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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY** 5:00 pm  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 12:30 pm | 7:00 pm

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY** - 9:10 am  
**WEDNESDAY** - 7:00 pm (Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)  
**FIRST FRIDAY** - 9:10 am & 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY** 9:45 am – 10:15 am | 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 11 MAY

9:10 AM +ANDREW MAK  
REV. RYAN NIGLI  
& REV. MARKO BUSIC  
EMMA WONG

#### TUESDAY, 12 MAY

9:10 AM ELENA MORENO ARENAS  
MARGARET NG  
JIANA JAVIER

#### WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY

7:00 PM +MICHELE PUCCI  
+PEPPINO BERARDI  
+REETHAMMA JOSE  
WOON JOUNG CHOI

#### THURSDAY, 14 MAY

9:10 AM +VIOLETA & FRANCISCO  
MARTINEZ  
+GARY GARLAND  
+PATRICK FERNANDES

#### FRIDAY, 15 MAY

9:10 AM KATRIZ MARTINEZ  
CHRISTIAN KELLNER & FAMILY  
WORLD PEACE

#### SATURDAY, 16 MAY

9:10 AM +FRANCIS TONG  
FE CARAVANA  
MARGARET NG  
5:00 PM +MERLITA LOW-A-CHEE  
+VINESTO PERDIDO  
KATHARINE TAM  
CLAUDETTE WAN  
VICKY TON

#### SUNDAY, 17 MAY

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 7 pm

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 11 MAY – 16 MAY IS  
AVAILABLE.

### HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!!!

**FR. RYAN NIGLI & FR. MARKO BUSIC**

**May 11**

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> year Anniversary of Ordination, to Fr. Ryan & Fr. Marko. Your guidance and devotion have made a difference in our community. Thank you for the joy and hope you bring into our lives. May God continue blessing you both through this journey of Priesthood!

### STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

#### Strengthening our Stewardship with the Holy Spirit

As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In this weekend's first reading (Acts 8.5-8, 14-17 ) we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288).

So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

#### A Mother's Day Prayer...

Dear God, thank You for the gift of mothers.  
We ask for Your blessings of strength, patience, love, and joy upon them.  
Bless them, as we celebrate this day in their honor.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
May the example of Mother Mary inspire them to live their vocation as devout mothers and call their children to faith.  
Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.  
Through Jesus, we ask this. Amen

**BUNDLE UP WEEKEND****Weekend of May 16/17**

If you are considering cleaning up, please make your donations towards our Bundle Up Weekend on Saturday, 16 May & Sunday, 17 May 2026. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up container will be parked at the Church parking lot and volunteers will be available to help with loading before/after the weekend Masses. We accept all types of clothing, bedding, drapes, boots, shoes, coats, towels and new toys.

*Kindly note that we do not accept baby items, appliances, dishes, books, furniture of any kind, mattresses, construction material, video tapes etc.*

**CWL FRIENDSHIP TEA****Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 2 pm**

St. Justin Martyr Parish Catholic Women's League welcomes everyone to the 2026 CWL Friendship Tea at the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the CWL table in the Church foyer over the weekend of May 2/3 or May 9/10 or by sending an email to [sjmcwl2023@gmail.com](mailto:sjmcwl2023@gmail.com). The price per person is \$25. Join us for a fun and friendly afternoon with our guest speaker Sr. Francis Bisland, a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood and many other CWL sisters.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD****Program Registrations starting on June 03, 2026**

If you would like to enrich your child's relationship with God and His Church, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can help you do this. Registrations are beginning on June 03, 2026.

Level I Classes for children ages 3 – 6

Tuesday 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Sunday 9:45 am – 11:30 am

Level II Classes for children ages 6 – 9

Tuesday 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Sunday 9:45 am – 11:30 am

The cost is \$125 per child and each sibling \$100 thereafter. Classes begins in fall 2025. We accept Online Registrations only. If you wish to receive the registration link and more information about CGS Program, contact May Chow Leong at [goodshepherdcgs@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdcgs@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!****Sunday, June 14, 2026****Msgr. Vid Vlastic's Retirement Luncheon**

Our Pastor Msgr. Vid Vlastic's retirement is soon approaching and we, as a community, is gathering for an appropriate celebration of his 47 year long service as a Priest. Everyone is welcome to purchase their tickets for the luncheon on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Crystal Fountain Event Venue, 60 McDowell Gate, Markham at 2 pm.

Tickets are on sale now. There will be buffet-style lunch and the opportunity for everyone to appreciate Msgr. Vid and wish him the best for his post-retirement journey. Cost for Adults (18+) is \$50, Youth (6-18 years of age) is \$25 and Children (5 years of age and under) is free.

**MEMORY BOOK FOR SALE!**

The Parish's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory book, holding hand-picked pictures and memories from the past 40 years, is now on sale at the Parish Office. Those interested could pay \$20 in cash or cheque to obtain your limited-edition copies.

**A DAY WITH MARY****Saturday, May 30, 2026**

You are invited to a "Day With Mary" taking place on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more.

There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Register online today at <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>.

Visit <https://archtoronto.org/Mary> for details.

**OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM****Saturday, May 16, 2026**

Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Out next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026. Frozen, labelled casserole can be delivered at the Parish Office on weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm or weekends from 9 am to 1 pm.

For Casserole sign up and for the recipes, visit <https://forms.gle/BPgbrWs94EP9mPuA6>. For more information, email [joyvazjones@gmail.com](mailto:joyvazjones@gmail.com) or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you.

## MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

**Speaker: Rachel Martinez**

**Sacramental Preparation Coordinator**

Join our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter for our 52<sup>nd</sup> Magnificat breakfast. Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of Rachel. Priests are available for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Date: Saturday May 30, 2026

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: St. Benedict Parish Hall,  
2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke, ON


Registration fee: \$35

Register Online at:

<https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast>

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

**Saturday, May 20, 2026, at 9 am**

 Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Learn about: Funeral and burial options, planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones, Catholic teachings on cremation, flexible payment options (including 0% financing options)

Location: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill

You must RSVP to attend at 905 889 7467 ext. 1 or by email at [holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca](mailto:holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca).

## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day. A highway coach with 56 passengers' capacity has been organized, the cost per person is \$35. For further detailed information and to sign up please contact Dan Di Rocco at 905 294 4219 or email [dirocco401@yahoo.ca](mailto:dirocco401@yahoo.ca). The fee can be e-transferred to the email address mentioned. Please note the bus will leave from the back parking lot of St. Patrick's Church, 5633 Hwy 7 at 6:45 am. Join us on this trip for peaceful witnessing.

## HELP NOT HARM

**TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218**

You're invited to visit <https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/> where you can e-



mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit <https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/> today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

## SHARELIFE

**Your Love can Help Others Thrive**



Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is.

These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees them: loving, important, and enough. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles. 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).

## POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION

The weekend of May 16/17, we will have a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine, and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

## CHECK FOR EXPIRY DATES

**Food Cupboard Donations**

We request everyone who donates to the Food Cupboard to check the items' Expiry Date before donating them. Kindly donate items with extended expiry to make it useful to people who are in need. Your support is much appreciated.



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