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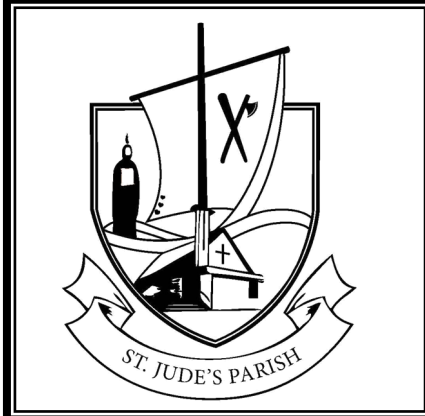
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday: 5:00pm (English)  
Sunday: 8:00am (Italian)  
9:30am, 11:00am (English)  
12:30pm (Spanish)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Mon-Thurs 8:00am  
Friday 7:00pm  
1st Friday 8:00am & 7:00pm  
(Holy Hour every Friday 6:00pm)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon - Wed 8:30am-4:00pm  
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**CHURCH HOURS**  
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Fri 8:00am - 7:30pm  
Saturday 2:00pm - 6:30pm  
Sunday 7:30am - 2:00pm

# St. Jude's Parish

**Welcome to New Parishioners**  
We warmly welcome all new parishioners to St. Jude's and encourage them to register in the parish office. Offertory envelopes are available upon request when registration takes place.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Contact the parish at least six months before the desired date of baptism to obtain information regarding requirements and sacramental preparation, and to discuss any other concerns you may have.

**Confessions**  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Saturdays at 4:00pm - 4:45pm and other times by appointment.

**First Communion & Confirmation Program**  
Parents are asked to contact the office for information. Our programs begin in the fall (September or October) and end with the reception of the sacraments. Registration dates are announced in the bulletin, on our website, social media, and from the pulpit.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**  
Couples contemplating marriage at St. Jude's parish are required to make contact with the parish office and review the marriage package before an interview with the priest. Diocesan regulation demands that marriages are booked one year in advance minimum.

**Funerals**  
Please contact the Funeral Home of your choice first. They will contact the parish office to make church arrangements. **Remember Catholic Cemeteries when making your arrangements.**

**R.C.I.A. and R.C.I.C. Programs**  
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and for Children (RCIC) has now been implemented. Please contact the office to register and arrange to fill out an application for next year. The RCIA will only take place if a minimum of 5 people register.

**First Friday**  
Every **First Friday** of the month Mass at 8:00am, Holy Hour at 6:00pm, Mass at 7:00pm and devotions to St. Jude after mass.

**Devotions to St. Jude**  
Every Wednesday after the 8:00am Mass, every Friday after 7:00pm Mass and privately in St. Jude's Chapel every day.

**Rosary**  
Daily after 8:00am Mass (English).  
Saturdays 8:00am (Spanish)

**Renovación Carismática**  
(Spanish) meets Fridays at 7:30pm  
Mario Vasquez (Coordinator)

**Neo Catechumenate Way**  
Saturdays at 7:00pm  
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Pastor (Chair) Paschal D'Souza (Vice-chair), Mary Lovisa (Secretary), Teresa Tedesco, James Downey, Yolanda Flores.

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Dan Christante (property manager)  
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**Parish Schools**  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 15th**  
**5:00pm Mass**  
 † Andrew & Malanie Downey  
 † Adriana & Ilio Lorenzetti  
 † Alfredo Mendez  
 † Desmond Rodrigues  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph from Nina Manias  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for The Birthday of Benedette Pedro

**Sunday, March 16th**  
**8:00am Mass**  
 † Domenico & Guido Bon  
 † Giuseppe Durigon  
 † Pietro & Angela Durigon  
 † Domenico & Flavia Fama  
**9:30am Mass**

♦ For the Health of Isabella & Luca Di Noto  
 ♦ For the Health of Tony & Angela Maione  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving from Marie Soniga

**11:00am Mass**  
 PRO-POPULO

**12:30pm Mass**  
 † Genaro Alvaro  
 † Stevan Alvarado  
 † Victor Eduardo & Victor Hernán Arévalo  
 † Carmelo Dávila  
 † Alejandrina de Dávila  
 † Ali Dia  
 † Hertha Drescher  
 † Juanita Lazo Gámez  
 † Guillermo Amador Robalino  
 † Blanca Sastre

♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving from the Loiza Ramirez Family

