
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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(1581 - 1660)

SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)
8:30 a.m. English Mass
9:30 a.m. Low Mass (Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)
11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Before every Mass on Sundays
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. Saturday

DAILY ROSARY

The Rosary is recited in the church at the following times:
Monday - Thursday 8:40 a.m., Friday noon,
Saturday 10:40 a.m., & Sunday 10:25 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 8:30 a.m. until noon every Friday with Solemn Benediction on first Fridays & all day Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously 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.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: 647-727-8758

PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-8544

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

11:00 A.M. SUNG ENGLISH MASS

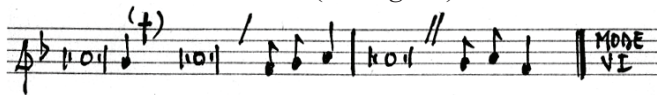
Entrance Hymn: 410 – Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation.

Kyrie: 210 – Mass VIII (*de Angelis*)

Gloria: 211 – Mass VIII (*de Angelis*)



Responsorial Psalm Refrain (all):

O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR / HE IS GOOD; * HIS STEADFAST LOVE EN//DURES FOR EVER.

Sequence: “*Victimae paschali laudes*” (Mode I) – The Adoremus Hymnal #418

Refrain (all):



Credo: 202 – Kyriale III

Offertory Antiphon: (*see above for the psalm tone*)

[Choir] The Angel of the Lord came down from / heaven (†) * and said / to the women: *

[All] “**The One whom you seek is risen, as he said he would,**” * // **al-le-luia.**

Offertory Motet: *Surrexit Christus* – Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

Christ is arisen, alleluia. Christ is truly arisen from the tomb, alleluia.

Sanctus: 212 – Mass VIII (*de Angelis*)

Agnus Dei: 213 – Mass VIII (*de Angelis*)

Communion Antiphon: (*see above for the psalm tone*)

[Choir] Bring your hand and feel the place / of the nails, *

[All] **and do not be unbelieving but believing, // * al-le-luia.**

Communion Hymns:

412 – Ye Sons and Daughters of the Lord

546 – Regina Caeli (Mode VI)

Communion Motet: *Regina Caeli* – Gregor Aichinger
Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Concluding Hymn: 411 – At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 13

St Martin I, Pope & Martyr

8:00 Emmanuel Bolletta

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 Josefina Estorba, req. by Cumal family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 Susan & Joe Goncz

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 (+) Bill & Lucy Metcalfe, req. by Sherlock family

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

St Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00 Madonna House Apostolate

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin, Virgin

10:00 (+) Relatives and friends of parishioners

5:00 (+) Rev. Jesse Luis Jackson

PARISH FINANCES FOR APRIL 5

Easter: \$6,636

Maintenance & Debt: \$310

CanadaHelps: \$207.05

ShareLife: \$50

Good Friday: \$2,519



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Please pray for this exciting new venture at our parish. We are the first parish in Toronto to host Discovering Christ. This seven-week program is designed to be a first proclamation of the Gospel. The goal is to lead people to encounter the reality of Christ. The program follows the path in which people first met Christ. Pray for the 60 people taking the course. Alleluia.

COFFEE HOUSE – Potluck – TODAY!

Come one, come all to the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass next Sunday. Bring your leftover Easter treats to share with fellow parishioners.

SHARELIFE

Through ShareLife, you provide safety to those in need

Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary here in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. Through Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS), a Catholic

Charities agency you support through ShareLife, where refugees receive housing support and counselling in their native language, as well as financial and legal assistance, food banks, childcare, and healthcare. The Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese is another agency you support through ShareLife, facilitating critical care for refugees. Your unwavering support allows our office to sponsor hundreds of refugees each year, the majority of whom are Christians fleeing persecution for their faith in Christ."

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

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Saturday, May 2

Trident Banquet Hall, 145 Evans Ave.

The annual spring fundraiser evening. A gourmet Italian dinner with silent auction, many prizes. This event is intended for adults. Reception at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:30pm. Tickets available online: www.canadahelps.org \$160 or by cash, e-transfer or cheque \$150

NEED MEMBERS!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul helps the needy in our neighbourhood through home visits, food voucher cards and Christmas present collections. Interested, please email: stvincentdepaulto@archtoronto.org

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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).

Dates & Locations:

Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (Woodbridge) **April 25, 2026, at 9:00 AM**

To register: 905-851-5822 ext. 1

Assumption Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (Mississauga) **May 2, 2026, at 9:00 AM**

To register: 905-670-8801 ext. 1

ORATORY CORNER

In the Gospel for the Octave of Easter or **Divine Mercy Sunday** or low Sunday, we read about St Thomas the Apostle. We read of how he did not believe the other Apostles when they told him that they had seen Jesus on Easter Sunday. Thomas said that he would not believe unless he saw the marks of the nails in Jesus's hands and place his hand in Jesus' side.

Eight days later, Thomas was with the Apostles when Jesus appeared a second time, passing through the closed and locked doors. After Jesus sees Thomas, he tells him to put his hand in his side. Thomas cries out, *My Lord and My God*; Jesus tells him: "Have you believed because you have seen? Blessed are those who have not seen and believed."

What does the story of Thomas teach us? St John Henry Newman thought that St Thomas gives us a profound lesson on the **dispositions for faith**. In a sermon from 1856, Newman, the second founder of the Oratory, asked "Now *why* was it blessed to believe explains how this Sunday's Gospel should be read in connection with John the Baptist's mission to prepare the way for the Lord. Newman thinks Thomas should be read in light of the Gloria of the Angels at the birth of Christ: **Peace to people of good will**. In other words, to believe in Jesus requires preparation. The good will that is needed are certain dispositions of heart. What are the things in our hearts that dispose us for faith, for believing in Christ? Newman teaches: "*the first was belief in God, as our Teacher, Governor, and Judge; and the second is the earnest desire that He would reveal Himself, and an eager looking-out for the chance of His doing so.*"

What then was St Thomas' mistake? Newman thinks that St Thomas' fault: *lay in thinking he had a right to be fastidious, and to pick and choose by what arguments he would be convinced, instead of asking himself whether he had not enough to convince him already; just as if, forsooth, it were a great matter to his Lord that he should believe, and no matter at all to himself. And therefore it was, that, while Christ so graciously granted him the kind of proof he desired, He said to him for our sakes: "Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed."*

But even today, we can be like Thomas: *And so, alas! it is now: many is the man who has a drawing towards the Catholic Church, and resists it, on the plea that he has not sufficient proof of her claims. Now he cannot have proof all at once, he cannot be converted all at once, I grant; but he can inquire; he can determine to resolve the doubt, before he puts it aside, though it cost labour and time to do so. The intimate feeling of his heart should be: "What must I do, that I may be saved?" His best consolation is the promise: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you."* On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us pray for a heart to believe in Christ!



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