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Mrs. Julie Swinimer - Parish Secretary

Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Everyone is encouraged to be active in the spiritual & social functions of our church community by participating in parish life as an official member. Please fill out a registration form by contacting the parish office at 416-749-0328 Mondays to Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Ministry Contacts

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Rosetta Sampogna 905-856-6353

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416-733-8544

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Linda Valdes 416-896-6256

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Preziosissimo Sangue - Gruppo di Preghiera Italiano di S. Rocco

Lina Pasut (Italian) 416-747-9469

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

R.C.I.A.

St. Roch's Church 416-749-0328

St. Roch Parish Advisory Council

416-749-0328

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437-455-7787

Parish Schools

St. Roch's School 416-393-5320

Venerable John Merlini School 416-393-5397

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday Masses: In English – 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
In Swahili – Every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Confessions: 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Every Saturday.

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

Baptism Classes: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Parents and Godparents are most welcomed.

Marriages: By appointment, one year in advance.

Weekday Masses: Morning: English: 8:00 a.m. Mon, Wed & Friday
(9:00 a.m. on Saturday)
Italian: 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday

Memorial Masses: Monday - Wednesday at 7 p.m. (By request)

Sick Calls: At anytime. Day or Night.

Catholic Women's League: Meetings are the 2nd Tuesdays
of every month at 7:00 p.m., (September-June)

Knights Of Columbus: Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of
the month at 7:00 pm (September - June)

Messe Domenicali: in Italiano – 10:30 a.m.

Confessioni: 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Ogni Sabato.

Battesimi: Ogni Prima e Terza domenica.

Matrimoni: Con appuntamento, un anno in anticipo.

Messe Feriali: Mattina: Inglese: 8:00 a.m. Lunedì, Mercoledì
e Venerdì (9:00 a.m. Sabato)
Italiano: 8:00 a.m. Martedì e Giovedì

Messe Memoriale: Lunedì-Mercoledì alle 7:00 p.m. (a richiesta)

Chiamate Per Ammalati: Qualunque tempo

La Lega Delle Donne Cattoliche: Ogni 2do martedì
del mese alle ore 7:00 p.m. (Settembre a Giugno)

I Cavalieri Di Colombo: Ogni 3ro mercoledì del mese alle
ore 7:00 pm (Settembre a Giugno)

Gruppo Di Preghiera: in italiano - Ogni Lunedì,
Santa Messa ore 7:00 p.m. - Rosario ore 7:30 p.m.
Preghiera nello Spirito ore 8:00 p.m. Riunione nella Sala
Parrocchiale



Sunday, February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord is merciful and gracious"

Psalm 103

Mass for Intentions Week

Monday, February 24, 2025

8:00 am Intention of the presider
7:00 pm Prosperina Bruni in Ciciarelli
(Memorial mass)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

8:00 am Serafina Reginato
7:00 pm Emilio Russo (1 month memorial)

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

8:00 am Teresa Maria Rico

Thursday, February 27, 2025

8:00 am Intenzione del sacerdote

Friday, February 28, 2025

8:00 am Intention of the presider

Saturday, March 1, 2025

9:00 am Special intentions of the presider
5:00 pm Pro Popolo

Sunday, March 2, 2025

9:00 am Deceased members of Nguyen, Le & Duong Families
10:30 am Michele Cataneo & Marcello DeLuca
Rosaria Gaudio
Giuseppe Angelo & Mimma Brunetta
Giannina, Linda,
Jerry & Valentino Capuani
12:00 pm Petronila Ormea & Patricia Yanez

SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, February 16..... \$ 4,127.75
Chancery loan \$118,910.00

Thank you for your continued support !

THANK YOU



We thank Rosemary Stange and Susie Sorochan for their generous donation of a new chalice for our church which will be used in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This gift reflects the heart of Christian stewardship—offering to God the best of what we have, knowing that He blesses and multiplies every act of generosity. May our Lord bless you always.

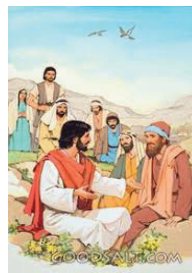
Domenica, 23 Febbraio, 2025

VII Domenica del Tempo Ordinario

"Il Signore è buono e grande nell'amore."

Salmo 102

Il Vangelo ci propone oggi la rinuncia alla vendetta e alla violenza.



