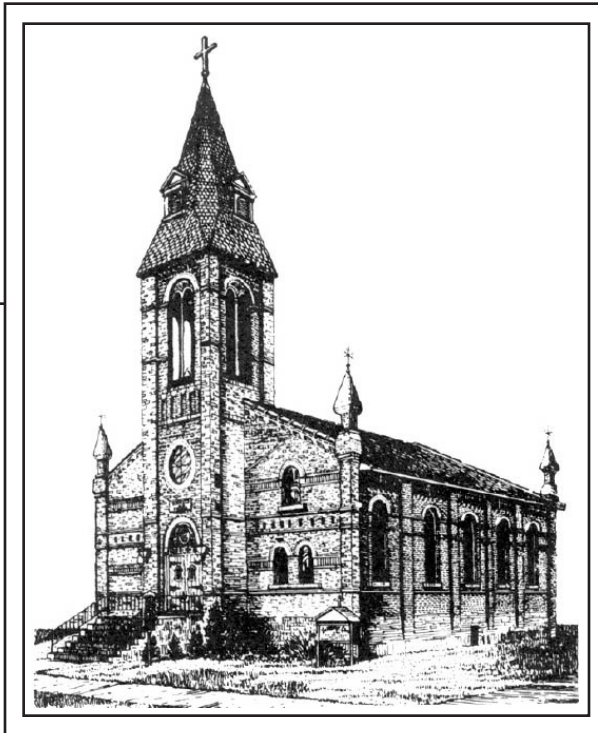


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Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

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Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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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.

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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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE EUCHARIST "SOURCE AND SUMMIT"

Last Sunday, the Universal Church celebrated the great mystery of the Divine Trinity in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We were baptized in the name of the Trinity, cross ourselves with the sign of the cross, conclude most of the Church's prayers in the name of the triune God, and, if we are blessed to have a Catholic funeral at the end of our earthly days, will have that same cross traced over our remains as one of the final acts of the Church over one of its members and beloved children. Even though this is pure mystery, we cannot for a millisecond believe that it is somehow irrelevant or minimal in our lives. Little do we know about the one true God, who has Himself manifested and revealed to us that He is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, yet remains One God. Unknowable to the human intellect in the sense that it cannot be explained away or treated as a mystery to be somehow solved, it is the core of Catholic faith.

Following this feast of Mystery itself is the very "Source and Summit" of our Catholic faith and life, the Eucharist. It comes from Jesus's life on the night before He died, when He celebrated the Passover meal so familiar to His apostles, yet He changed its meaning by using the word "is". "This is my Body. This is my Blood. Do this in memory of me". Jesus wasn't leaving a mere memorial to His followers, hoping they would simply remember Him in their minds after He was no longer with them, but was actually instituting the very sacrament that would feed our lives with the flesh and blood of Jesus Himself. "Is" means "Is".

To those Catholics who believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, with heart and soul and the ascent of the mind, it may be understood how many other Catholics do not truly believe this at all, or perhaps do not think about it at all. For many of the world's Catholics, First Holy Communion was an event they participated in when they were young, receiving 'something' that was supposed to be special, as they were dressed, treated, and made to feel on that day. Often, the idea that what is special about Holy Communion is the recipient, not The Gift Itself, is misinterpreted. The Gift, of course, is Jesus Himself. The Eucharist is not something, but Someone! It's not that the children were not taught what Holy Communion is, or that they weren't adequately prepared in their parishes through age-appropriate catechesis to receive Jesus in this way, but that they often weren't given the sense that the Eucharist is really Jesus Himself. They learned perhaps what was real and true according to adults, parents, grandparents, relatives, friends and teachers: the Catholic adults in their lives.

My memory of my First Holy Communion as I approached this wondrous sacrament at the age of seven, the age of reason, was a clear sense that I would somehow be drawn closer to Jesus Himself through this sacrament. And that He would draw closer to me. "Make your home in me", said Our Lord in John's Gospel, "and I will make my home in you". What incredible intimacy in this wondrous moment of a little boy and God Himself! I can't say I remember physically walking forward and being given the Sacred Host on First Holy Communion Day, but my overall sense was that something truly holy was taking place in my life, and that it had everything to do with that little round Host I was to receive for the first time and for the rest of my life. And it was the knowledge, yes, knowledge, that the Jesus I already knew as my best possible friend, and Lord would become closer to me than ever before. Looking back, I see and still understand this as pure mystery, yet mystery somehow revealed.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny, white Host," said Venerable (soon to become Beatified) Fulton J. Sheen of the Eucharist. An appearance so simple, so ordinary in its appearance, is God. Yet this is precisely how so many have missed it over the past two millennia. It's too common, particularly for those who partake of it regularly, where we can receive Him without noticing or even thinking about Him. How could the Creator of all things become a piece of bread? How could we possibly receive the Lord of Life in such a humble fashion as bread that is Him? Because Jesus Himself revealed it to us, sustained among men these past two thousand years in the very Church, He gave it to; the Church that safeguarded it, memorialized it, and defends it to this day. It is a love story in that the greatest love came to the earth and desired that we could not only know and see His presence among us but that we could receive, take into our bodies, His Body, His Blood! And what should be our response to this miraculous, holy and sacred reality but praise, adoration, thanksgiving and a heart that says, "yes!" (*Fr. Charles*)





Tuesday June 9 th 7:00pm	+Dan Braniff Requested by Pat & Family
Wednesday June 10 th 8:20am	+Mary Little Requested by Chris Godin
Thursday June 11 th 8:30am	+Maria Kucharchuk Requested by Cora & Adrian O'Connor
Friday June 12 th 7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	+Michael Maloney Requested by Chris Godin +Rob Irving Requested by Elizabeth Ivey
Saturday June 13 th 8:30am	+Marian Szydziak Requested by the O'Hearn Family
3:30pm	CONFESSIONS
4:30pm	+Bing Jowett Requested by Pat & Al Davidson
Sunday June 14 th 9:00am	+Mary & Gus Mattachioni Requested by John Mattachioni
11:00am	For the People

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ June 7, 2026

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

St. Mary's Church is happy to welcome our new music director, Marilyn Reesor, to our parish. Marilyn brings over thirty years of experience as a liturgical musician as well as classical performer and teacher. Part of her mandate is to develop a musical ministry at St. Mary's and encourage the involvement of our own parishioners in this mission. If you are a singer and/or capable musician, please consider joining our new music ministry to help celebrate our masses in song. Marilyn provides gentle, professional guidance as well as cantorial and liturgical training. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact Marilyn at Mreesor@archtoronto.org or speak with her after mass. She will be delighted to meet you!

St. Mary's CWL is hosting a bake sale after Mass on June 13th & 14th. All members of the parish are invited to donate a favourite baked good to this delicious fundraiser. Sign-up sheets are posted at both church entrances. Baked goods **MUST BE PRE-WRAPPED**. Wrappers will be available in the church hall after Mass on June 6th & 7th. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church hall on June 13th between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Farewell Reception for Fr. Charles

After 5 wonderful years of spiritual guidance and faithful service, Father Charles is moving on to his new assignment at St. Paul's Basilica. Let's give him a warm and joyful send-off.

Date: Sunday June 21st

Time: Immediately following the 11:00am Mass

Location: Fr. Ellard Hall

Details: Light lunch and refreshments will be served.

A basket will be available if you would like to drop off a card or personal message.

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