

# ST. ROCH'S CHURCH

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## Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Rev. Jerome Hologa, C.P.P.S. - Administrator

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

Rosetta Sampogna 905-856-6353

#### Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

#### Catholic Women's League

Linda Valdes 416-896-6256

#### Children's Liturgy & Sacramental Prep

Gina Tramonte 647-274-2111

#### Finances

Louis Edwards 416-740-8605

#### Knights Of Columbus

Giovanni (John) Colonna - Grand Knight 416-859-7738

#### Organist/Musicians

Orlando Innocentes 416-419-6418

#### Prayer Group

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

#### 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 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, March 15, 2026

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want"*  
P salm 23

### Mass for Intentions Week

#### Monday, March 16, 2026

8:00 am Intention of the presider

#### Tuesday, March 17, 2026

8:00 am Anime in Purgatorio

7:00 pm Nicola Vinci (1 month memorial)

#### Wednesday, March 18, 2026

8:00 am For the intentions of the Holy Father

7:00-8:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration (in the church)

#### Thursday, March 19, 2026

8:00 am Cecilia Aiudi

#### Friday, March 20, 2026

8:00 am For the sick of the parish

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis

7:30 pm For vocations

#### Saturday, March 21, 2026

9:00 am Francesco Luigi Vecchio

5:00 pm Pro Populo

#### Sunday, March 22, 2026

9:00 am John Quintal

10:30 am Antonio, Maria & Vincenzo Pietroniro

Pasquale Gabriele

Antonietta Tino

Renzo Rizzi

Cesira Orangis e defunti

Alfredo Prete e defunti

Grazia Scaglione

Teresa Nunnaro

Isabella Polidoro

Gloria, Benedetto, Luigi e

Domenico Mariani

12:00 pm Elisa & Daniel Nonan (living)

### SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, March 8, 2026.....\$4,285.00  
Church Improvement Fund.....\$1,940.00

**Thank you for your continued support !**

### † REST IN PEACE †



Please remember in your prayers, **Antonio Frasca, Martina Sciortino, Elodia Agostini e Tomasso Altobello**, who recently passed away.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## Domenica, 15 Marzo, 2026

### IV Domenica di Quaresima

*"Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla."*

S al 22



### RITIRO QUARESIMALE CON PADRE PIO - INSIEME VERSO GESÙ CROCIFFISSO

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 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



### PUOI AIUTARE TANTI UOMINI A RISPONDERE ALLA CHIAMATA DI DIO AL SACERDOZIO SOSTENENDO SHARELIFE

Dio ha posto il seme della vocazione sacerdotale nel cuore del Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi fin da bambino. Egli è poi entrato nel "St. Augustine's Seminary" (Seminario di Sant'Agostino), dove Dio lo ha guidato attraverso momenti di gioia, profonda riflessione e una fede in continua crescita. Il suo cammino è stato un percorso di grazia e di sfide, eppure è andato avanti senza paura, grazie a te. Il tuo cuore generoso ha alleviato il peso delle preoccupazioni finanziarie, permettendo al Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi di abbracciare pienamente la sua chiamata e prepararsi per una vita al servizio della Chiesa. Se Dio vuole, sarà ordinato sacerdote il prossimo maggio. Grazie alla tua fedele generosità verso ShareLife, molti altri giovani avranno l'opportunità di rispondere alla chiamata di Dio. **La prima Domenica di raccolta fondi ShareLife e' il 22 marzo prossimo.** Per favore, fai una donazione presso la parrocchia utilizzando le buste di ShareLife, oppure via internet tramite il sito web della parrocchia, o tramite [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



## BAPTIZED & WELCOMED INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

Sofia Ramon  
Marc Adona



## YOU CAN HELP MEN ANSWER GOD'S CALL TO PRIESTHOOD BY SUPPORTING SHARELIFE



God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you. Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into the priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God's call. **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](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Reminder to all members of the Knights of Columbus that the next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

## +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.

## EVENING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesday, March 18 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm



During this Lenten season, we invite and encourage parishioners to come spend some quiet time in prayer with the Lord.

## 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

## REMINDER TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN OUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM Classes begin March 22, 2026



We thank all parents who registered their children for our Confirmation Program. Reminder that the **Rite of Enrollment is on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at the 9:00 am Mass.** Immediately following the

Mass, the children will go to the parish hall to begin their classes which run from 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

## EVERY LIFE IS PRECIOUS—PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT BILL C-218

**Write your Member of Parliament Today!**



You are invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) to quickly and respectfully contact your federal Member of Parliament, urging them to support Bill C-218 (*The Right to Recover Act*). This legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MaID) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. Without this amendment, MaID will be available for mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. A vote is expected to take place mid-April 2026.

Our Catholic faith teaches that every human life is a sacred gift from God. We are called to accompany those who suffer, to uphold their dignity, and to ensure they receive authentic care, compassion, and hope. Mental illness requires treatment, support, and love—never abandonment or the offer of death. Many of us know someone living with mental illness—a family member, friend, neighbour or colleague. At this critical moment, let us raise our voices in faithful witness to the Gospel of life.

Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

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