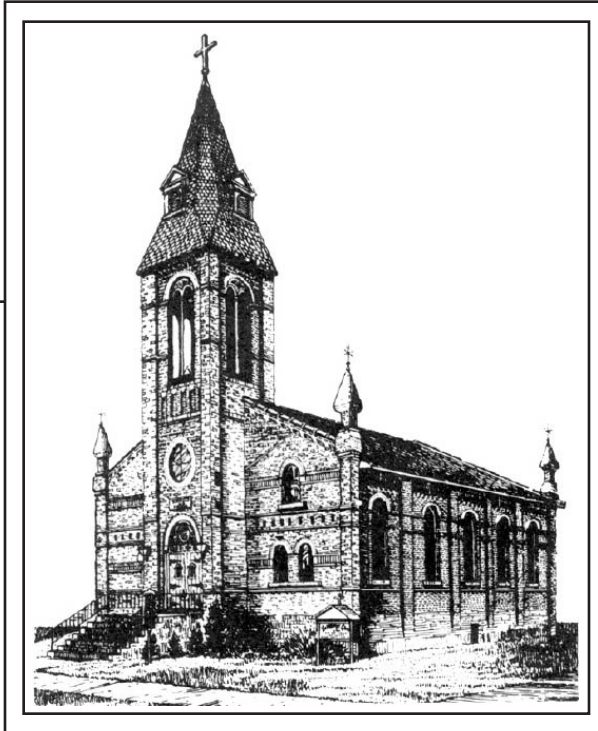


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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A YEAR OF JUBILEE

In 2024 Pope Francis called for a Jubilee Year dedicated as a year of prayer by Catholics to be, as the theme chosen states, “Pilgrims of Hope”.



Traditionally, the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year every 25-years which can be dedicated to a particular theme or Gospel image, though a pope can declare a Jubilee Year outside of this timeline for a purpose he deems necessary and spiritually beneficial to the People of God, the Church.

Going back as far as the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, subsequent ones took place every 100 years and later every 50 and more recently every 25 years. Prayer is always the essential response and call of a Jubilee Year and this 2025 year of jubilee reminds us of what we should already be aware – that we are pilgrims of hope. A pilgrim is one on-the-way in this life with a direction aimed toward following Jesus and His ways and commands. The word itself speaks of movement toward something, or in our case as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, toward Someone. This life on earth is not our true home; heaven is. So, this life properly understood is the place of our journey toward Home. And as pilgrims we journey in hope. Hope is a firm belief in something that is expected as we live in the hope of heaven and behold the very Face of God Himself.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, declared this Jubilee for the Church throughout the world in every diocese which means that it is truly a universal year for everyone to enter into and with special graces to be received by the faithful who sincerely participate. Pope Francis said, “*We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.*”

Our jubilee officially began on Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, with the official opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica and will continue until the Feast of Epiphany and the closing of the Holy Door on January 6, 2026. An opening Jubilee Mass was celebrated at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica in Toronto on December 29th presided by Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto.

As a parish, we will participate in this year-long Jubilee as Pilgrims of Hope in reciting the prescribed prayer (card) as a people mindful that we are immersing ourselves as pilgrims of hope of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord. And it’s so much more than reading a prayer from a card that we haven’t written or perhaps don’t even understand. It’s the spirit of this prayer and its meaning that we should review and better pray as a community of faith discerning personally this prayer, witness and service.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the **faith** you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of **charity** enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed **hope**
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

So, what does this new prayer actually call us to do and be? This prayer is a call for us to awaken our faith. It is meant to draw our attention to that which has already been our call through and since our baptism. The spiritual life in this earthly life is a great gift (grace) of God to us and requires awakening because we can so easily fall asleep in going through the motions of a spiritual life. We are playing with fire – the fire of the Holy Spirit to live a veritable life of faith that desires to see God in the here-and-now and motivates us to love Him, seek Him and do His will, loving others as we ‘know’ and have ‘experienced’ His love. Seek and you will find. Have we sought the Lord and known His boundless and incredible love? The Kingdom of God will come, one way or another but we pray for it because we are to participate in it.

The mission of the Jubilee this year is to bring to our attention the Gospel itself where Christ has promised us a new heaven and a new earth when evil, which always appears to be taking the victory, is annihilated by God Himself. God will have His day and it will be glorious for all who know and follow the Lord. In the centuries since the Church was founded by Christ Himself the world has been evangelized. Yet in the past few decades the Church has been calling for a new evangelization which acknowledges that while the world has heard the good news of the Gospel it needs to hear it again, fresh and new. We need to cultivate a longing, a hunger, a thirst for the treasures of heaven through giving above receiving; enduring persecution in a loving witness to our faith in Christ; loving (not necessarily liking) our enemies; and serving wherever we see a need, as this is the fruit and witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our source which leads to heavenly blessing. (Fr. C)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues Jan 14 th 6:30pm to Mass 7:00pm	Confession Intentions of Mary Cavanagh Requested by Rita Phillips
Wed Jan 15 th 8:30am	Intentions of Gwen Landlot Requested by Barb Gal
Thurs Jan 16 th 8:30am	Prayer Intentions Marian Movement of Priests Requested by Fflo MacRae
Fri Jan 17 th 8:30am	✦Emilia & Ted Requested by Eva
Sat Jan 18 th 3:30 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Confession ✦Howard Jobin Requested by the Flanagan Family
Sun Jan 19 th 9:00am	✦Giovani Palmisano Requested by the Lassak Family
11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Albert Sant, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Ashley Zavitz, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Janine Wright, Anne Johnston, Dorothy Shaughnessy, Rose Flanagan

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Fr. Daniel Palillo,
Fr. Rodolfo Imperial



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

For the Intentions of
St. Mary's Parishioners
Jan 12th to Jan 18th, 2025



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please don't forget to pick up your 2025 Offertory Envelopes. They will be out on the shelf in-between the church and the hall. **Anyone who would like to start using envelopes, please call the office and I will get a box ready.**

PAG - PREAUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the Parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account. There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish. Advantages for you:

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- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away
- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork. For information on how to enroll, please contact your parish office.

COFFEE SUNDAY

The CWL is hosting Coffee Sunday following the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday January 19th in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to coffee / tea / cookies/refreshments and to meet fellow parishioners.

There will also be activities for the children.

HOLD THE DATE

There will be a parish potluck on Saturday February 15th, details to follow next week.

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