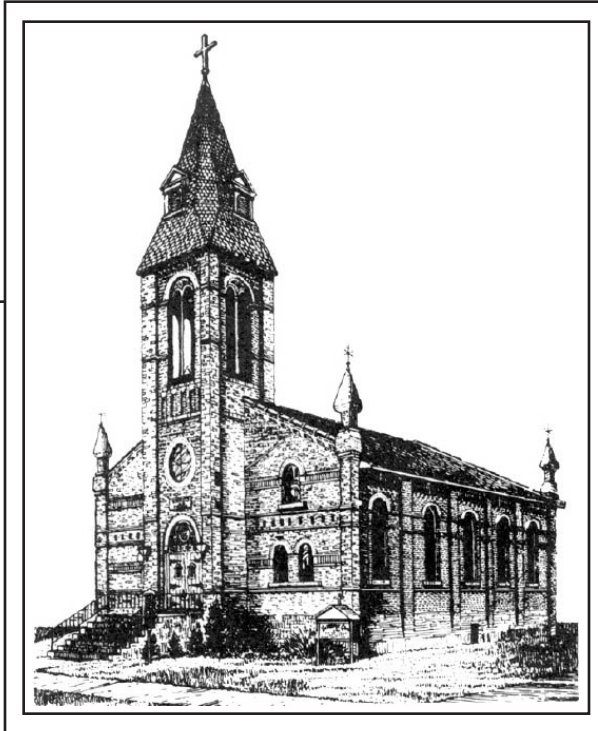


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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

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**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Parish Office.

**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.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

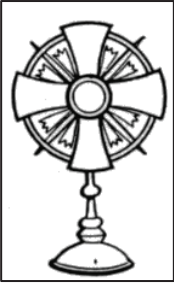
**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

**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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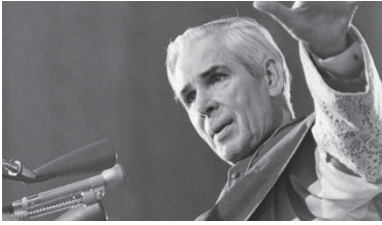
## HOLY HOUR

Friday's from 7:30 – 8:30 am.  
followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

*"Watch and Pray."*

*For your life... for the world!*

### Venerable Fulton J. Sheen said....



"The world has heard every argument for faith in Christ and is ready to dismiss them all, save one: holiness. The holy priest, the holy Sister, the holy lay man or woman." Driven and sustained by his daily holy hour before the

Blessed Sacrament, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen lived an intense life of holiness, zeal to save souls and Christian love that helped make him the most influential Catholic in 20th-century America, biographer Thomas C. Reeves says.

Reeves has released a previously unpublished conclusion to his 2002 Sheen biography, *America's Bishop: The Life and Times of Fulton J. Sheen* (Encounter Books). The concluding chapter, titled "Living Intensely," covers Venerable Sheen's spirituality, his inspiration and how others viewed his life.

"To an extraordinary degree, his mind was on God," Reeves wrote of Sheen (1895-1979), the prolific author and Catholic evangelist best remembered for his 1950s television series, "Life is Worth Living." "This supernatural approach to life activated and sustained his enormous energy. He said late in life, 'the secret of my power is that I have never in fifty-five years missed spending an hour in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That's where the power comes from. That's where sermons are born. That's where every good thought is conceived.'"

Sheen's commitment to keeping a holy hour began on the day of his ordination on September 20, 1919 and lasted until the day of his death on December 9, 1979. He was clearly devoted to the practice, but he viewed it not as a devotion but "a sharing in the work of redemption." For many decades, he urged brother priests, religious and all the faithful to make a daily holy hour.

"We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow," Sheen wrote in his autobiography, *Treasure in Clay*. "Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way, as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain." The holy hour was also a source for intellectual ideas and preaching. "Theological insights," Sheen once said, "are gained not only from the two covers of a treatise, but from two knees on a prie-dieu before a tabernacle." (from the online Catholic World Report, March, 2015)

## CHRIST IS KING!

✠ Who is He in yonder stall,  
At whose feet the shepherds fall?  
**'Tis the Lord! oh wondrous story!**  
**'Tis the Lord! the King of glory!**

At His feet we humbly fall,  
Crown Him! crown Him, Lord of all!

- ✠ Who is He in deep distress,  
Fasting in the wilderness?
- ✠ Who is He the people bless  
For His words of gentleness?
- ✠ Who is He to whom they bring  
All the sick and sorrowing?
- ✠ Who is He that stands and weeps  
At the grave where Lazarus sleeps?
- ✠ Who is He the gathering throng  
Greet with loud triumphant song?
- ✠ Lo! at midnight, who is He  
Prays in dark Gethsemane?
- ✠ Who is He on yonder tree  
Dies in grief and agony?
- ✠ Who is He who from the grave  
Comes to succor, help, and save?
- ✠ Who is He who from His throne  
Rules through all the worlds alone?

