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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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Catrina Bova

Lectors:
Luz Sucilan
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
and after First Friday mass or by
appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the
Religious Education office. Couples
expecting a child are encouraged to
contact the office before the child is
born. Please contact ext 1003, for
more information.

MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Anish at least one
year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office ext 1007

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.devp.org
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 26

5:30 pm Celine Disilva +

Tuesday, January 27

5:30 pm Janek Pabiant +

Wednesday, January 28

5:30 pm SI of Shynimol Thayilchira & Family

Thursday, January 29

**5:30 pm Mervis Worotyneć +
- Karen Cornelius**

Friday, January 30

**5:30 pm Mary & Thomas Blok+
- Florentino Villanueva**

Saturday, January 31

5:30 pm Calea Family

Sunday, February 1

10:00 am For Parish Community

12:00 pm Frank & Carmela

Camillerit +

Ted Komenza

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba, Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Ted Kowalczyk, Elizabeth, Vivian, Dianne, John Huges and Anna Maria Silva

Estate Planning webinar

Estate Planning

From a Catholic Perspective

Saturday, February 7, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Online Webinar on Zoom

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Peter Okonski
Archdiocese of Toronto
Frank Janetta
Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

will share:

- How to avoid problems
 - in your Will
 - with the Powers of Attorney & through proper Estate Trustee selection
- Potential dangers and the ways to protect your loved ones and yourself will be illustrated in a few real-life stories
- How to create your personal Catholic legacy
- Our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

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<https://qrco.de/WedFeb7>

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your name to:
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“When Christ Enters, Darkness Loses Its Power”

Every one of us carries a name in our heart someone who is struggling, stubborn, wounded, or trapped in a darkness they cannot seem to escape. Their choices may cause us anguish, and their resistance to God’s grace can feel painfully personal. Today’s Scriptures speak directly into that ache.

The prophet Isaiah announces a promise that changes everything: darkness does not have the final word. God Himself becomes light for His people. This promise is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, whose very presence transforms regions overshadowed by despair into places of hope. Where Christ enters, healing begins, chains are broken, and a new future opens.

Jesus knows the anguish we feel for others. In Luke’s Gospel He cries out, “How great is my anguish until it is accomplished!” (Lk 12:50). Our pain for those who are far from God is not a sign of failure it is a sign that our hearts are aligned with His. As Saint Augustine reminds us, “God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.” To love deeply is to suffer deeply, but it is also to hope deeply.

Prayer, then, is not about changing God’s mind. The Church teaches that prayer unites us to God’s saving work already underway. As the Catechism says, “In hope, the Church prays for the ‘coming of the Kingdom of God’” (CCC 2817). When we pray for those in darkness, we place them into the arms of Divine Providence trusting that God can even use the painful consequences of sin to awaken hearts and lead them home.

Saint Monica prayed for years through tears for the conversion of her son Augustine. Her perseverance bore fruit not only in his conversion, but in a saint whose light still guides the Church. Augustine later wrote, “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” No soul is beyond the reach of that restlessness stirred by grace.

Saint Paul’s warning to the Corinthians reminds us that living in the light must change us. Division, quarrels, and pride are signs that shadows still linger. “A Christian community that has truly encountered Christ cannot remain the same.” Where Christ’s light reigns, unity replaces division, humility overcomes pride, and love triumphs over rivalry.

Like in physics, the closer we draw to the light, the smaller our shadows become. Saint Teresa of Ávila said, “God alone suffices.” When Christ lives in us (cf. Gal 2:20), His light exposes our fears, heals our wounds, and empowers us to become light for others.

This Sunday, the Church invites us not to settle for lesser lights comfort, routine, or self-reliance but to walk boldly in the light of Christ. Where His light shines, despair fades, sins lose their grip, and joy is reborn.

May we draw closer to Christ, the Light of the world, trusting that even now He is at work in the hearts of those we love. And as we walk in His light, may others be able to say of us: “Those who lived in darkness have seen a great light.”

Jesus, I Trust in you

Development And Peace

Next weekend (31st January & 1st February) there will be a second collection for the **Winter Welcome Table**. Each year we are invited to help financially by contributing a donation to help pay for a home cooked meal for people who visit St Peter's for dinner on Mondays during the winter months. We all know how expensive food these days is. There are greater numbers of people struggling to put food on the table. If you are able, we invite you to donate what you can next weekend in the second collection. You will find an envelope attached to your bulletin this weekend which you can return next weekend. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Fair Trade Weekend – January 24/25

Next weekend, *Development and Peace* is hosting our first 2026 **Fair Trade Weekend (Jan. 24/25)** after the **Saturday 5:30 Mass** and the **Sunday 10:00 Mass**. This is a great resolution for **2026**: to support fair wages, working conditions and environmental practices for workers around the world by supporting the Fair-Trade movement.

Merrymakers Monthly Luncheons

Do you have a passion for cooking? The Merrymakers Team is looking for volunteers to join this joyful and rewarding ministry. Each month, our senior members gather to enjoy a delicious meal and build meaningful connections in our welcoming church hall. If you enjoy cooking for others and being part of our church community, we would love to have you join us. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 416-762-1026 or email Diane at dlauziere68@gmail.com The Merrymakers Luncheons will resume in February.

Coffee, Community & Connection

Our Coffee Ministry brings parishioners together every Sunday after the 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM Masses in the parish hall a warm space to share coffee, tea, conversation, and friendship. This beautiful ministry, led by Louis, is now in need of more volunteers. If you'd like to help build community and welcome new faces, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for being an active and vital part of our parish family.

Catholic Social Teaching Video and Conversation Series

All are welcome to our next video on Sunday February 8th which will explain *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' letter on care for our common home. Every second Sunday of the month from January to April, bring your coffee and join Creation Care Ministry in the Friars' Lounge where we will watch a short video and host a conversation circle on Catholic Social Teaching after the 10 AM mass and ending by noon. Pope Francis added *Laudato Si'* to the body of the Church's social teaching on economic, political, social and cultural issues. Please also visit Creation Care Ministry's bulletin board in the parish hall to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching.

"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." Pope Francis, ***Laudato Si'* #91**

Your Gifts to God

Monthly Comparison December

Offertory	2025	2024
Envelopes	\$16,557	\$9,384
Loose	\$2,449	\$4,212
PAG	\$5,772	\$7,371
Total	\$24,778	\$20,968

2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

The 2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available in the parish hall. Please note that box numbers have changed if your previous number was above 220, you have been assigned a new lower number. If you could not find your envelopes, please contact the parish office. For the first few weeks, kindly write your name and address clearly on your envelopes to help us update our records.

We also invite parishioners to consider Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), a simple and automatic way to support the parish monthly. PAG forms are available at the church entrance, in the parish office, and on our parish website. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Address Update Reminder

If you have recently changed your address, please contact the parish office or the bookkeeper so we can update our records. This ensures your tax receipt for 2025, and any future parish communications reach you without delay. Thank you.

Please Note The Parish Contact Information Has Changed

Parish Website is:

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