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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

Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM

Joanna Manturowicz – Youth Minister/Sacramental Prep.

Adam Pantaleo – 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

Or call the parish office for an appointment

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

Communion Reflection

A reed in the wind

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.

A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol of those who are easily influenced, who go along with whatever is popular, and who have no convictions of their own. But the humble reed can teach us something.

The fact that it is light means that it is at the mercy of every wind that blows. But it has great strength too.

The greatest storm cannot uproot it. Even when giant oaks come crashing down, the slender reed still stands secure. Lord, teach us that there is strength in weakness and suppleness, and to give us the wisdom to know when to bend and when to stand firm.



*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp
Burns for the intentions of
Matteo Di Folco*

*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
Artur Pina*

Masses of Intentions

Monday – Private Intention / Private Intention

Tuesday –Jean Watson (INT) / Msgr Ken Robitaille +

Wednesday –Ralf Emerson + / Marnie Harper +

Thursday – Maria Giberta De Andrade + / Janet Wrazen +

Friday - Deacon Paul McDonald + / Rose Ann Roscica + / Elvira Longo + / Bernadette Lynch + / Annette Ferrante +

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Joe & Rita Di Diodato,
Matteo Di Folco, Marcus Gibbons, Sarah Holroyde,
Brenda McGuire, Mare Olito, Jean Watson

Please call the parish office to have a name added to the sick list.

2020 ENVELOPES - Please pick up your 2020 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 2019 or any other year! Recycle your outdated envelopes.** If you did not pick up your 2019 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. Your envelopes that you use here at Blessed Sacrament are not valid at other parishes. If you use them there you may not get a tax receipt from that parish. 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 2020 parish calendar.

EnCourage Toronto-Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attractions? **Courage & EnCourage** provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information on our meeting and events: **EnCourage:** Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity. Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues
P: 416-928-5094 email: encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ. Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrage
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Prepare a Home - Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation and longing. Advent is a natural time to get involved at home and directly connect with worship at church. In the church each Sunday during Advent the focus is leading to the birth of Jesus. Some families decorate the house for the beginning of Advent, or bake special cookies or treats, or simply begin to use table coverings for meals. All of these provide opportunities to teach children the significance of this sacred time, and to remind ourselves of it as well. We live in a world in which bigger and better define our expectations for much of life. We have become so infatuated by super-size, super stars, and high definition that we tend to view life through a lens that so magnifies what we expect out of the world that we tend not to see potential in small things.

Nunavut Campaign Thank You! The Women's Group would like to thank you for your wonderful response to our warm clothing for Nunavut campaign. Your clothing donations and your postage donations enabled us to send 3 x 15 kg. cartons to Arviat, 2 cartons to Whale Cove and 2 cartons to Kugaaruk, 1 carton to Moosonee plus a little box of toys and candy to Chesterfield Inlet! These items will be shared by the poorest members of each community. From our Northern Missionaries to everyone here in our parish - "Your kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness are very much appreciated. Thank you."

Scripture : Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

December 15, 2019

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1.21)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Advent Day of Confession

Wednesday, December 18th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

For all other times please come to the parish office

Christmas Eve Tuesday, 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 Wednesday, December 25th

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

Thursday, December 26th

St. Stephan Day

Mass: 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary

New Years Eve, Tuesday,

December 31st

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Wednesday,

January 1st

Masses: 10:00 am & 11:30 am

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Parish Office Christmas Hours
Thursday, December 19th – Closed from noon to 2:30 pm

Closed Tuesday, December 24th at noon

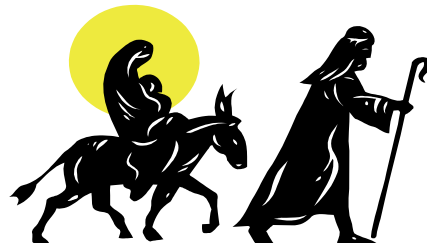
Closed Wednesday, December 25th

Closed Thursday, December 26th

Closed Tuesday, December 31st at noon

Closed Wednesday, 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 **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 at annmarieroz@gmail.com.

The Angel Tree - Our special tree is adorned with angels, each representing families less fortunate with a wish for Christmas. We will be supporting the **St. Felix Centre for the street people 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 22nd** or bring to the parish office. For more information please call the parish office.



The boys of the 56th and 93rd Scout Groups will be running their annual Christmas Tree sales at the Church of St. Leonard, 25 Wanless Avenue, beginning Saturday, November 30th until Sunday, December 22nd. The lot is open on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and on Sundays from noon – 4:00 pm

Parking - We understand the difficulty of finding parking (especially in the winter) but please do not block our neighbours' driveways, it is illegal as well as a danger to the people in emergency situations. Please make sure when parking on the streets around the church that there is room for emergency vehicles to get by safely. The Toronto Police asked if parishioners would park on streets west of Duplex, on Yonge Street or Lawrence. Also note that there is a parking place for **WHEELCHAIR PARKING ONLY** on the north side of Cheritan close to Yonge Street. If you park there without a permit you can be fined a minimum of \$250. Thanks, Fr. Larry

On Monday, December 23rd at 7:30 pm the **Victoria Scholars** will perform a Christmas concert here at Blessed Sacrament. Followed by a reception in the parish hall. Tickets will be available at the door or on-line at www.victoriascholars.ca

There will be confessions 15 minutes before each SUNDAY Mass Sunday, December 15th and Sunday, December 22nd For the season of Advent



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