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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
or by Appointment.

First Friday of the Month

Adoration/Benediction

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Baptism: Contact the office to register your child. Baptism dates assigned at time of interview with Priest or Deacon.

Marriage: Contact the parish office for appointment.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, C.H.H. – *Pastor*
Rev. Andrew Taylor – *Associate Pastor*
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Rev. Andrew Taylor – *R.C.I.A.*
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Parish Ministries

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Grand Knight, Kim Pacis
Kim.pacis@kofc.org

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YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY AGES 18-39 - Trish Hoang
youngadult.stedward@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-12 - Maribeth Go
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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When I apply the practice of Lectio Divina (the careful repeated reading of Scripture) to today's Gospel, what stands out for me is the first son's response. After initially refusing his father's request, "later he changed his mind and went."

As if to underline the importance of the son's changed stance, Jesus uses the same words to chastise the religious leaders who, even after experiencing the witness of John the Baptist, "did not change [their] minds and believe."

Change is undeniably challenging. It can make us feel resistant, helpless, out of control. But change is essential for growth to happen – in nature, in our attitudes and actions, in our relationships and indeed in our spiritual journey.

The son's change of mind is essentially a *conversion*. We are all in need of conversion – not just once but as an ongoing, lifelong process. And the good news is that ours is a God of infinite second chances. No matter what hurtful or guilty baggage may weigh us down, we are continually called by the God of love to newness of life. Today may we pray for the openness and courage to "change our mind" in response to God's intitation.

(Reflection of Krystyna Higgins of Living With Christ)

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND - 10th/11th 2026

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing; all seasons (men, women and children) to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support Special Works in the community. Please bring your donation on the weekend of **October 10th/11th**, to share with others in the community. A SVDP truck will be parked in the parking lot. Thank you for your continued support.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a nation effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. There will be a second collection the weekend of **October 3rd/4th** for Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation. This collection provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The EDGE and Life Teen Ministry begins next *Friday October 9th*. Life Teen will be held the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. EDGE will be held the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. .



Monday September 28, 2026

8:30 a.m. Birthday wishes for Grace Amoroso

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Antonio Porcelli
+ Guido & Filomena Di Biase
+ Iu Chang Kim
+ Maria Mercedes Marthez
Healing for Gerry Medina

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Mia, Gio Adrian & Emma

Thursday, October 1, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Chin Tek Andrew Kim
Special intentions for St. Theresina
Special intentions for Errol Saldanha
Speedy recovery of Josie
Good health for Erica Wieder

Friday, October 2, 2026

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Tan & family

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9:00 a.m. + Fr. Jesus Lopez
+ Constance Langley
Blessings for Holt, Chin & Wong families

4:30 p.m. + Vincenza Ruggiero

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Yvonne Dourado
9:30 a.m. + Margaret & Edmundo Carneiro
11:00 a.m. + Marie Callaghan

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

Weekend of October 10th/11th

Along with our monthly "Neighbourhood Link" North York Food Drive we will have our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Good Shepherd Ministries. We will be collecting non-perishable food items the weekend of **October 10th/11th**, for the Good Shepherd Ministries. Your donation will help make it possible for them to continue to offer nutritious meals to those in need.

Urgently needed items are: canned meats, canned fruits, canned tuna & salmon, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, ground/instant coffee, breakfast cereals, pasta & sauces, cookies and crackers, tea, jams, sugar & rice.

55+ CLUB

All are welcome to the 55+ Seniors Group. Knitters meet at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, and Seniors meet from 12:30 – 3:00 pm. Please contact Lorena Chioran (416-398-0973) if you have any question.

**REGISTRATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF
FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**



**First Communion Parent Registration
Night: For students in Grade 2**

**Thursday, October 22nd @ 7:00 PM
in the Church**

(Parents need to bring a copy of the child's
Catholic Baptismal Certificate)



**Confirmation Parent Registration Night:
For students in Grade 7**

**Thursday, October 29, @ 7:00 PM
in the Church**

(Parents need to bring a copy of the child's
Catholic Baptismal Certificate)

Registration Forms will be provided at the meeting,
following a brief talk by Msgr. Pat. **At least one parent
has to be present. Child does NOT need to be present.**

**Registration Forms are NOT provided online, as the
Parent Meeting is necessary and required in order to
review the process, discuss the materials, and inform of
the dates for First Communion and Confirmation.**

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission
Across the Country

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will
take place this weekend, **September 26th and 27th**. This
annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful
to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry
of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring
for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We
thank you in advance for your generosity and continued
commitment.

112th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Sunday, September 27, 2026

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "Even just
one of these children."

Drawing from the Gospel of Matthew (18:5) — "Whoever
welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" — the
Holy Father calls the Church to pay special attention to
migrants and refugee children. He reminds us that every
child matters, and we are called to protect and welcome
them with open hearts, offering them safety, dignity, and a
hopeful future.

We are invited to reflect on how our parishes and
communities can respond with concrete acts of hospitality
and compassion to the youngest and most vulnerable among
those on the move.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS

*Dear Parishioners: Thank you so much for your
prayers, support, greeting cards, and the wonderful
social provided in the parish hall on the occasion of my
45th Anniversary of the Priesthood this past weekend.
In particular, I thank all the groups that donated food
for the occasion, the Social Committee that oversaw it,
and who assisted them. My sincere gratitude to the
clergy, staff, and all those involved in the Mass, to
include Daniel Colla who formed a special choir for the
4:30 p.m. Mass. I am grateful to God for the gift of my
priesthood and in being able to serve you in His name.
God bless you. Know of my prayers.*

Msgr. Pat

JOIN THE LIFE CHAIN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Life Chain, typically held on the first Sunday of October,
"Respect Life Sunday," is an annual peaceful, pro-life
public witness. For one hour, Christians line the streets in
their local communities to pray quietly for an end to
abortion while holding signs. Join the Life Chain from 2-3
pm at the intersection of Yonge/Steeles or you are welcome
at St. Bernard's Residence, 687 Finch Ave. West.

PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and
compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join
us for an informative seminar designed to help you
understand your options and make confident, faith-informed
decisions.

Learn about:

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (including 0% financing
options)

Date & Location: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral
Home, 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill

Saturday October 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM

You must RSVP to attend at 905-889-7467 ext. 1 or by
email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

"Soli Deo Gloria" 100th Anniversary Gala Concert
Blessed Sacrament Church | 2 October 2026 | 7:30 PM

Featuring: The Together in Worship Canada Choir
conducted by Vincent Cheng and accompanied by organist
Dr. David Simon.

Tickets: \$30 in advance at the parish office \$40 at the door
or online (e-transfer to blessedsacrament100th@gmail.com)



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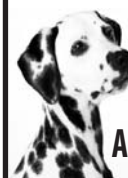
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