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BAPTISM Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are expected to attend the class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website for download. Email completed forms to the parish office.	MARRIAGE It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.
AddME To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	Live Stream All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed. <div>  Click here for Live Stream </div>

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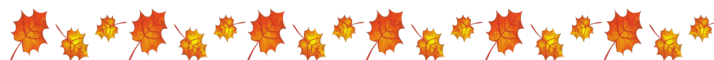
WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this Saturday, October 18th, between



**Fredric Abalos and
Jillian Murphy**

Let us pray for this couple as they prepare for their wedding.



On this Thanksgiving Weekend, we thank everyone in our faith community who generously support the parish with their time, talent, and treasures, and in a special way, all our volunteers who actively contribute to the parish ministries and keep our church a vibrant place for us all to celebrate.



**A Blessed and Happy
Thanksgiving to you all!**

*Fr. Joyson, Fr. Joby, Deacon Ferdinand,
Deacon Mark, and staff*



Night of Light – Reclaim Halloween with Faith & Fun!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council #12706

Join us for an evening of prayer, joy, and community as we celebrate the Eve of All Saints' Day!

When: Fri, Oct 31, 2025 | 6:30–8:15 pm

Where: Nessinger Hall (after the church prayer service)

Highlights:

- Prayer & Adoration (6:30 pm)
- Games, songs & prizes
- Kids: dress as saints or wear white
- Treats & loot bags

Free! Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

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email - tavaresloyola@gmail.com

Come celebrate a night of light, laughter & faith!

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we praise you for your glory and thank you for your goodness to us.

We praise you for your generous gifts and for bringing fruitful results to our labours.

As we rejoice in your kindness, we pray also for those who are in need.

Open our hearts to them, and teach us to be as generous to others as you are to us.

Gracious and bounteous God, help us all to follow Jesus our Lord and so bear eternal fruit for you.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for ever and ever. Amen.



The Parish Office is closed on Monday, October 13th, for Thanksgiving Holiday.

BOOK OF LIFE

On All Souls Day and throughout the month of November, the Book of Life containing the names of deceased loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. The souls will be prayed on that day and in all Holy Masses throughout the month.

There are **2 ways** to have the names of your loved ones be included in the Book of Life:

1. By picking up a purple sheet in the hallway of the church and bringing the sheet back once completed **OR**
2. By clicking the link below or using the QR code, you can write the names of your loved ones on the form. We will print the pages and add them to the Book of Life.



<https://bit.ly/2025parishbookofflife>

RITE OF ENROLLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

There is a Rite of Enrollment for all 2025-2026 Candidates for Confirmation in all Masses in the next two weekends. Candidates are required to participate in this Rite by coming to **any one** of the Masses listed below:

Saturday, October 18th: 5:00pm

Sunday Mass, October 19th: 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm, or 4:00pm

Saturday, October 25th: 5:00pm

Sunday Mass, October 26th: 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm, or 4:00pm

World Mission Sunday Special Collection, Oct. 19

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. *Thank you for your support!*

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Message for Thanksgiving

13 October 2025

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of our upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations, I am reaching out to wish you all Happy Thanksgiving. This holiday offers us a sacred time and unique opportunity to rediscover the spirituality of gratitude and renew our commitment to living a life rooted in thanksgiving. When viewed in the light of the Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving becomes more than a familial or cultural celebration, it becomes a profound expression of our relationship with God, the giver of all good gifts.

At its heart, Catholic spirituality is Eucharistic. The very word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek *eucharistein* or *eulogein*, meaning “thanksgiving,” which recalls an ancient blessing that praised God’s works of creation, redemption and sanctification (*cf.* CCC 1328). In the Old Testament, bread and wine “were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits” in gratitude to God (CCC 1334). When we celebrate the Eucharist each week, indeed each day, we participate in the supreme act of praise and thanksgiving in which the Church unites herself to Christ’s perfect offering of gratitude to the Father (*cf. Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 8). In this way, the Eucharist not only sustains us but also teaches us how to live with hearts attuned to God’s blessings and shaped by gratitude. Thanksgiving, then, is not simply a once-a-year holiday, but the very posture of the Christian soul (*cf.* Basil the Great, *Homily V, In martyrem Julittam*).

