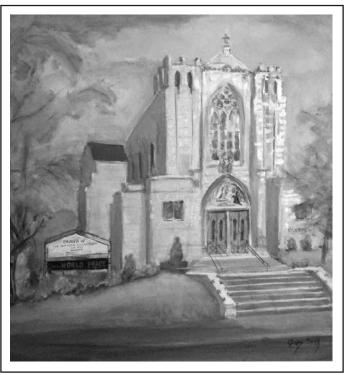
BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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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: 11:00 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

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Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor of 10 Fr. Constantin Siarapis – Associate Pastor Paul McDonald - Deacon Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM Aldrin Fernandes – 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
- * Altar Servers
- * Sacristans
- * Ministers of Hospitality
- * Marriage Preparation * BSC Youth Group
- * Parish Women's Group * Development & Peace
 - * St. Vincent de Paul
- * 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
- * Catechetic Program for Public & Private School Children
- * Outreach Programs (Out of the Cold, Good Shepherd)
- * Knights of Columbus (1388 Council)
- * Eucharistic Marian Prayer Group
- * Children's Liturgy (10 am must register)

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Communion Reflection



Jesus often went into the hills to pray. He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop. He was transfigured on Mount Tabor, died on Mount Calvary, and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet. It seems that he loved hills and mountains. Why was this?

Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee? Or was it because height enlarge our vision and cause our spirit to soar?

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further.

Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.

And when the valley close us in,

help us to remember the view from the hilltop.

St. Joseph Vigil Lamp Burns in memory of Dermot Murphy *************

> *St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp Burns in memory of Tom Watson*

Masses of Intentions

Monday – Tom Leon + / Bruna Colussi + Tuesday – Tom Watson + / Bill DesLauries + Wednesday – Amelia Maliwat + / Margaret Leah (INT) Thursday – Robin Mars + / Mike Clancy + Friday - John Ophelders + / Ted Ophelders + / John Wilson + / Frank Reich + /Annette Richardson + / Dallard Blackburn +

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, Robin Noel Ennevor, Evelyn Ferreira, Patricia Sinclair-Goodfellow, Kathryn Horgan, Simon Jimenez, Rocco Manserro, Jolanta Nowakowska, Vince Pellettier

First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Sundays 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 8 & May 6. Tuesday Class dates are: Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 10 & May 8.

First Communion on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

Confirmation Classes

Classes are held on Wednesday's 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Classes are: Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 28 & Mar. 28.

Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. 4444

Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates

www.blessedsacramentcs.com First Communion will be on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2:30 pm Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm

<u>Blessed Sacrament Parish Lenten Schedule</u> Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm - During Lent Saturday Morning Mass at 9:30 am - During Lent

SVDP Bundle Up Weekend – March 3rd and 4th

Scripture : Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Romans 8.31b-35, 37, Mark 9.2-10

God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength. (1 Cor 10.13)

Blessed Sacrament Lenten Retreat with Fr. Robbie McDougall March 17th to 21st

This retreat is an opportunity for a person to pray, seek, to ponder and reflect on Christ's love for us through the paschal mystery of dying and rising. It is a call to reflect on the New Life that Christ offers to his disciples. Together we will 'journey with Jesus' through the events that led to his passion, death and resurrection and how this gift of supreme Love for humanity has given you hope on your life's journey thus far in life.

Music, Song, powerful liturgies, presentations, silence, reconciliation and more are all a part of this retreat.

Come, rise up and celebrate new life! Romans 6:4 "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Call for Conscience Campaign - Sign-Up Sundays! February 24/25 & March 3/4. We Need Your Help!

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please visit **http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration** to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

<u>OUT OF THE COLD</u>—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.

Blessed Sacrament Card Group - Meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall 1.00pm – 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, March 1. Everyone is welcome. There is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

<u>CROSSROADS YOUTH GROUP</u> – Meet every second Sunday from 4.30-6.30 pm in our parish hall. Everyone in grades 7 and up are welcome. Our next meeting is - TODAY - Sunday, February 25.

World Day of **Prayer 2018** - World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together each March to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world. Please join us at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church (105 Wilson Ave.) along with our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer on Thursday, March 1 at 1:30 pm. A reception will follow.



