

# ST. ROCH'S CHURCH

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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

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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### Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

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### Prayer Group

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St. Roch's Church 416-749-0328

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416-749-0328

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437-455-7787

### Parish Schools

St. Roch's School 416-393-5320

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**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



For every tree is known by its own fruit.

## Sunday, March 2, 2025

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you"*


Psalm 92

### Mass for Intentions Week

**Monday, March 3, 2025**  
8:00 am Antonio & Maria Scaglione

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**  
8:00 am Nicola Rosano & Rocco Castano

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

**Ash Wednesday** 

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

**Thursday, March 6, 2025**  
8:00 am Special intentions of Giuseppa Lombardo

**Friday, March 7, 2025**  
8:00 am Mary Lou Nawrocki  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis followed with Mass afterwards

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**  
9:00 am Linda Zorzi  
5:00 pm Graziano Odorico & deceased family

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**  
9:00 am Pro Popolo  
10:30 am Nicola Marino  
Domenico Tari e Egidie Benedetto  
Mario Grossi  
Maddalena Calabria e defunti  
Anna Chiappetta  
Rino & Renzo Zanatta  
Noemi Mattaruccio  
12:00 pm Renzo Rizzi

### SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, February 23..... \$ 4,612.20  
Chancery loan ..... \$118,910.00

**Thank you for your continued support !**

### BAPTIZED & WELCOMED INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH



Vincenzo Pannetta

### ✚REST IN PEACE✚

Remember in your prayers, **Giulia Di Blasio** who passed away recently. *Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## Domenica, 2 Marzo, 2025

### VIII Domenica del Tempo Ordinario

*"È bello rendere grazie al Signore."*

Salmo 91

### 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 tre messe:

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



### +VIA CRUCIS+

Ogni venerdì durante la Quaresima preghiamo la Via Crucis alle 7:00 pm in inglese e italiano. Celebriamo la santa messa immediatamente dopo la via crucis.

### ADORAZIONE NELLA CAPPELLA

Lunedì, Mercoledì, Venerdì  
(8:30 am - 11:30 am)

### CONFESSIONI DURANTE LA QUARESIMA

Ogni Sabato 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
Ogni Primo Venerdì 5:00 - 7:00 pm

In qualsiasi altro orario previo appuntamento.

Pubblicheremo ulteriori date e orari delle confessioni non appena saranno disponibili.

### DONNE DELLA LEGA CATTOLICA

La prossima riunione delle Donne della Lega Cattolica avrà luogo **martedì, 11 marzo, 2025**. Si inizierà con la celebrazione della Santa Messa alle ore 7:00 pm. La riunione continuerà nella sala parrocchiale.

### RICEVUTE PER LE TASSE

Le ricevute per le tasse dell'anno 2024 sono state mandate 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.



## ENTERING THE SEASON OF LENT

We will once again be entering the season of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday (March 5). To make the pilgrimage of Lent is to follow an itinerary of conversion. Lent affords every baptized Christian the opportunity to reenter the catechumenate, to undergo a "second baptism," and thus to meet once again the mysteries of God's mercy and love....

These forty days are a stepping-aside from the ordinary rhythms of life in order to be more open to the promptings of the spirit of God, and thus more deeply converted to walking along God's path through history. That "stepping aside" is a primary characteristic of Lent and, according to the ancient tradition of the Church, is embodied in **almsgiving and intensified prayer as well as fasting**. The three practices go together. "Giving up \_\_\_\_\_" for Lent would have little more meaning than a weight-loss program were it not accompanied by a deeper encounter with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through **prayer, spiritual reading, and reflection and a new concern for those in need**. Thus the special practices of the Forty Days, like the liturgies of each day of Lent, constantly bring the Christian back to the primordial call of Christ: "**Repent, and believe in the Gospel**" [Mark 1.15].

*George Weigel, Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches*



On Ash Wednesday, we will have two masses with the distribution of ashes as follows:

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

## +STATIONS OF THE CROSS+



Jesus Christ's journey to the cross reminds us just how much He sacrificed for us and what a miracle His resurrection has been. By intentionally spending time with Christ by stopping at each station and taking time to think, pray, and meditate, we have the opportunity to thank Him, praise Him, and learn from Him and be inspired to carry our own "cross" in daily life with greater understanding and commitment. It's a way to deepen our faith and devotion through a visual and prayerful journey alongside Jesus.

**Every Friday during Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross (English/Italian) at 7:00 pm followed with the celebration of the Mass. Please join us.**

## FIRST FRIDAY IN LENT March 7



On this day, we will have Mass in the morning at 8:00 am followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the church until 11:30 am. In the evening, we will begin with

Stations of the Cross followed by Mass. There will be opportunity for confession before the masses both in the morning and in the evening starting at 5:00 pm.

## CONFESSIONS DURING LENT



During this Jubilee Year, we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to go to confession. In our parish, the schedule for confessions during Lent is as follows:

**Every Saturday** 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
**Every First Friday** 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
(March 7 & April 4)

**Any other time by appointment.**

We will post additional confession dates and times as they become available.



We thank the **Knights of Columbus** for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 which will be used for the needs of our church. May God continue to bless you all.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE....**Reminder ladies that our next general meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 11**. We begin with the **celebration of mass at 7:00 pm followed by meeting in the parish hall**. Please join us.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** ....Reminder to all brother knights that our next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall.

## IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



**Saturday, March 29, 2025**  
**9:00 am - 5:30 pm**

**Metro Toronto Convention Center**

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally**, is an annual event for youth and adults that focuses on evangelization through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. Experience why thousands return each year! Visit [www.LJHR.ca](http://www.LJHR.ca) for more information on ticket prices and registration.



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