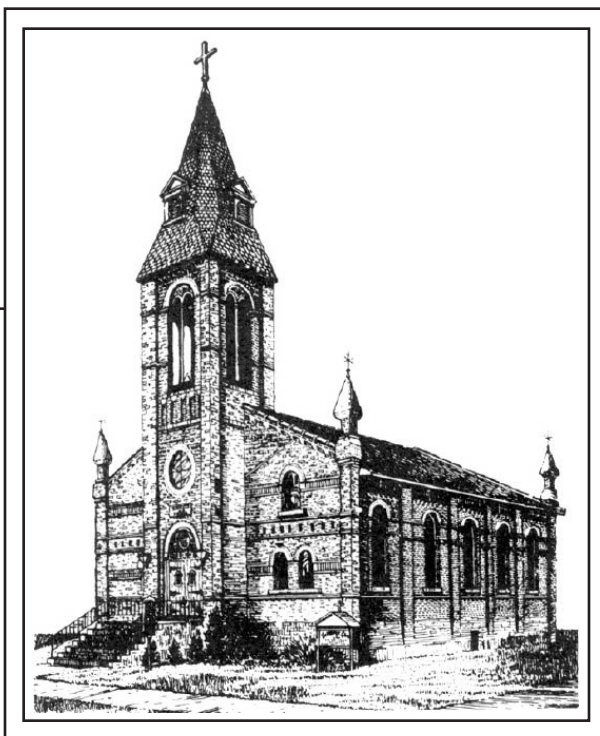


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Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
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Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
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HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS: Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

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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.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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FIVE EVENINGS OF REFLECTION AT ST. MARY'S

Five, one-hour Lenten Talks in the church at 7:00 pm
each Thursday of Lent:

Thursday, March 13 Thursday, March 20
Thursday, March 27 Thursday, April 3
Thursday, April 10

The talks will be given by Father Charles

Lent began, once again, this past Ash Wednesday not only as we received ashes on our foreheads but when we brought willing hearts before the Lord with the intention to, as the first reading of that day stated, "Render your hearts and not your clothing". Lent is all about our full participation in what God wants to do within us, though we so often get distracted by trying to focus on the externals, such as giving up chocolate or coffee or eating a bit less. Jesus is not interested in a feigned personal diet program where we hope to come out the other end of Lent in body shapeliness or leaner, for that will do our souls no good. Rather, we should enter fully into the desire and recognition of our need to change, with the Spirit's help, that which is within.

HAVE YOU LOST A SENSE OF SIN?

Unfortunately, I don't think it is rare that so many people have lost a sense of sin. It's easy in a world that has so much evil comingled with so much good, that people might be led to think they are okay and that their own sins are like cotton balls compared to the "real sinners" we view exposed and convicted on the daily diet of so many to get their truth from mainstream media giants who are so often about shock TV, controversy and the assassination of persons who go against their own narrative. In other words, people tend to believe what they read, hear and see, often enough according to the narrative they want to read, hear and see the world through. It's a temptation for everyone. But that's not the standard by which we Christians find our truth, or better still, *the truth*, because Jesus Christ is our only standard for truth. If I compare myself to others whom I already deem as sinners, then I can think I'm doing pretty well with "at least I'm not like them". But if I compare myself to Christ, then all of my sins and their seriousness come to the fore.

IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Ignatian spirituality offers a solid way to live so that we are contemplating daily our relationship with Christ, others and ourselves through reflection at the end of each day with the posed questions, 1) Where did I meet Christ today, and 2) Where did I not meet Christ today? We will find that we see Christ visible in our day-to-day lives in the positive interactions we have had with others but also often view the times when we didn't see Christ in those experiences with people we didn't see eye to eye with. The truth is, however, that Christ is always present in all our daily experiences that we find as either good or bad. He is always present and available through His Holy Spirit to guide us through those human relations as the standard by which we can and should live them. "Love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you", Jesus says in Matthew 5:44. If we've lost a

