



Listening to the Word

The parable of the Good Samaritan is so well known that we can lose its flavor and the meaning we can draw from it for our lives. We know very well that Jesus changes the order of things: it is not a question of knowing who my neighbor is, but of making me, myself, the neighbor of every man. Thus, for the disciple of Jesus, there is no longer a stranger. Every man becomes close to me, to the extent that I consider him as a brother. Without a doubt, we still have much work to do in our lives to implement the Lord's teaching! But Jesus goes even further. Let us note, first of all, that he is a doctor of the Law who addresses Jesus, a connoisseur and, certainly, a faithful observer of the Law. Now, in the parable, Jesus does not choose the protagonists of the story by chance. First of all, they are a priest and a Levite, two experts in the cult celebrated in the Temple of Jerusalem. The Law gives very strict prescriptions to the members of the "clergy" of the time. They had to scrupulously respect the laws of purity and, in particular, avoid at all costs the slightest contact with the dead, except for those closest to their family. Knowing this, we understand better why the priest and the Levite stayed away from the wounded man, "half dead". They obeyed the Law, they could not approach the unfortunate man. Then Jesus put a Samaritan on the scene. Saint John explains: "the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans". This foreigner, this outcast in the eyes of the faithful Jews, is not confined within the system of the Law. He can find the freedom of love without boundaries. This is the great lesson of Jesus. The Law is good, without a doubt, but on condition that it is at the service of the growth of love. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath". The Church has promulgated many laws. It is good to respect them. For example, it is good not to miss Mass on Sunday. But if, for the rest of my life, I forget the evangelical demands of love, I risk passing by my wounded brother. Am I on the side of the priest and the Levite, or on the side of the Samaritan? Jesus also says to me: "Then go and do likewise."

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays and Fridays
12:00 pm (English) -
in the main church.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

10:30am (English)
12pm (Portuguese)

The Office is opened
Tuesdays and Thursdays

DONATE for the upkeep of our building, support activities, and operations.



" Jesus said to him,
"Go and do likewise." " -

Gospel

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be no bulletin from July 20th to August 31st.

Mass at Maynard Nursing Home on Monday, July 14 @ 10 am. (in Portuguese)

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28

Women's Prayer Group

Aug
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Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

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The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold its Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM. This Mass will be celebrated at various cemeteries throughout the Archdiocese, with the theme: "2025 is a Jubilee Year with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'."

Celebrated at multiple cemeteries across the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga:

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham:

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto:

Most Rev. Robert Kasun

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge:

His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby:

Msgr. Edgardo Pan

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie:

Most Rev. John Corriveau

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill:

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

OUR LADY'S CIRCLE – WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Monday, July 28 at 6:30 PM

We invite all women of the parish to join the Women's Prayer Group — a monthly gathering dedicated to growing in faith, strengthening our relationship with God, and offering mutual support through prayer and sharing.

Each meeting includes a time of communal prayer and friendly conversation in a warm and peaceful environment. This is a beautiful opportunity to connect with other women, enrich your spiritual life, and place your intentions into the loving hands of Our Lady.

Bring a friend and come renew your heart and spirit. We look forward to seeing you!



Brickwork Maintenance

Work is beginning on the brickwork on the church façade. We will need all the financial help we can get, as the project will cost around \$300,000.

MISSION APPEAL - August 31

This year, our parish will welcome **Fr. Faustino Kusoka**, who will make the Missionary Call during Mass on Sunday, **August 31, 2025**. We invite you to open your hearts and support this important mission through prayers and generous donations. Your contribution will help bring the light of Christ to those most in need.

As we welcome Father Faustino (former pastor of Santa Cruz), let us listen carefully to his call to charity.