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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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 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

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.devpo.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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 16th

No Mass

Tuesday, March 17th

5:30 pm – Connie +

Wednesday, March 18th

5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory
S.I of Michelle, John & Philip

Thursday, March 19th

5:30 pm – Josephine Laura
Constantinon (Birthday)
- S.I of Zenobia

Friday, March 20th

5:30 pm - Souls in Purgatory
S.I of Michelle, John & Philip

Saturday March 21st

5:30 pm – Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 22nd

10:00 am - For Parish
Community

12:00 pm – Ivy Sucilan
(Thanksgiving)

- Jose Habungan Sr. +
- Alejandra Habungan +

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

2025 Parish Tax Receipts

2025 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday March 9th. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office by email: afrancissja@archtoronto.org or by phone at ext. 3.

“Lord, Help Us to See”

Have you ever realized that what we first thought about someone was not the whole story? Perhaps we judged too quickly, or overlooked a quiet goodness hidden beneath ordinary appearances. It happens in families, at work, even in our communities of faith. The Word of God this Sunday gently reminds us that our vision is often limited but God sees much more deeply. The Lord looks beyond appearances and into the heart.

In the first reading, the prophet Samuel is sent to anoint the next king of Israel. As Jesse’s sons stand before him, Samuel naturally notices the tall, strong, impressive ones. But the Lord speaks a surprising truth: *“The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”* And so the youngest son, David left out in the fields, unnoticed by others is the one God chooses. Again and again in Scripture, God lifts up the overlooked and the forgotten. What the world may not notice, God sees with love.

In the Gospel, we meet a man who has been blind from birth. The disciples want to know whose fault it is, but Jesus moves the conversation away from blame and toward grace. With compassion, He touches the man’s life and restores his sight. Yet as the story unfolds, something deeper happens. The man who once could not see begins to recognize who Jesus truly is, while others who believed they saw clearly remain blind in their hearts. The miracle becomes a sign that Christ does not only open physical eyes; He opens the eyes of faith.

Saint Paul captures this beautifully when he writes to the Ephesians: *“Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light.”* Lent is exactly this journey from darkness into light. In our parish family, each of us walks that journey in our own way. Some carry the quiet fatigue of caring for loved ones. Some live with loneliness or uncertainty about the future. Some young people are searching for direction, while many of our seniors hold deep wisdom shaped by years of faith. Wherever we are in life, Christ comes gently to us, just as He came to the man in the Gospel meeting us where we are and inviting us into His light.

Saint Augustine once wrote that the miracle in today’s Gospel is not only that a blind man received sight, but that he came to believe in the One who healed him. Faith itself is a kind of new vision. Slowly, patiently, Christ teaches us to see differently to see with compassion instead of judgment, with gratitude instead of resentment, and with hope even when life feels uncertain.

As we continue our Lenten journey toward Easter, perhaps our simple prayer this week can be the prayer of the heart: *“Lord, help me to see.”* Help me to see Your presence in my daily life. Help me to see the goodness in others. Help me to see the path You are opening before me. When Christ opens our eyes, even a little, the world begins to look different and we discover that we are already walking in His light.

“Jesus I trust in you”

Stations Of the Cross – Friday, March 12th - 5:30

We invite you to pray the Stations of the Cross this **Friday** right after the **5:30 Mass**. This is a prayerful way to accompany Jesus on His journey of suffering, death and resurrection. This week, the Stations will be lead by the **Scribes & 12 Noon Greeters/Ushers**.

SOLIDARITY / FAIR TRADE WEEKEND – MARCH 21/22

Next weekend is **Solidarity Weekend**. Being in **solidarity** is one of the key principles of **Catholic Social Teaching**. **Solidarity** is a recognition that we are ‘all in this together’. That we stand together with our sisters and brothers here and around the world to heed *the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*. **Fair Trade** products, which are also an act of solidarity, will be available after the **5:30** and **10:00** Mass next weekend. We stand in solidarity with each other and with our world.

On Track for Justice #2

Women protecting the Earth

In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajas railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water, and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families, and neighbours. Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, we support partner -led projects that reach **over 7 million people in more than 30 countries** around the world.

Irish Luncheon

Get ready for a little Irish cheer! Join us this coming **Thursday, 19 March at 12 noon** for a joyful time beginning with Mass, followed by a festive two-course Irish lunch and bingo. This weekend is your **LAST** chance to get tickets: **\$15 (cash only)**. Good food, great company, and a bit of luck o’ the Irish — what more could you ask for? All are welcome.

Winter Welcome Table

St. Peter's Parish will be hosting the annual appreciation Winter Welcome Table Dinner on **Monday April 20th** beginning with the celebration of Eucharist **at 5 pm**, followed by dinner in St. Peter's Church Hall. All of the volunteers who actively participated during the 2025-26 Season are invited to attend

Kids Easter Fun

Join us for a joyful Easter Art Afternoon for Kids at St. Joan of Arc Church on March 28 at 12:00 PM. Children will enjoy a fun Easter painting session from 12:00–1:00 PM, with all supplies provided, followed by a **FREE** animated Easter storytelling movie. The cost for the art activity is \$25 per child, and one parent must always accompany their child. Spots are limited, to pay & signup reach out to Fr. Anish (During weekends or after any mass) and Parish Office (during weekdays) before tickets run out.

17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference-Saturday March 21, 2026

Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga

Keynote Speaker -- Johnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN - What does it Mean to be a Woman?

Sister John Mary SV - Learning to Listen in a Distracted World
 April Smith from North Pole Alaska - Live Adventurously, Live Virtuously
 Dorothy Pilarski - One Mother's Heart - One Mother's Fiat
 Natalie Regnier - Brick by Brick: Building a Strong Family
 Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass
REGISTER HERE dwf2026.eventbrite.ca

Your Gift to God

Weekend of March 7 & 8, 2026

Envelopes	\$3,789.00
Loose	580.00
PAG	<u>1,090.41</u>
	5,459.41
Online & Tip Tap	<u>292.53</u>
Total	<u><u>\$5,751.94</u></u>

Month at a Glance

March 18 - Creation Care Meeting
(7pm Zoom)

March 19 – Merry Makers Lunch (12:00 Mass + Lunch)

March 21/ 22 – Fair Trade Weekend

March 28 – Kids Art activity (12:00 - 1:00pm) **and easter Story telling** 1:00pm

Q. What did one Lenten sacrifice say to the other on the Fourth Sunday of Lent?

A: “Don’t worry... we’ve made it halfway to the alleluias!”

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