A spirituality of gratitude and thanksgiving pushes us deeper, to give thanks not only for material blessings but also for the gift of faith, for the communion of the Church, for the forgiveness of sins, and for the hope that does not disappoint (*cf. Rom 5:5*). Gratitude is a way of perceiving the world: we see creation as a gift, history as salvation unfolding, and our lives as entrusted with the precious mission of Jesus Christ. Regarding our mission, the word “Mass” comes from the Latin word *missio* which means “mission”, thereby uniting the Eucharist as an act of thanksgiving with our Christian vocation and mission (*cf.* CCC 1332).

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During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we have been invited “to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence” (*Spes non Confundit*, 7). To discern God’s grace present and at work in the world today and in our past is no small task, but it is absolutely crucial in the spiritual life; our Christian walk of faith (*cf.* Augustine, *Confessions*, Book VIII). The thankful heart remembers God’s past fidelity and so finds strength to believe in his future blessings. Just as Israel gave thanks for liberation from Egypt and for entrance into the Promised Land, the Church today gives thanks for Christ’s victory over sin and death and looks forward to the fullness of the Kingdom (*cf.* John Cassian, *The Conferences*, IX, ix-xiv). Gratitude roots us in the memory of salvation, while the theological virtue of Hope stretches us toward its fulfillment.

I am reminded of the words of St. Paul, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 *Thes* 5:16-18). During this Thanksgiving Weekend, I encourage those who gather together to begin their time by prayerfully recalling what they are grateful for in their lives. After each person’s remembrance, we can conclude with the response: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever” (*Ps.* 136). In our parishes, I would like to invite communities to celebrate the liturgical setting of Thanksgiving Day Mass on the Monday of Thanksgiving weekend. During this liturgy we are reminded that God’s gifts are limitless. We also pray for the grace to treasure all that God gives, to help us share his gifts with others, and to use them for his glory (*cf.* CCCB, *Roman Missal: Thanksgiving Day Mass*). Finally, I am inviting you to cultivate grateful hearts that extend beyond a single day or weekend and that do not depend on circumstances but flow, rather, from the knowledge that “every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above” (*Jas* 1:17) and we simply share in God’s love and generosity.

In this Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving is more than tradition - it is a sacramental reminder of God’s love that finds its fullest expression in the Sunday Eucharist. May God bless you and your family and friends on this Thanksgiving weekend. Know that I give thanks to God for all of you, for the wonderful People of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I am grateful for the generous ministry of our priests and deacons; for the prophetic witness of those women and men in consecrated life; for the strong and committed faith life of our families; for the dynamic and life-giving outreach of our social and healthcare institutions; for the fidelity and loyalty to the Gospel and Church teaching of our educational institutes; for the fruitful cooperation with civil and governmental agencies and; for the beauty, truth and goodness of the Catholic faith seen and expressed in a myriad of ways throughout our blessed archdiocese. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us and make us truly grateful disciples of your Son.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 13, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Issac McSheffery, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Fernandes Family
3. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
4. For the Repose of Francisco L. Villanueva, requested by Tony Villanueva
5. For the Repose of Alice & Bona Pinto, requested by Ivana & Dexter Mathias
6. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Joyce Gulati

Tuesday, October 14, 9am

1. For the Repose of Joseph C. Mascarenhas, requested by the Family
2. For the Safe Surgery of Joseph Colaco, requested by the Colaco Family
3. For the Repose of Rosa Trigiani, requested by the Trigiani Family

Wednesday, October 15, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Nina Romeo, requested by the Romeo Family
2. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Leon D'Silva, requested by his Wife & Sons
4. For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by the Sciberras Family
5. For the Repose of Theresa Mascarenhas, requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 15, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Aninha Borges & Viriato Menezes, requested by the Menezes Family