sense of sin then we will likely view all our negative experiences with others as their fault and all our positive ones as our doing or our having the good fortune to deal with nice people, and we will tend toward hating our enemies because we simply think they oppose us. The Examination of Conscience serves as the template for our self-reflection as a good moral inventory of ourselves in the light of the Ten Commandments of God. We shouldn't leave to chance our own quick thinking about what sins we might have committed, especially if it has been some length of time since we last availed ourselves of this powerful and beautiful sacrament. We might tend to generalize a year or more of sin as just a couple of minor things that come to mind but, as someone once quipped, 'when you generalize its generally lies'. The Examination will lead us to be specific and thorough in our self-examination and see clearly all our sins for what they are as being against God, others and ourselves. *(There are three different forms of Examinations of Conscience at the entrances to the church for children, young adults and adults. These are meant to be taken home, reviewed with prayer and asking the Holy Spirit's help in making it known to you those sins which you have committed through thought, word, deed and omission and serve you to be able to make a good confession where all your sins are confessed with contrition and forgiven by the Lord.)*

WHO IS JESUS FOR US?

If Jesus is seen as God who is always 'watching us', as found in the song with the nice tune but the theologically false lyrics, *From A Distance*, we will think that God is distant, aloof, indifferent to us and merely watching us, marking in his great book of our lives the good and the bad that we do, then we will not have a healthy fear of the Lord but one where we are actually afraid of God and won't know His great, personal love for us. When we come to know His love, however, which in our reality barely scratches the true greatness of that love, then we come to desire to love Him back and love others as we have come to know and enter more deeply in that love. Many, I'm sure, have not had good experiences of love and therefore may project that lack onto the all-powerful God with thoughts that suggest we couldn't possibly know that kind of deep love from Him. Yet, we only need look to the Cross of Christ in contemplation of this mysterious love He has for us, for you. Conversely, I think many have dreamed up a god who suits their life; a god who doesn't demand anything of them as long as their 'nice'. Yet this is a false god, an unknowable god who exists only in one's own mind and cannot save them. No, ours is the God who came to save us from ourselves, our sin, our willful disobedience by doing the most unimaginable thing – to die for us, for His is a love that is to die for, literally! This is the God of Jesus Christ who came to do the will of His Father and obediently took the Cross of our salvation upon Himself and died on it in that ungodly way that was nothing short of the worst of man's inhumanity to man. Yet, as the God-Man, He did so out of unfathomable love so that we, fallen sinners that we are might know we have been saved – and live in Him, loving Him back both personally and in and through others. Avail yourself this Lent by examining your conscience, going to confession and experiencing the great love of all. *(Fr. Charles)*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Mar 11 th 6:30pm to Mass 7:00pm	Confession +Ted Van Boxmeer Requested by Mary Cudney & Family
Wed Mar 12 th 8:30am	Intentions of Pius Osayande & Family Requested by Pius
Thurs Mar 13 th 7:30am 8:30am	HOLY HOUR +Ted Van Boxmeer Requested by the Family
Fri Mar 14 th 6:30pm 7:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS God's Blessing on Children of Ela & John Requested by Ela & John
Sat Mar 15 th 3:00 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Confession Special Intentions of Mary Cudney Requested by Cenacle Sisters of St. Mary's Parish
Sun Mar 16 th 9:00am 11:00am	For the People +Johnny Marron Requested by Angela Degning & Family

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, Norma Still, Pat Ironside-Mayes, Yvonne Besley.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

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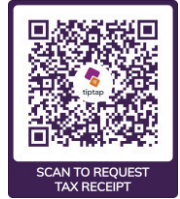
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Jubilee 2025: Lenten Pilgrimage

In his homily at each of the Jubilee Regional masses Cardinal Leo strongly encouraged each individual/family to consider a visit/pilgrimage to one or more of the designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings. A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

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1st Sunday of Lent - March 9th 2025

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

ANNUAL ORDINANDI SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Thank you to all who took the time to hand in your prayer promises for the 2025 Ordinandi; our numbers will be added to other CWL's and presented to the Ordinandi. As they face this great year of transition to the priesthood and life outside of seminary, it will be the support they so greatly need. To date, 68 families committed to: 776 Masses, 3327 Rosaries, 58 Sacrifices, 1415 Prayers, 324 Communions, 87 Eucharistic Adoration, 15 Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, 34 Stations of the Cross and 13 other offerings.

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