This Sunday marks the end of the liturgical calendar year and Advent next weekend will begin it anew. It is most fitting that we remember Christ Jesus is the beginning and the end of all things, the Alpha and the Omega, and that at the end of the Church year we celebrate who Christ truly is to us, yet with a strange Gospel reading of Jesus being questioned by Pilate about whether he is a king or not. It must have sounded odd to Pilate's ears to hear Jesus speak about a kingdom, alright, but one not of this world. Pilate might have considered Jesus to be mentally unstable since he referred to a kingdom that couldn't be seen.

Looking back, we benefit from 2000 years of understanding the revelation of Jesus and knowing what he meant by a Kingdom that is to come. Yet, the Church reminds us that the Kingdom of God isn't just something you point to with an uplifted finger; it's also here on earth and within us - we walk in the Kingdom en route to the Kingdom. And Kingdom means nothing if not connected directly with the desire to be with Christ, the King of all. To make Christ King is to personally enthrone him as the King of our lives, minds, bodies, hearts, and souls, through each member of his body, the Church.

### Adopt a St. Mary's Christmas Tree



This year, we have purchased three new, larger Christmas trees to adorn St. Mary's - a 12-foot tree and two 7.5-foot trees, aimed at enhancing the sacred atmosphere of the sanctuary. They are of high quality and are expected to last for many years. In addition to the cost of the flowers, I would like to invite our parishioners to consider donating to help cover the expense of the new trees. Gifts of \$100 or more would be appreciated, or any affordable amount. You can donate by placing your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Trees,' along with your name, envelope number, and/or your complete mailing address for a tax receipt. Thank you. (Fr. Charles)

**MASS**   **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tue Nov 25<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00pm +Alicia Tan  
 Requested by Maria Salzmann

Wed Nov 26<sup>th</sup>  
 8:30am +Alfredo Soares Gomes  
 Requested by the Family

Thurs Nov 27<sup>th</sup>  
 8:30am Intentions Fernanda Carneiro

Fri Nov 28<sup>th</sup>  
 7:30am HOLY HOUR  
 8:30am +Victor Szuta  
 Requested by Mary Cudney & Family

+Deceased Members of the Rosary  
 Apostolate

Sat Nov 29<sup>th</sup>  
 8:30am +Patricia Rybka  
 Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson

4:30pm +Giovanni Carlucci  
 Requested by Antonietta & Domenic Sanfilippo

Sun Nov 30<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00am +Gwen Collard  
 Requested by John Mattachioni

11:00am For the People

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Mary Little, Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford,  
 Yvonne Grimm, Siobhan McKee, Mary Elliot



*Please Pray for the Recently Deceased*

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for the  
 Intentions of Sonia, Mark, Luis & Philip  
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**DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT**

Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00am to 11:00am  
 6:00pm to 8:00pm



**SENIOR WISH – BAGS OF LOVE**

Christmas Senior Wish are resuming their *Bags of Love* Campaign for seniors who reside in long-term care and in the community who would otherwise not receive gifts. This is our fourth year involved in this campaign and it has been a huge success. The boxes will be out in the hallway, and the lists of items needed will be listed on the box, I will also put some photocopies of items listed on the shelf. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the office. **The deadline for drop off is November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



**ADVENT RETREAT**

The CWL will run an Advent 1/2 day retreat from 8:30-1:00pm on November 29<sup>th</sup>, the theme is using the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary as a framework for Advent Preparations. Leave a Message for Camille at 905-417-2650 if you would like to join or have questions. Beginning with mass it will include a light breakfast and lunch, the cost is free. As with all CWL meetings and events it is open to all ladies of the parish.

**CEMETERY – REMOVAL OF DECORATIONS**

The Cemetery officially closes December 1<sup>st</sup> for the winter. We ask you to please remove any items that are on or around the grave before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Only wreaths with stands or saddle wreaths are permitted during the winter months. This helps tremendously with clean up. Anything left will be removed, thank you for your compliance.

**MISSALS**

Missals are available for purchase in the little store at the back of the church, or from the parish office. The cost is \$7.00. Please put money in the box provided. Thank You

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Over the next few weeks, I will be getting the offertory envelopes ready for 2025. For anyone who does not use envelopes and would like to start using envelopes, please give me a call at the parish office and I will add you to my list.

**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. For more information, please call your parish office.

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