



# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH ~ TORONTO

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday/lunedì - venerdì 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Sunday Mass/Messe Domenicali:**

Saturday/sabato 5:00 pm - English  
Sunday/domenica 9:00 am - Italiano  
11:30 am - English

**Weekday Mass/Messe Feriali:**

Monday - Tuesday/lunedì - martedì 8:00 am - Italiano  
Wednesday/mercoledì 8:00 am - English  
Thursday - Friday/giovedì - venerdì 8:00 am - Italiano

**Memorial Mass/Messe Commemorative:**

Are scheduled on a Wednesday at 7:00 pm about a month after funerals that have been celebrated at our parish.

Va celebrate il mercoledì alle 7:00 pm un mese dopo un funerale celebrato nella nostra parrocchia.

**Confessions/Confessioni:**

Friday/venerdì 8:30 am - 9:00 am  
Saturday/sabato 4:30 pm - 4:55 pm  
or by appointment/o per appuntamento

**Adoration/Adorazione Eucaristica:**

First Friday/Primo venerdì 8:30 am - 9:15 am

**Baptisms, Weddings, & Funerals:**

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings must be booked a minimum of one year in advance.

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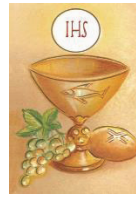
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## FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION



On Sunday, May 26 at 11:30 am, 28 children from our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of their First Holy Communion. As they prepare to receive this Sacrament, as a Parish community, let us accompany them with our prayers.

## MARIAN CONSECRATION



For many centuries, the month of May has been dedicated to the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy. It is a month in which Christians offer to the Virgin Mary more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration. And it is the month in which greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne.

In conclusion of this Marian month, on **Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>**, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Elizabeth, we are going to celebrate the consecration of our Parish to the Blessed Virgin.

We invite everyone to join us for a Bilingual Mass at **7:00 pm** during which the consecration will take place.

## VOCATIONS

The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. In today's Church God calls priests, religious and deacons to serve Him and to serve others especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
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## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a feast that honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly, and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation, when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me."

To celebrate this Feast, join us on **Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am** for a Solemn Mass followed by a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the streets of our Parish. The procession concludes with the Eucharistic Benediction.

## YEAR OF PRAYER



In advance of the Jubilee Year taking place in 2025, the archdiocese has created a video series which will highlight the importance of prayer in our lives. The series will focus on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer as found

in the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The first video, an introduction to the Year of Prayer by Archbishop Leo, is available for viewing now on the archdiocesan website as well as on the archdiocesan YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/@archtoronto](http://www.youtube.com/@archtoronto).

## ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE

Archbishop Francis Leo has issued a message for the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You can read his reflection on the Archdiocese website:

[www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leos-message-on-the-month-of-the-blessed-mother](http://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leos-message-on-the-month-of-the-blessed-mother)

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory (May 11/12) \$ 2505.75  
Church Restoration Fund \$ 1108.55

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

ShareLife Sunday – June 2, 2024  
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The Feast of Saint Anthony – June 16, 2024

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*Thank you for living the Gospel!*

## CONGRATULATIONS



We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate 21 members of our community who on May 17<sup>th</sup>, received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in July 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Victoria Day, Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> and reopens on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 18

5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

### SUNDAY, MAY 19 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

11:30 am For the People of Our Parish

### MONDAY, MAY 20 – THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8:00 am Carmelo Ionadi

### TUESDAY, MAY 21

8:00 am Cesare e Caterina Rizzuto

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22- SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

8:00 am S.I. In thanksgiving for blessings received through the intercession of Saint Rita

7:00 pm Saverio Aurilia

### THURSDAY, MAY 23

8:00 am Giuseppe Filiano

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

8:00 am S.I. In ringraziamento per le benedizioni ricevuti per intercession di Santa Dymphna

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenzo Anania  
Susan Benvenuti  
Leah Burgess  
Lucy Czerwinski  
Mario Forgione  
Anna Lo Faso  
Sanjay Malhotra  
Margaret Morra  
Anthony Muhitch  
Paulo Viera

Peter Benvenuti  
Theresa Bertagnolli  
Lucia Cardoso  
Mike Fazzari  
Paulina L.  
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Dimas Medeiros  
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If you would like to add someone's name to the Prayers for the Sick List, please contact the Parish Office.





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