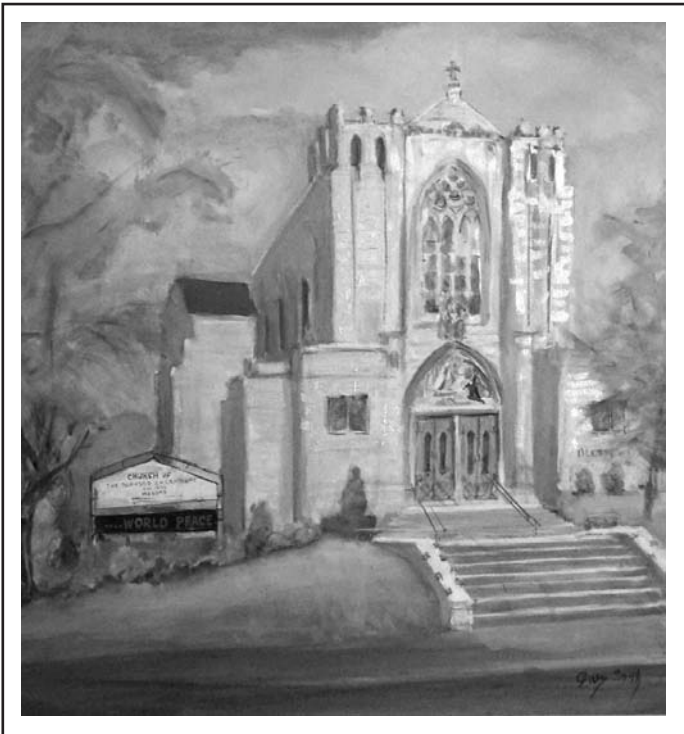


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Parish established in 1926, Church erected 1929  
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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor  
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
- \* Ministers of Hospitality
- \* Parish Women's Group
- \* Development & Peace
- \* Director of Music- Paul Jenkins 416-920-3341  
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- \* 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
- \* Children's Liturgy (10 am - must register)
- \* Altar Servers
- \* Sacristans
- \* Marriage Preparation
- \* BSC Youth Group
- \* St. Vincent de Paul

## **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.

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www.archtoronto.org  
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# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Communion Reflection

*A grain of wheat must die.....*

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God. Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.  
Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.  
Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.  
Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.  
Thus the false self dies, and the true self, made in God's image, is born and nurtured.  
It is by giving, that we receive;  
it is by forgiving that we are forgiven;  
it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.



*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp  
Burns for intentions of  
Dario & Lucia Ardila*

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*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp  
Burns for the intentions of  
All our retired Priests*

## Masses of Intentions

**Monday** – Doreen Bunbury + / Fred, Gertrude & Gerry Byrne +  
**Tuesday** – Sandy Crawford + / Lilia Alarana +  
**Wednesday** – Jim Murray + / Doreen Bunbury +  
**Thursday** – Allan Smart + / Concetta Pompeo +  
**Friday** - Cosimo Puseteri + / Geza Vigh + / Sandor Vigh + / Lesley Skelly (INT) / Hoppe-Radomski-Cordy Family (INT)  
**Saturday** – Donald Barton +

## 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. ◀◀◀◀

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

Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat.

## Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates

[www.blessedsacramentcs.com](http://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

**No Childrens Liturgy Today, Sunday, March 18th**

**Scripture : Jeremiah 31.31-34, Hebrews 5.7-9, John 12.20-33**

# March 18, 2018

*He let them be treated with mercy. (Psalm 106.46)*

## **Blessed Sacrament Lenten Retreat with Fr. Robbie McDougall this weekend March 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>**

*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.*

*Fr. Robbie will be preaching at all the Masses this weekend of March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The retreats will take place in the church on Monday and Tuesday evening beginning at 7:00 pm. Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> the evening will begin at 7:00 pm and will include confessions and a reception in the parish hall.*

**OUT OF THE COLD** – 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 anmarieroz@gmail.com.

**Blessed Sacrament Card Group** - Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall 1.00pm – 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. There is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

**CROSSROADS YOUTH GROUP** – 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 - please watch the bulletin for the next date .

### **Blessed Sacrament Parish Lenten Schedule**

**Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm  
& Saturday Morning Mass  
at 9:30 am during Lent**

### **Lenten Day of Confession**

**Wednesday, March 21  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Between 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm please come to  
the parish office**

### **Holy Week 2018**

**Palm Sunday, March 24/25-** Blessed Palms will be available at all Masses  
**Chrism Mass at St. Michaels Cathedral Basilica  
Tuesday, March 27 at 11:00 am**

**Easter Monday, April 2 Mass will be at 10:00  
am.**

**Parish Office is Closed on Good Friday, March**



### **The Great Triduum**

**Holy Thursday, March 29 - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:00 pm (No 8:30 am Mass)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight  
(prayer service at 11:45 pm)**

**Good Friday, March 30 - Holy Liturgy:  
11:00 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm**

**Holy Saturday, March 31 - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm  
Easter Sunday, April 1 - Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30  
am & 1:00 pm**

**At our 1:00 pm Mass we will welcome 5 candidates for  
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