Thursday, October 16, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Neela & Sherard, requested by Heather DeSouza

Friday, October 17, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Diana Robson, requested by the Robson Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Raphael, requested by the Barrett Family
3. For the Deceased Members of the Rasquinha & Gulati Families

Saturday, October 18, 9am

1. For the Repose of Sister Nirmala Dias, requested by the Family
2. For the Deceased Members of the Fernandes Family, requested by Calvin & Denise Rodgers
3. For the Repose of Joy & Maurice Christopher, requested by the D'Silva Family

Saturday, October 18, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Helen D'Souza, requested by Ronald D'Souza & Family
2. For the Repose of Umberto Ragogna, requested by the Cairney Family
3. For the Repose of Lynne & Gloria Bonella, requested by the Cairney Family
4. For the Repose of Charlie Kirk, requested by the Cairney Family
5. For the Repose of Simon D'Cruz, requested by the Family

Sunday, October 19, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Monica De Souza, requested by Nina Tobias & Family
2. For the Repose of Ingrid & Joe Pereira, requested by Bridget & Bismark Abreu
3. For the 35th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Bridget & Bismark Abreu, requested by Bridget & Bismark Abreu
4. For the Repose of Nicomedes Exclamador, requested by Ma Lee Exclamador

The **Prime-Time Club (PTC)** will hold their Thanksgiving Dinner and Dance on October 25 in the Nessinger Hall. Tickets are \$25 for members. Limited time offer: Guest \$35 (includes a 1-year PTC membership). Please RSVP by Oct 19th, 2025, by contacting Liane Harris at the Church office for more details or e-transfer to Jules Coutinho, jcoutinho@archtoronto.org



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FOODS

The St. John of the Cross community is excited to host our 3rd **International Festival of Foods**, celebrating the rich cultural diversity within our parish. This special event will take place in Nessinger Hall immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, Oct. 18th, 2025**.

The Festival aims to highlight the foods, entertainment, customs, and traditions of our various cultures. To make this event a success, we are seeking **donations of food items** representing your country—this can be an appetizer, main course, or dessert. These dishes will be available at the Festival in exchange for a ticket donation, with all proceeds supporting **our parish**.

We are also inviting parishioners to share other elements of their heritage—**traditional dances, cultural attire, or any unique customs** that represent your background.

Your participation and support are key to the success of this event. If you're able to contribute food, perform, or help in any way, please contact: **Julia D'Souza**, 416-275-5646 OR the parish office.

Bundle Up

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October 25 - 26, 2025

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- Bedding (Use Cardboard)
- Drapery/Towels
- Toys (New only)

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- Baby Items (Crib, Car seat, stroller, etc. are not accepted)
- Construction Material (Use Cardboard)
- Dishes (Use Dish)
- Furniture (Use Dish)
- Books/Video/Audio Cassettes

CHURCH

Wed	Oct 15	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Oct 6	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Oct 18	Children's Choir 10:00am

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Wed	Oct 15	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Fri	Oct 17	Music Ministry Meeting 7:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Oct 14	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Oct 14	Bible Study 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 15	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Thurs	Oct 16	Youth EDGE 6:45-8:45pm
Sat	Oct 18	Men's Fraternity 6:00pm-9:00am
Sat	Oct 18	Food Festival 6:00pm
Sun	Oct 19	Alpha 7:00-9:00pm

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Wed	Oct 15	OLMC High School Retreat 9am-12:30pm
Thurs	Oct 16	CWL Palliative Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Oct 17	OLMC High School Retreat 9am-12:30pm
Fri	Oct 17	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Oct 19	Rise & Lead CWL Public Speaking 1:00-2:30pm
Sun	Oct 19	LifeTeen 5:15-7:15pm

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Tues	Oct 14	Bereavement 5:30-8:30pm
Thurs	Oct 16	PTC Book Club 1:00-3:00pm

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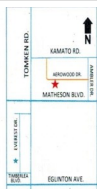
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