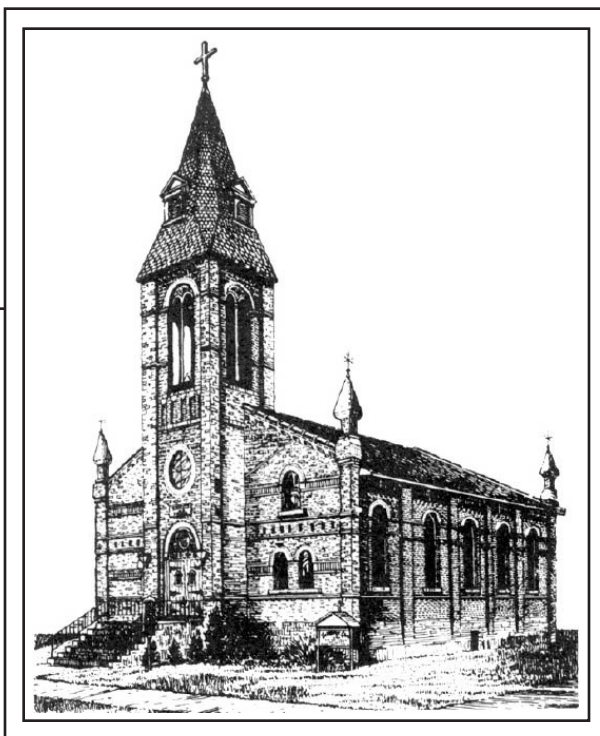


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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**PASTORAL LETTER FROM
ARCHBISHOP CARDINAL FRANK LEO
REGARDING BILL C-9**



5 December 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
I write to you today to convey my support of the 4 December letter to Prime Minister Carney issued by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) concerning proposed amendments to Bill C-9 and the possible removal of the long-standing “good faith” religious-text defence in the Criminal Code.

As Catholics, we must always firmly reject all forms of hatred and discrimination, and we stand in solidarity with those who suffer from violence, intimidation, or prejudice. Our faith calls us to uphold the dignity of every human person and to contribute to a society marked by justice, peace, and respect for all.

At the same time, the concerns highlighted by the CCCC deserve serious attention. The ability to express and teach our faith freely—without fear that sincere, good-faith proclamation of the Gospel might be misunderstood as unlawful—is a cornerstone of a healthy, democratic Canada. Removing this narrow but important safeguard risks creating uncertainty for clergy, educators, and all people of faith who seek to pass on the teachings of the Church with charity and integrity.

I encourage you to read the CCCC Permanent Council’s letter in full and to stay informed about the discussions surrounding Bill C-9. I also ask that you join me in praying that our elected officials will work collaboratively with religious communities and legal experts to ensure that efforts to curb hatred do not unintentionally undermine the constitutional freedoms that allow people of all faiths to flourish in our country.

I am sharing this letter and the communication from the Permanent Council of the CCCC with every elected Member of Parliament in the Archdiocese of Toronto so that they are aware of our deep concerns. You are also encouraged to respectfully contact your own Member of Parliament (MP). You can find contact information for your local MP by clicking [here](#).

Let us continue to witness to Christ with confidence, compassion, and truth, trusting always in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be assured of my continued gratitude and ongoing prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

GOD SPEECH vs. HATE SPEECH

This letter from our Cardinal Archbishop, Frank Leo, serves as a written endorsement of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ letter sent to Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and many other Members of Parliament. It explicitly addresses our 225 parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto, expressing serious concern about the ‘interpretation’ of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and how some may perceive the Church’s teachings on sin as ‘hate’. That is why debates on television often revolve around hate speech, where one group labels something as hate speech, and the opponent rightly asks, “define hate speech”, “what do you mean by hate speech?” Almost always, they cannot and do not provide an answer. And therein lies the problem. When legislators seek to introduce hate speech laws, which can and will bring charges against those accused of it, it is rarely clear what specifically constitutes so-called hate speech. This often allows anyone who is offended by something to call it hate speech carelessly.

As Christians, Catholics hold clear, unchangeable teachings that apply to every age without exception. For example, if someone who was validly married leaves their spouse and lives with someone else as a couple, it is called adultery. Yet, someone could and would hear preaching in church that condemns adultery, be offended by it, and consider it hate speech. And because an individual deems it as such, they could, under hate speech laws, bring charges against a preacher, minister, rabbi or priest for what they consider as hate speech.

At present, churches, synagogues, and mosques are at risk of having their preachers charged, incurring significant legal costs in their own defence, and facing possible jail time for what they have said in their preaching. Granted, if something were said that was blatantly inciting hate and violence toward individuals or groups, this would be wrong. But today, much of the Gospel of life that Jesus preached and the Church teaches may be perceived as hate by those who will not hear or tolerate the accepted truth that has been held as such for centuries, if not millennia. And this would not only apply to those things said publicly, but also to what is spoken within the walls of a religious edifice. In other words, words some people don’t like could be used by them to bring public, legal charges against the people or institutions that spoke them. The faith that has always been proclaimed by the Catholic Church in many cases today has been cited as hate speech, though no violence is called for, nor hatred evident. Yet if one personally is offended or perceives personal emotional harm, they can freely consider it hate speech. And if legislation is passed, such as the Canadian Bishops and our Cardinal have pointed out in Bill C-9, then effectively censorship can be imposed not only on the preachers of the Gospel of Christ, but can be done so under the auspices of so-called hate speech. It is very dangerous to create and enforce laws that can directly impinge on the religious freedom we have always enjoyed and have a right and a duty before God to uphold. In a culture where saying abortion is murder is often considered hate speech by some, we need the protection of freedom of speech to be able to continue to say it is and to call our culture out on this sin and all sin that grieves the heart of God and is contrary to the Lord who is life itself. “For if God gives life and we take it, what will God give us?” “What you hear in the dark you must speak in the Light!” *Mt.10:27*

(Fr. Charles)

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tue Dec 16th

7:00pm Intentions of Gary Saltzmann
Requested by Maria Saltzmann

Wed Dec 17th

8:30am +Rosemarie Scattergood
Requested by the Cudney Family

+Nando Oddi

Requested by Vittoria Oddi

Thurs Dec 18th

8:30am Intentions of Hilary Joseph
Requested by Fflo MacRae

Fri Dec 19th

7:30am HOLY HOUR

8:30am Intentions of Noemi Guerrero
Requested by the Family

Unannounced Mass

Sat Dec 20th

8:30am +Elaine Mullin
Requested by Chris Godin & Family

4:30pm Intentions of the Guerrero Family

Sun Dec 21st

9:00am +Greg Cudney
Requested by the Cudney Family

11:00am For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Mary Little, Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford,
Siobhan McKee, Mary Elliot.



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

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2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes are ready for 2026. 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. They will be in alphabetical order in the parish hall.

3rd Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

Make your gift to ShareLife

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

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DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

Wednesday December 17th

9:00am to 11:00am

6:00pm to 8:00pm



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Masses for Christmas and New Year's will be as follows:

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
4:30pm and 6:30pm

Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
9:00am and 11:00am

Feast of the Holy Family/New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31

4:30pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God/New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1

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