, we will have confessions from 11:00 – 11:15 am on the four Sundays. We have also begun our Prayer to St. Michael at the end of each Mass, which will be ongoing.

**Gaudete Sunday is a joyful day as Christmas draws very near.
Rose vestments are worn today!**



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