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PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

First Holy Communicants

Please keep our parish's First Holy Communicants in your prayers. 39 of our young people have already received the Eucharist for the first time, and this Sunday, another 35 will receive Jesus for the first time. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of these children and their families on this joyful and sacred milestone!

May their hearts always remain open to Christ, and may their love for the Eucharist continue to grow each day. Let us pray that they will always walk closely with the Lord, nourished by His presence in the Eucharist, and guided by His grace throughout their lives.

Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Reminder

Confirmation candidates are reminded of the upcoming mandatory retreat and rehearsal on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**, in the Parish Hall.

Please arrive by 6:20 PM for check-in, as the retreat will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. This portion of the evening is for confirmands only, and students are asked to eat beforehand. The retreat will conclude at 8:30 PM with Eucharistic Adoration in the Church.

From 8:30 PM onward, at least one parent or guardian, along with the sponsor, is asked to join us in the church. We will begin with a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for our candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, followed by a rehearsal. The evening will conclude by 9:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa at msiuchong@archtoronto.org.

Loyola Gardening Team & CWL Spring Plant Sale, Saturday May 16th

The Loyola Gardening Team and the CWL members invite you to their Annual Spring Plant Sale! It will be held in our church parking lot behind the Parish Hall on **Saturday, May 16th** from **8:30 am to 12:30 pm**.

There will be a variety of perennial, annuals, vegetables, house plants, seed packages, plus a selection of native plants. All the proceeds will be donated to our Parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Come early for the best selection! (cash only)



Free Bible Study Reminder: The Gospel of Matthew...

This is a gentle reminder that there will be **no** Bible study session on Thursday April 30th. We look forward to seeing you at our last session, happening on **Thursday May 7th**, from **7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**.

May Dinner Dance, Hosted by Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is proud to present the 2026 May Dinner Dance at the parish hall, on **May 23, Saturday, at 6pm**. Tickets prices are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children under 12; they are for sale after all weekend masses on May 9 & 10 and May 16 & 17. Join us for an evening of food, music and fun.

ShareLife is celebrating 50 years this Sunday!

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—for years to come.

Thus far we have raised **\$130,985.83** toward our parish goal of **\$288,000.00!** Please consider giving through the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online via our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

✠ Totus Tuus Registration Closes in 1 Month! ✠

Registration for our Totus Tuus summer camp closes in just over a month! We are inviting children in Grades 1 – 12 to join us for Totus Tuus 2026, a Catholic summer camp happening at our parish in July! Program Dates & Cost:

- **Evening Program** (Grades 6–12): **July 19–23, 2026**
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., \$50 per camper
- **Day Program** (Grades 1–6): **July 20–24, 2026**
8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., \$150 per camper

Please note that registration closes when capacity is reached or by **May 24, 2026** (whichever comes first). Register online today by scanning the QR code, or visiting: www.totustuustoronto.ca/stignatiusloyola



If you have any questions or if you're interested in volunteering for this camp, please contact Melissa at msiuchong@archtoronto.org. We look forward to hosting your children for an unforgettable week of faith, friendship, and fun!

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Bundle Up Weekend

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit those of our neighbours in need. Bundle Up Weekend will take place the weekend of May 23 and 24, before and after all Masses.

The container will be in the front parking lot and SSVP volunteers will be happy to assist you with your donation. Please ensure all bags are tied securely.

Accepted items include: all clothing (any condition), all footwear (any condition), bedding (any condition), drapery/towels and new toys only.

Items not accepted include: baby items (cribs, car seats, strollers), regular or baby furniture, books, dishes, mattresses, construction materials, appliances or video tapes.



Upcoming Parish Events... Save the date!

- **Thurs May 7** - Free Bible Study:
The Gospel of Matthew
- **Thurs May 23** – May Dinner Dance!
- **May 23 & 24** – SSVP Spring 2026 Bundle Up
- **May 24** – Last day to register for Totus Tuus
- **Sat June 6** – ShareLife Summer BBQ
- **Sun June 7** – Corpus Christi Procession
- **July 19 – 24** – Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2026

Parish Email Updates

If you would prefer to receive parish news via email, please let the parish office know so that we can add you to email list, stignatiusloyolami@archtoronto.org

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS/EVENTS

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca or scan the QR code below today, and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



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*)

Location: Assumption Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (Mississauga)

Date: May 2, 2026, at 9:00 AM

To register: 905-670-8801 ext. 1

2026 SPRING ACTS RETREATS

"Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life." Queen of Apostles is hosting the **Men's Retreat** on **May 21-24**. Contact Alex Brandolini, 416 554-8543 or brandolini74@gmail.com. Registration forms and brochures are also available in the church foyer.

A Day With Mary – Saturday 30 May 2026

You are invited to a "Day With Mary" taking place on *Saturday, May 30, 2026* at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. This is a free event, open to all. Registration is open from now until May 15: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

Office of Vocations

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

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