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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Closed daily 12:00 – 1:00 pm for lunch.

MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday 8:00 am First Friday of the Month 7:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am

5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

and any time upon request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - After morning Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday at 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday 7:50 am

(10 mins before Mass)

Perpetual Help - Saturday 8:20 am

(10 mins before Mass)

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group -

Last Wednesday of the month 5:30 -6:30 pm

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Contact the Parish office to register.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Priest one year in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Please remember St. Mary Immaculate Parish in your will. Thank you!



Beloved Parishioners!

As we are beginning the Holy week, I would like to wish you a deep spiritual experience during this time.

On Tuesday, please pray for your priests as we get together with the new Archbishop Leo and priests throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to celebrate the Chrism Mass.

May this time of year bring us closer to the mystery of the cross and give us hope to be with the Risen Lord one day.

Praying for you.

Fr. Pawel

The Story and You



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The sadness descends on us like a cloak from the very first words, "One of the Twelve, Judas Iscariot..." We know what's coming, and still we hope that, this time, Judas will NOT approach the chief priests, or that they will NOT offer the thirty pieces of silver.

Judas still had a chance to stop it. When Jesus let it be known, at the Supper, that it was he who would betray him, Judas could have warned Jesus from going into the Mount of Olives that night. He could have flung the Blood Money into the temple BEFORE the guards ever came looking for Jesus. So many had the opportunity to stop it. I'll bet there were some secret BELIEVERS among that large crowd, armed with swords and torches, who came into Gethsemane that night. They could have stopped it before the Romans ever got involved. The chief priests didn't even know what Jesus looked like! That's why Judas was there, to point him out, to betray him with a kiss. There were so many moments when it all could have just stopped.

Pilate's wife did what she could to stop it. She warned her husband to have nothing to do with that righteous man. But the crowd---full of envy, no doubt, at the love Jesus engendered in his followers--- knew best.

Pilate himself could have stopped it, but the mob intimidated him. Sure, it's unfortunate that an innocent man has to die, he thought. But better him than me. You can't trust these Jews to keep their little religious quibbles away from Rome. The sadness today, of course, is our own collusion with things we still could stop.

Have you ever "fallen on your sword" to stop an evil? Were you successful?

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 5 – Confessions 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 11:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 pm The Lord's Passion 3:00 pm The Lord's Passion 5:00 pm The Lord's Passion (Italian) 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8

11:00 am Blessing of Easter Food ("Swienconka") 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass (Italian)

11:00 am Mass

12:30 pm Mass

4:30 pm Mass



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Pray on your own the Divine Mercy Novena which begins on **Good Friday, April 7** in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16.

Please join us **Sunday**, **April 16 at 3:00 pm** for Divine Mercy devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Faustina.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Good Friday, April 7 and Easter Monday, April 10

REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK

Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans and all those involved with Holy Week Liturgies are invited to attend rehearsal for Holy Thursday and Good Friday on **Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm** in the Church. Those involved with Easter Vigil Liturgies are invited for rehearsal on **Saturday, April 8 at 9:30 am** in the Church.

EASTER FLOWERS

Those interested in donating Easter lilies and hydrangeas for Easter are asked to drop them off by **April 5** to the parish office. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Last chance to join the 33 Days to Morning Glory program in preparation for Marian Consecration on

Saturday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Even if you have previously participated in the program, you are encouraged to revitalize your love to Our Lady. The 6 week program begins **Monday, April 3 from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm** in the Parish hall. Contact the parish office to register.

NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday collection "Needs of the Holy Land" is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with Pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land. For more information please visit: www.commissariat.ca.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the food drive last week. Approximately 750 pounds of food was delivered to the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank thanks to your generosity. In addition, the Knights have also made a donation to the food bank to support their work.

SL ShareLife

Palm Sunday April 2, 2023

Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

April 30 is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.

SMI SPRING GALA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

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Tickets on Sale in the Church foyer and Parish
office

MASS OF WELCOME FOR BISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Northern region on **Monday, April 17, 2023** at St. Mary's Parish, Barrie – 7 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

APR 3 - 9: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Najebeh Zakhem & Richard Isa

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+Maria & Joseph Ruza

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 905-884-1784 or email at stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Monica Cozzolino, Robert Harvey, Phing Yoek, Vera, Maria D'Souza, Sophie Bilkovski, Fausto Iampieri, Mariana Santaguida, Janine Alexander & Family, Stephen Ahlowalia, Louis Gerardi

MASS INTENTIONS APR 3 - APR 9		
Mon. Apr 3	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Hudson Joseph Mezitis Spec. Int. for Blessings received
Tues. Apr 4	8:00 am	+Alois Dolezel
Wed. Apr 5	8:00 am	+Joseph Pustijanac
Thurs. Apr 6	7:00 pm	HOLY THURSDAY
Fri. Apr 7		GOOD FRIDAY
Sat. Apr 8	8:00 pm	EASTER VIGIL
Sun. Apr 9	8:00 am	Private Intentions
	9:30 am	+Gioacchino Adamo +Filomena Santopolo +Angelo & +Rosina Corvinelli & Family +Luigi Tomasone
	11:00 am	+Gabrielle Magnotta +Americo Rodrigues Frade +Fred Barron +Maria & +Pietro Angiolella +Assunta & +Mario Mazzotta +Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini +For All Souls of Purgatory Blessings for Torgy & Oscar Perez on their 54 th wedding anniversary
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Soon Hok Kin (Maria) & +Do Sung Kang





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