Al discepolo spetta dunque – ecco le affermazioni in positivo – di perdonare e donare: per-donare è fare il dono per eccellenza, essendo il perdono il dono dei doni. Ancora una volta le parole di Gesù negano ogni possibile reciprocità tra noi umani: solo da Dio possiamo aspettarci la reciprocità! Il dono è l'azione di Dio e deve essere

l'azione dei cristiani verso gli altri uomini e donne. Allora, nel giorno del giudizio, quel giudizio che compete solo a Dio, chi ha donato con abbondanza riceverà dal Signore un dono abbondante, come una misura di grano che è pigiata, colma e traboccante. L'abbondanza del donare oggi misura l'abbondanza del dono di Dio domani. La "differenza cristiana" è a caro prezzo ma, per grazia del Signore, è possibile.

(Enzo Bianchi)

**Io nella tua fedeltà ho confidato;
esulterà il mio cuore nella tua salvezza,
canterò al Signore, che mi ha beneficato.**

(Sal 12,6)

RICEVUTE PER LE TASSE

Le ricevute per le tasse dell'anno 2024 sono stato mandato via la posta. Se non ricevi la ricevuta o se c'è qualche discrepanza, non esitare a contattare l'ufficio parrocchiale. Ringraziamo tutti i parrocchiani per il vostro sostegno.

PREPARAZIONE PER LA QUARESIMA



MERCOLEDI DELLE CENERE

Il nostro cammino quaresimale inizia il 5 marzo 2025 con il Mercoledì delle Ceneri. In questo giorno avremo due messe:

**8:00 am (inglese/italiano)
7:00 pm (inglese)**

REFLECTION FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to his disciples, "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. (Luke 6:27-31)

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before (Ex. 21 :23-25). Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal charity in place of this Law of Talon. Every man should truly love his neighbor for he is his brother. What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbor must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that.

You would like your neighbour to help you to reach heaven. "You go and do likewise" to your neighbour, and you will both get there.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

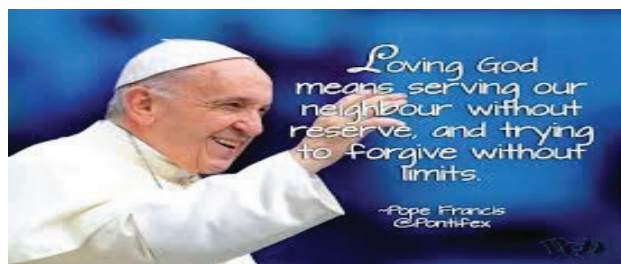
PROVINCIAL ELECTION GUIDE 2025



The provincial election is set for Thursday, February 27, 2025. Catholic Charities urges all eligible voters to make their voices heard and cast their ballots on Election

Day. To help you navigate the key issues and make informed decisions, they teamed up with their Social Justice Committee to create a concise election guide. This guide highlights the most pressing concerns in our communities and poses the right questions to consider.

The guide can be accessed by going to the following: <https://ccat.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Ontario-Election-Guide-2025-reduced-size.pdf>. Contact info: info@ccat.ca or call 416-934-3401.



TAX RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 2024



Please note that tax receipts for Year 2024 have been mailed. Should you not receive your receipt or if there is any discrepancy, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. We thank all parishioners for your past and continued support! God bless you all!

LOOKING AHEAD TOWARDS LENT

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. On this day, we will have two masses as follows:



8:00 am English/Italian
7:00 pm English

IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST 2025 February 5 - April 15, 2025

In an age of division, the contest calls on high school students (aged 13-19 years) in the Archdiocese of Toronto to explore how love, compassion and interfaith dialogue can bridge gaps, foster understanding and promote unity. **Theme: Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity.** Students are encouraged to create a three minute video that captures this year's theme. Please adhere to the guidelines provided on the website and submit your entries via the submission form at <https://bit.ly/DFVCSubmission>. For further information, please contact interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527.

16TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Saturday, March 22, 2025



Get inspired, meet like-minded women, and discover your mission! **Live in-person full day event to take place at The Old Mill. Begins at 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.** Speakers include Annie Karto, Lisa Canning, Fr. Marcin Serwin, Dr. Stephanie Kafie and Dorothy Pilarski. Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB. Light lunch, free parking and door prizes. Tickets \$65.00 (if registering before February 14). To register, go to dwf2025.eventbrite.ca. For more information, call 416-907-1042.

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