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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M. Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass

First Saturday Mass & Devotions – 8:30 A.M.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after mass & devotions

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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



Baptism should stamp into the lives of Christians a pattern of generous behavior, which means that there ought to be no stranger or outcast in our midst. Everyone should feel welcome in our company. Christ calls us to reach out to all strangers with welcoming hearts. In caring for others, we allow the love of God to move through us. A random act of kindness blesses both the giver and receiver resulting in feelings of inner joy and fulfilment. Giving of our time in a kind and friendly way helps us to come to grips with inner selfishness and crack open the hard shell of our own indifference, which tells us to remain aloof, to pass people by and not to get involved. The kind of welcome we extend to others is the surest measure of the quality of our Christian life and of what our faith means to us.

Every Sunday Jesus welcomes us as his guests and invites us to break bread and share his life with us. He offers the gift we need most – the gift of hospitality. What better gift can we leave to those coming after us than the breaking of bread and Christ’s instruction to “do this in memory of me”? It is a glimpse of the hospitality that awaits us when we arrive in our heavenly home.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 28 – July 3

Monday	Soul of Luciano Mathias
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll Soul of Ann Bridget Gallagher Soul of Donald Gomes Soul of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall
Wednesday	Soul of Erna Posch Soul of Stephen Chua Yong Liang and Maria Lai Keok Kwee
Thursday	Mass of Thanksgiving – The Cheung Family
Friday	Soul of Nolito Reyes

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May the sick and the suffering in our community come to know that God the Father cares for them and that they are precious in his eyes.

Finding Life in the Heart of Child

A time I will never forget was from my early 20s. I had taken a year off school to work and a good friend’s parents were experiencing financial hardship. It was extremely stressful and they were struggling to pay the bills. Living with my parents, I had few expenses so I offered to loan them some money to get by. They graciously accepted my offer and I went to their house to give them the money.

While I was giving them the cash, their 4-year-old grandson was off to the side observing the exchange. Soon after, he approached me with his piggy bank and gave me the entire thing. My friend’s parents and I were both surprised by his gesture and I asked him: ‘Why are you giving me all your money?’ He quickly responded: “Well you gave all your money to Gran so I am giving all my money to you.” I was deeply touched and moved by his gesture. Here I was ‘loaning’ some extra money to his grandparents who treated me like a son and here he was without reservation giving all the money he had saved to a friend of the family. I returned the piggybank to him and thanked him for the generous offer.

I believe that this boy was truly living out the message of this weekend’s Gospel: “Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” The paradox that strikes at the heart of Christian discipleship, demanding a radical reorientation of our deepest allegiances and desires.

In a modern, self-centered culture, the instinct to “find” life means grasping for control, personal ambition, and worldly success. We naturally build fortresses of comfort and security. Yet, Christ warns that this self-preservation ultimately leads to spiritual emptiness. True fulfillment is not achieved by hoarding our time and resources, but by pouring them out in devoted service to God and neighbor.

To “lose” one’s life for His sake is not a call to despair or literal destruction, but rather an invitation to abundant, resurrected life. It involves dying to our ego, our selfish ambitions, and our desires for autonomy. For Catholics, this is a daily spiritual martyrdom—uniting our personal crosses with the ultimate sacrifice of Christ on the cross. By letting go of our own worldly agendas, we create space for the Holy Spirit to guide our actions.

When we surrender our will to God, we discover our true, God-given identity. We stop striving to impress the world and find profound peace in the knowledge that we are deeply loved by the Father. Our faith reminds us that our earthly existence is merely a pilgrimage toward eternity. By joyfully embracing this sacrificial love, we detach ourselves from the fleeting temptations of the present and inherit the enduring, joyful life promised by the Gospel. J. Humphries.

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Thank you for living the gospel!



During the summer, please join us **Friday** July 3, August 7 & September 4 at 9:30 am for Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Join us July 4, August 7 & September 5 at 8:30 am for First **Saturday** Devotions. .

Come spend an hour with Jesus & Mother Mary

Special Collection MISSION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (MCP) July 25 & 26

This year we welcome Fr. Silvanus Sayida Kidaha to the parish who is representing the Diocese of Musoma, Tanzania.

Currently the Diocese of Musoma is running several pastoral projects including the formation of seminarians. These are future priests, not only for Africa but also for the universal Church anywhere in the world. Currently the Diocese of Musoma has 58 major seminarians. The cost of educating one seminarian is about \$1000 a year. These young men spend 7 years in the Seminary for training before they are ordained to the Priesthood.

Special Collection envelopes are in the pew pockets for your convenience. Your donation enables missionaries to carry out their pastoral programs and social projects to people and cultures when the Gospel is not yet fully preached.

Please give what you can. Thank you.



ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wednesday, August
12, 2026 at 7:00 pm

The Archdiocese of Toronto Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invite all families to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed.

Holy Cross Cemetery – Celebrant: His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

Please see the bulletin board for the various locations and celebrants.

In the event of rain, please visit: catholic-cemeteries.com

GOOD SHEPHERD Ministries

Sadly, hunger never takes a vacation – not even during the summer.

Thank you for your past support of the casserole program, but now more than ever people are relying on the food banks and ministries such as the Good Shepherd to provide at least **one** meal a day.

During the summer months, casseroles will be due Sunday, June 28th, July 26th and August 30st.

Good Shepherd Ministries also graciously accepts gently used **men's** clothing & toiletries, which you are welcome to drop off at the parish. **Men's** clothing only please.



Summer Office Hours

During the months of July & August, the parish office will close at 3:30 pm.



HAPPY CANADA DAY!
Wednesday, July 1st,
2026

The parish office will be closed.

Mass begins at 9:00 am

Please note this is the final bulletin until the weekend of September 12/13. Have a great summer everyone!



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