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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Fr. Nicola Defina In Residence: Fr. George S. Galea

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday - 5pm Sunday - 8:30am; 10am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

8am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
7pm on Wednesday with Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help | Rosary begins at 6:30pm
Magnificat Charismatic Prayer Group (Polish)
Thursday 7 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Sunday after the 11:30am mass Register two months in advance

Marriage

Contact the Pastor one year in advance

Reconciliation

Wednesday - 6pm to 7pm Saturday - 4pm to 5pm or by appointment

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office for arrangements

Eucharistic Adoration

Every first Friday of the month following 8am Mass

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers | Altar Society
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Eucharistic Ministers (at Home)
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PARISH ACTIVITIES

R.C.I.A.
Children's Liturgy
Finance Council
Parish 50+ Social Group
Social Fundraising Committee
Quilters' Club

Knights of Columbus (Meetings every 4th Monday of the month at 8 pm)

Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate in Parish Ministries/Activities. Call the Parish Office for details.

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	NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME			
Name:		Email:		
Address:			Unit/A	Apt.:
City:	Postal Code:		Phone:	
Weekly Offering Envelopes	New Parishioner	Change of A	ddress	Moving out of Parish

Masses For The Week

Sat Apr 6	5 pm	† Jack Korpela (Gayle Weiler & Dave Tyrrell)
Sun Apr 7	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving (Marie Paul)
	10 am	† Eduardo Pontes (The Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Apr 8	8 am	Birthday Blessings Andrew Spada (Iris Purdy)
	7 pm	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Tue Apr 9	8 am	† Maria Concetta, Donato & Giuseppe Zita (Lucy Zia)
Wed Apr 10	7pm	† Martin Lustic Sr. (Granddaughter Lori)
Thu Apr 11	8 am	† Antonio & Maria Socoho & Family (Maria Coehlo)
Fri Apr 12	8 am	All Souls of Purgatory (Henry & Lorna Vaz)
Sat Apr 13	5 pm	† Steve & Helen Golan (Joanna Bak)
Sun Apr 14	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	Birthday Blessings James Purdy (Iris Purdy)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Where Was Thomas?

John's version of the Easter event includes a story not mentioned in the other gospels. Only ten apostles are present. Judas is dead and Thomas is absent. If John's version is correct we must ask why Thomas did not join the group. We cannot fathom his motives, but John may give a clue. He says that Thomas was called "Didymus," which is the Greek word for "twin". Some have suggested that he was



often divided or "of two minds" in making decisions. Actually, the name "Thomas" itself means "twin", so to call him "Thomas Didymus", means "Twin twin," or really dubious.

(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Disine Mercy Sunday

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 7TH

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS @ 3 PM

PLEASE JOIN US ON MONDAY APRIL 8TH @ 7 PM
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS.
IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE INVITATION OF HIS
HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS, THAT ALL THE FAITHFUL IN
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO AND AROUND THE
WORLD, ANNUALLY RENEW THE ACT OF CONSECRATION
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE
LORD FEAST APRIL 8TH

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of the month May 3, 2024
Following the 8 am Mass
Rosary at 7:30am.
Adoration concludes with Holy Mass
Saturday morning Saturday May 4, @ 8 am
Come. See. Hear. Encounter.
Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

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Moving - please inform the parish office, it will help us keep parish database up to date.



Easter Thanks Everyone!

We are blessed with wonderful celebration during Holy Week! The preparation and celebration of the various events during the Lenten Season involve the planning and preparation of many people.

We thank all who helped with the preparation during the Holy Week; and all who took part in our liturgies making them celebrations of faith.



Parish staff, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, altar servers, musicians, choirs, etc. Thank you to all those who prepared the altar and the church for the Easter celebrations and for providing the help the parish needs. A very sincere THANKS to all our parishioners and friends for their presence, prayers and support! God Bless You All!

The Choral Ensemble Byrdsonge Presents: "Surrexit Christus Hodie"

a celebration of the Resurrection.

An a cappella concert of sacred music by composers of the Renaissance on This coming Saturday April 6th @ 7 pm in St. Leo's Church - Free will offering.

First Eucharist & Confirmation at St. Leo's Church

Our children are preparing to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. They will celebrate with family and friends at the 11:30 am Mass on the following times: Sunday April 14th Sunday April 21st & Sunday April 28th always at the 11:30 am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday May 12th and Sunday May 19th also at the 11:30 am Mass. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their upcoming Sacraments.

Volunteer Appreciation Week April 14-20, 2024 Every Moment Matters

Archdiocese The of Toronto will celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week: Every Moment Matters from April 14-20, 2024. This is in alignment with National Volunteer Week recognized throughout Canada established by Volunteer Canada. It will be a time to acknowledge our volunteers and the difference they make in strengthening their Church community through their dedicated service in parish ministry. This year's theme, "Every Moment Matters" recognizes and celebrates every volunteer and each of the contributions they make at any moment. Collectively, every moment of sharing in time, skills and empathy strengthens our community and answers the call to serve others as Jesus' example and commission to us.

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The Rite of Initiation is celebrated at the Easter Vigil. By the water of Baptism a person passes into the new life of grace and becomes a member of the Body of Christ. Those who are already baptized and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are given Holy Communion and are



confirmed. Anointing with Holy Oil called Chrism seals the initiation by the power of the Holy Spirit and participation at the Table of the Lord in the Eucharist marks full membership in the church. We welcome our candidates; we are delighted that you have chosen to journey in faith with our parish community through the RCIA process, this is a time of grace for all of us as we pray and learn together.

Year of Prayer

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God." The Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world."

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of April is sponsored by: Kostancija Degutyte for:

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Please pray for the sick of our Parish And for the souls of the deceased: LAWRENCE CAMERON

Communion for the homebound upon request, anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or those undergoing surgery. Please call the parish office

The Source Holy Hour Thursday, April 25, 2024 7-9:00 PM 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto

You are invited to The Source Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life at St. Peter's Church in Toronto (Bathurst and Bloor). More information can be found on the:

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