**Monday, March 17th**  
**8:00am Mass**

† Desmond Rodrigues  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving for the Birthday Blessings of Isaiah

**Tuesday, March 18th**  
**8:00am Mass**

† Luigi & Domenico Ognibene  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Jude from Mary

**Wednesday, March 19th**  
**8:00am Mass**

† Giuseppe Paulon  
 † Marilou & Josefina Raras

♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph from Mary

**Thursday, March 20th**  
**8:00am Mass**

† Rev. Casimir Krystkowiak OMI  
 ♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Rita from Mary

**Friday, March 21st**  
**7:00pm Mass**

† Giuseppina Grella  
 † All Souls in Purgatory  
 ♦ For the Health of Tom Grella

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**March 15th – 21st**

♦ In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph from Nina Manias



**Pray for the sick:**

Maria Regina, Alexis Casella Lopez, Emanuel Bermudez, Tony Mattachione, Filomena Canzino, Valentina Rodriguez, Louie Lino Vieira, Nubia Nuñez, Eliza Tomsen, Lina Grecco, Ida Colombo, Jeyathas Balasingam.

**Pray for the recently deceased:**

Benedetta Migliaccio, Rita Pasut, Maria Caracciolo, Fernando de Barros, Antonio Lategana, Elsa Moreno..

**II Sunday of Lent**

My dear friends, this Sunday we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. Lent is a special time to transform ourselves, it is a time to intensify our personal and community prayer. Let us sacrifice a little time from social networks to connect with the Lord, every day of Lent and throughout our Christian life.

God manifests himself in many ways at the moment we pray, and if we are attentive, we can feel it. Today the first reading presents us the moment of personal encounter of our father Abraham with the Lord. It was a moment of prayer and with an extraordinary revelation from God. Abraham was the first believer in the true God, who turned away from the worship of other gods; furthermore, the call of faith for Abraham was demanding, because the Lord asked him to believe in his promise to engender a large people when he and his wife Sarah were old, and she was also barren.

Jesus, being true God and true man, needed to strengthen himself to fulfill his mission, tremendously demanding, because he would have to give his life on the cross for our redemption. On that occasion it was not only about strengthening himself, but also strengthening three of his apostles, Peter, James and John, whom he had chosen as pillars to build his Church and there the transfiguration of Jesus took place.

When you pray to the Lord, do not demand any sign, nor wait for one, just trust in God and wait for his forms, even the most discreet forms of manifestation, when He considers it convenient.

**II Domenica Di Quaresima**

Cari amici, questa domenica celebriamo la Trasfigurazione del Signore. La Quaresima è un tempo speciale per trasformarci, è un tempo per intensificare la nostra preghiera personale e comunitaria. Sacrifichiamo un po' di tempo dai social network per connetterci con il Signore, ogni giorno della Quaresima e durante tutta la nostra vita cristiana. Dio si manifesta in molti modi nel momento in cui preghiamo, e se siamo attenti, possiamo sentirlo. Oggi la prima lettura ci presenta il momento dell'incontro personale di nostro padre Abramo con il Signore. Fu un momento di preghiera e con una straordinaria rivelazione da parte di Dio. Abramo fu il primo credente nel vero Dio, che si allontanò dal culto di altri dei; inoltre, la chiamata della fede per Abramo fu esigente, perché il Signore gli chiese di credere nella sua promessa di generare un popolo numeroso quando lui e sua moglie Sara erano vecchi, e anche lei era sterile. Gesù, essendo vero Dio e vero uomo, aveva bisogno di rafforzarsi per compiere la sua missione, tremendamente esigente, perché avrebbe dovuto

dare la sua vita sulla croce per la nostra redenzione. In quell'occasione non si trattava solo di rafforzare se stesso, ma anche di rafforzare tre dei suoi apostoli, Pietro, Giacomo e Giovanni, che aveva scelto come pilastri per costruire la sua Chiesa e li ebbe luogo la trasfigurazione di Gesù. Quando preghi il Signore, non pretendere alcun segno, né aspettarne uno, confida solo in Dio e attendi le sue forme, anche le più discrete forme di manifestazione, quando Lui lo ritiene opportuno.

