

# 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: 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

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Communion Reflection Compassion....



The person in misery does not need a look that judges and criticizes, but a comforting presence. Jesus looked at the ordinary people, and seeing how needy they were, he had compassion on them and began to minister to them. Compassion means that I suffer with you; I accept into my heart the misery in yours; I become one with you in your pain, but by understanding it and sharing it, I make it possible for you to bear it. Lord, give us warm and generous hearts so that we may be agents of your compassion to others.

*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp  
Burns for the intentions of Our Parishioners  
as we begin our Lenten journey.*

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*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp  
Burns for the intentions of all in our Parish who are sick or suffering.*

## Masses of Intentions

**Monday** – John Wilson + / Theresa Lecuyer +  
**Tuesday** – Mark Irish + / Bong Cass Monzon (INT)  
**Wednesday** – Arci Boza + / Donald Bianco +  
**Thursday** – Eileen Doran + / Mary Ellen Rankin +  
**Friday** - Ted Ophelders + / John Ophelders + / Adelle deCarlo (+) Ida Porco+

## Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, Joe & Rita Di Diodato,  
Matteo Di Folco, Marcus Gibbons,  
Brenda McGuire, Mare Olito

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

**Blessed Sacrament Card Group** - Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month in the Parish Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome; there is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact: Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto**  
**Phone: 416-968-0997 Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) Web: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jordan and Germany, under the spiritual leadership of our own Fr. Joseph Nguyen. November 11 – 24, 2020. Cost (incl. all taxes and tips) \$4,790.00. Information brochures can be found in the Loretto Room, the parish office and at all the doors.**

**EDGE Camp – August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> at Camp White Pine, Haliburton**  
**Registration is now open. Please contact Joanna at [bscopyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:bscopyouthministry@gmail.com)**  
Everyone in Grades 5 – 8 is welcome. Early Bird: \$425.00 before April 15, 2020  
Regular Rate: \$475.00 from April 15, 2020 Registration Closing: May 15, 2020

*The Blessed Sacrament Women's group is sponsoring an information session presented by the Heart & Stroke Association Thursday March 12th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm .  
The focus will be on the different symptoms that women may experience during a heart attack or coronary .  
These symptoms are often not considered serious by the woman & can result in severe consequences .*

**ALTAR SERVERS** – There will be a meeting and pizza lunch on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Adam, our seminarian will be in touch with each of you with more details or call the parish office. Anyone wishing to be a server is welcome to attend as well!

**Scripture : Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25, 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11**

# March 1, 2020

Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? (Luke 2.49b)

## First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Classes are Sunday's 9:00 – 10:00 am or Tuesday's 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: ~~Oct-6, Nov-3, Dec-1, Jan-12, Feb-2~~, Mar. 1, Apr. 5 & May 3. Tuesday Class dates are: ~~Oct-8, Nov-5, Dec-3, Jan-14, Feb-4~~, Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5.

**\*\*Catholic School Students to begin in January\*\***

**First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**First Communion on Sunday, May 24, 2020 Times to be determined**

## Confirmation Classes

Classes are Sunday's 11:00 am – 12:30 pm or Wednesday's 4:30 – 6:00 pm, Classes are held in the parish hall. Sunday Class dates: ~~Oct-6, Nov-3, Dec-1, Jan-12, Feb-2~~, Mar. 1 & Apr. 5. Wednesday Class dates: ~~Oct-9, Nov-6, Dec-4, Jan-15, Feb-5~~, Mar. 4 & Apr. 8

**Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 10:30 am – 5:30 pm  
(includes attending 4:30 pm Mass)**

**Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**

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

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 Rosenitsch at anmarieroz@gmail.com.

## **LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2020 on Saturday, March 7th, from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front Street West

A Grace-filled Day Celebrating God's Love with: Thomas Cardinal Collins, Ralph Martin and Father James Mallon. With uplifting music, Eucharistic healing procession, confession and Holy Mass. Separate Youth Event with Christy Dupuis & Rachel Herbeck.

For Tickets: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca), [contact@ljhr.ca](mailto:contact@ljhr.ca)

***Please note, there will be NO Children's Liturgy classes during March Break (March 15 and 22)***

## Blessed Sacrament Parish Lenten Schedule

**Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00pm - During Lent beginning Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00am - During Lent beginning Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

***Our Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Daniel Schlapelo begins the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 pm Mass with extended Homily, Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Mass with  
extended Homily and Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Liturgy and Confessions Everyone is welcome.  
Lenten day of confessions March 25<sup>th</sup> 9am to 12pm and 7pm to 9pm***

**Please continue to practice the three Pillars of Lent  
Penance, Fasting, & Alms to the Poor**

***\*\*The Church during the Lenten Season, asks us to abstain from meat on ALL Fridays during Lent.\*\****



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