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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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Lina Pasut (Italian) 416-747-9469

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R.C.I.A.

St. Roch's Church 416-749-0328

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416-749-0328

St. Vincent de Paul

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 3zo 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, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

"O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts"

P salm 95

Mass  for Intentions  Week

Monday, March 9, 2026

8:00 am Chau Quang Tran

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

8:00 am Irene & Olivo Campeotto

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

8:00 am Francesco Cutrona

Thursday, March 12, 2026

8:00 am Angelo Carestia e defunti

Friday, March 13, 2026

8:00 am Giovanni Giacomazzo

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis

7:30 pm For peace in the world

Saturday, March 14, 2026

9:00 am Stefano Dirracolo

5:00 pm Giuseppe & Victoria Martino

Sunday, March 15, 2026

9:00 am Norberto Vieira & Carlos & Alzira Padinha

10:30 am Olimpia & Pasquale Leonetti
Olga & Michele Via

Francesco Selvaggio & Luca Longo e defunti

Rita Centorame

Giovanni & Mariannina Caperchione

Eugenio & Luisa Natale

Ugo Natale

Antonio Micomonaco

Maria & Bruno Vena

Lidia DiSanto

Maria Teresa & Pietro Palma

12:00 pm Pro Popolo

SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, March 1, 2026.....\$4,540.90

Thank you for your continued support !

† REST IN PEACE †



Please remember in your prayers, **Rosa Simonetta**, who recently passed away. *Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Domenica, 8 Marzo, 2026

III Domenica di Quaresima

"Ascoltate oggi la voce del Signore: non indurite il vostro cuore."

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GIORNATA INTERNAZIONALE DELLA DONNA

8 marzo



Il tema della Giornata Internazionale della Donna (IWD) 2026, "**Dare per Guadagnare**", invita a una mentalità radicata nella generosità, nella collaborazione e nel progresso condiviso. "Dare per Guadagnare" sottolinea il potere della reciprocità: quando individui, organizzazioni e comunità investono nelle donne, le opportunità si ampliano, i sistemi si rafforzano e le società prosperano.

RIUNIONE - LEGA DELLE DONNE CATTOLICHE

Martedì, 10 marzo



Il prossimo incontro della Lega delle Donne Cattoliche è previsto per martedì 10 marzo. **NOTA: non ci sarà la messa serale.** Il nostro incontro inizierà alle 19:00 nella sala parrocchiale con una breve riunione, seguita da un film a tema quaresimale da guardare e gustare insieme mentre riflettiamo sulla quaresima.



RITIRO QUARESIMALE CON PADRE PIO - INSIEME VERSO GESÙ CROCIFISSO

15 Marzo dalle ore 15:00 - 16:30

Chiesa di S. Marta & S. Maria

Mississauga

Adorazione Eucaristica e Santo Rosario Meditato sul tema: **Le stimmate di Padre Pio: Segno della misericordia del Signore.** La chiesa si trova al 1870 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E. in Mississauga.



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

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

ADORAZIONE NELLA CHIESA

Mercoledì, 18 Marzo

7:00 di sera - 8:30 di sera



CONFESSIONI DURANTE LA QUARESIMA

Ogni Sabato

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Mercoledì, 24 Marzo

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



FAST FROM.....FEAST ON.....

Fast from judging others;
feast on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from words that pollute;
feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; *feast on gratitude.*

Fast from anger; *feast on patience.*

Fast from worry; *feast on trust.*

Fast from complaining; *feast on appreciation.*

Fast from pessimism; *feast on optimism.*

Fast from self-concern;
feast on compassion for others.

Fast from idle gossip; *feast on purposeful silence.*

Fast from apparent darkness;
feast on the reality of light



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8, 2026

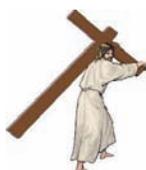


Today we honour all women on this day set aside to celebrate them. The International Women's Day (IWD) **2026 theme, Give To Gain**, calls for a mindset rooted in generosity, collaboration and shared progress. Give To Gain highlights the power of reciprocity: when individuals, organisations and communities invest in women, opportunities expand, systems strengthen and societies thrive. This weekend, the Catholic Women's League is selling bracelets and candles for \$6 each to celebrate the women God has placed in our lives. A thoughtful gift for wives, mothers, sisters, etc., a beautiful gesture to honour their day and show your love and appreciation. Please support St. Roch's CWL.

CWL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, March 10

The next Catholic Women's League Meeting is set for Tuesday, March 10. **NOTE: There will be no evening Mass.** Our meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the parish hall with a short business meeting, followed by a Lenten themed movie to watch and enjoy together as we reflect on the season.

+STATIONS OF THE CROSS+



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 at 7:30 pm. Please join us.



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JEROME

Exploring the Gospels

Next Bible Study will be **Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall. Please join us! (Note: Bible study occurs every other week on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm)



CONFESSIONS

In our parish, the schedule for confessions during Lent is as follows:

Every Saturday	4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Wednesday, March 24	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL September 20 - October 1, 2026 Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Jerome



Join us for an **INFORMATION NIGHT** on **Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 pm** here in our parish hall to get more information about the pilgrimage including itinerary, pricing, etc. Travel arrangements by International Heritage Tours. For more information and registrations call: Stan at 647-463-9057 ext 339 or Alex at ext. 317 or email: stan@ihtours.com or alex@ihtours.com.

THROUGH SHARELIFE, YOU ENSURED TYLER DIDN'T FACE HIS HARDSHIPS ALONE



Many of our brothers and sisters are struggling in silence. Because of your support of ShareLife, Tyler didn't face his hardships alone. When he first came to counselling at a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, he was withdrawn and guarded—reluctant to open up. But slowly, with support, he began to share the weight he carried: the trauma of losing his father to a drug overdose and the pain of repeated loss in his family life. Over time, Tyler found the courage to face his story, make sense of his struggles, and take steps toward healing. Today, he says counselling has become something he looks forward to—even when it's hard—because it's helping him grow. Through ShareLife, you help people in our community access mental health services. You offer healing to those who feel forgotten and hope to those who are hurting.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Our parish goal this year is \$33,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

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