**II Domingo de Cuaresma**

Queridos amigos, este domingo celebramos la Transfiguración del Señor. La Cuaresma es un tiempo especial para transformarnos, para intensificar nuestra oración personal y comunitaria. Dediquemos un poco de tiempo de las redes sociales a conectar con el Señor, cada día de Cuaresma y a lo largo de nuestra vida cristiana. Dios se manifiesta de muchas maneras cuando oramos, y si estamos atentos, podemos sentirlo. Hoy, la primera lectura nos presenta el encuentro personal de nuestro padre Abraham con el Señor. Fue un momento de oración con una extraordinaria revelación de Dios. Abraham fue el primer creyente en el Dios verdadero, quien se apartó de la adoración a otros dioses; además, la llamada a la fe para Abraham fue exigente, porque el Señor le pidió que creyera en su promesa de engendrar un pueblo numeroso cuando él y su esposa Sara eran ancianos, y ella también estéril.

Jesús, siendo verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre, necesitó fortalecerse para cumplir su misión, profundamente exigente, porque tendría que dar su vida en la cruz por nuestra redención. En esa ocasión, no solo se trataba de fortalecerse a sí mismo, sino también a tres de sus apóstoles: Pedro, Santiago y Juan, a quienes había elegido como pilares para edificar su Iglesia, y allí tuvo lugar la transfiguración de Jesús. Cuando ores al Señor, no exijas ninguna señal ni la esperes; simplemente confía en Dios y espera sus manifestaciones, incluso las más discretas, cuando Él lo considere conveniente.

**Friday Prayers During Lent**



Every Friday during Lent we will pray the stations of the cross during adoration beginning at **6:00pm**, followed by the Holy Mass at **7:00pm**.

Confessions will also be heard at this time from **6:30pm to 7:00pm**.

**Neo Catechumenate Way**

During Lent, St. Jude's Neo Catechumenate Way Group will be evangelizing in our area. Please welcome them.

**Sacramental Preparation Programs**



**First Communion 2024/2025**

**Session 3**  
 Saturday March 22nd,  
 10:00am - 12:00 noon  
 At the Parish Hall

**Confirmation 2024/2025**

**Session 10**  
 March 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm  
 The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



**Parish Meetings, Events and other News**

**Pray for Vocations**

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

**In Celebration of Jubilee Year**

Our Parish will have extended hours Thursday's and Friday's. The main doors will be open for private prayers from **8:00am-7:00pm**.

Cardinal Leo strongly encourages families to visit the Pilgrimage Churches assigned for the Jubilee Year 2025, they are as follows:

- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
- Martyrs' Shrine, Midland
- St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto
- St. Mary's Parish (Bathurst St.), Toronto
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York
- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Mary's Parish, Brampton
- St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa
- St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg
- St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

Additional information on the Jubilee Year also available online through: [www.archtoronto.org/jubilee](http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee)

**Lectio Divina**

Come, join us for Lectio Divina (scriptural reading, meditation & prayer) every second and fourth Sunday of the month from **2:30pm to 3:30pm** at St. Jude's Parish, in the Holy Family Room.

March 23, Luke 13: 1-19

For information please contact: Anita Espino (Associate Pauline Cooperator) 647-878-7195.

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The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is coming up on **Saturday, 29th March, 2025**, and we are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating the 33rd year of coming together in praise and worship at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Thousands return each year...

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**ShareLife**

*Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need:* the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

**ShareLife Sunday is March 30.** Our parish goal this year is **\$29,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**40 DAYS FORLIFE**

40 Days For Life vigils will take place from **March 4th to April 25th 2025**, at Dufferin and Lawrence by St. Charles Borromeo Church, 811 Lawrence Ave. West. Those who would like to participate can register at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/toronto>.

**Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions to be announced on weekend masses and the following week, must be requested by **Wednesday of each week at office closing time or 4:00pm**. We cannot change dates for masses previously requested. **Each mass intention can include up to two individual names with the same last name.** Thank you for your understanding and your co-operation.

**Pastoral Reference Requests**

In order for the pastor to be able to recommend you, he needs to know you. This is only possible if he has personal knowledge of your faith practice and involvement in the parish; not your relatives, but yourself, as this is a personal recommendation.

The following are required at St. Jude's:

- ♦ Be (yourself, not your parents or grandparents) a registered member of the parish using offertory envelopes for at least one year.
- ♦ Be in the parish for participation in Sunday/Saturday mass for at least one year prior to approaching the pastor.
- ♦ Applicant must be actively involved in a parish ministry or volunteer activity for a least one year. requirements before making your request.

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