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St. Anne	905-883-0311
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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!**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

#### Third Sunday of Advent

I wonder why Jesus asked the crowd what they were expecting when they went out to the desert to meet John. It sounds like there must have been a lot of murmuring about him. Curious Jews had made the long trek out to the Jordan valley, just north of the Dead Sea, to see this famous preacher. It sounds like they might have been surprised, and disappointed, by the person they encountered.

It's hard to imagine they might have been expecting "someone dressed in fine clothing." Surely word had spread about the austere clothing and diet of this fiery preacher. More important, the desert territory where he made his home was long associated with the life of the great prophet Elijah, whose ascetical dress made him easily recognizable (2 Kings 1:8). His memory was still powerful in Israel, and certainly was invoked when people met the Baptist, whose dress, and diet, and locale was identical to him who had lived nearly a thousand years earlier.

He was also certainly not a "reed shaken by the wind." This guy? He stood up to the Pharisees, and anyone who hoped that rigorous observance of the Law was more important than giving a cloak to the one who was cold, and food to the one who was hungry (Luke 3:11). No, this Baptist stood up to Herod Antipas himself, and didn't back down, even when in chains in Herod's dungeon. And I'll bet that when the soldiers came for him the night of Herod's drunken birthday, his last words were his earlier words with Jesus, "that I may decrease, and he may increase" (John 3: 30).

That's the man they encountered. That's the man we encounter today.

*Which prophets in your life would you go out to the desert to see?*

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#### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

<b>Mon. Dec 12</b>	Feast	Our Lady of Guadalupe
<b>Tues. Dec 13</b>	Memorial	St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
<b>Wed. Dec 14</b>	Memorial	St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

#### READINGS THIS WEEK

11 Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10: James 5.7-10: Matthew 11.2-11  
 12 Rev 11.19a; 12.1, 3-6a, 10ab Gospel no. 712(5), p. 745; Luke 1.39-47 BG, p. 809  
 13 Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13: Matthew 21.28-32  
 14 Isaiah 45.6b-8, 18, 21b-25: Luke 7.19-23  
 15 Isaiah 54.1-10: Luke 7.24-30  
 16 Isaiah 56.1-3a, 6-8: John 5.16-17, 33-36++  
 17 Genesis 49.2, 8-10: Matthew 1.1-17

#### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

##### Saturday, December 24

No 8:30 am morning Mass

No Confessions at 4:00 pm

#### Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Children's Mass

10:00 pm Mass

11:30 pm Mini Christmas concert

12:00 am Midnight Mass

##### Sunday, December 25

#### Christmas Day

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass (Italian)

11:00 am Mass

12:30 pm Mass

4:30 pm Mass

#### ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30 am – 9:30 am (3 Priests available)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (4 Priests available)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (5 Priests available)

#### SMI CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Join us for a wonderful evening of Christmas music being performed by many of our talented musicians and conducted by our very own Music Co-Ordinator, Petra Kim. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish hall. Tickets: \$20 Adults and \$15 Seniors and Children. Tickets available for purchase in the Church foyer after all the Masses and in the Parish office during the week. All proceeds will go towards the renovations of the Parish hall, kitchen and elevator project. Thank you for your support.

#### 2023 SUNDAY MASS MISSALS

Are still available for purchase in the parish office while quantities last.

#### 2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2023 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and are located in 3 areas of the Church; Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel and at the back of the Church. Envelopes are organized by the first letter of the surname. If you would like envelopes or need assistance, please contact the parish office.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Children are invited to participate in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, **Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 pm**. If your child is interested in participating, please complete the permission form available on the tables at all the entrances to the Church. There will be 3 choir rehearsals on Sunday, December 4, 11 and 18 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am.

### Dearest Baby Jesus.....

*I love you with all my heart. Please prepare me for Advent, your birth. I want to stay close to you forever. Thank you for living with me and for loving me. You are the BEST!!!! Thank you for coming as a little baby for us.*

### With all my love.....

*Immaculata*

(Name)

#### CHRISTMAS PANETTONE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling panettone in the Church foyer after all Masses this weekend for only \$10 each. Consider buying not just for yourself, but to give as gifts!

**CWL RELIGIOUS ARTICLES**

Will be available in the Church foyer following all Masses this weekend and next weekend, December 17/18. Last chance to shop for beautiful statues and sacramental gifts before Christmas.

**MOTHER'S GROUP**

will be meeting **Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 pm** in the Parish hall. If you would like to participate, email [mothersgroup@smirh.com](mailto:mothersgroup@smirh.com).

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**  
**(BLESSING OF BABY JESUS STATUES)**

Pope John Paul II began the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday during his papacy to remind families about the joyous event of Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger. We invite you to bring your baby Jesus statues for a special blessing at the **11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 18, 2022.**

**POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR THE CHURCH**

We are accepting donations of poinsettia plants for Christmas starting **December 14**. Kindly drop off at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity.



Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study on  
**Jesus - The Way, The Truth, And The Life.**  
Don't Miss This Wonderful And Important Study About Our Savior.  
**Beginning Tuesday Mornings 9:15 am - 11:15 am**  
**January 31, 2023 to March 28, 2023**  
Contact Parish office to register.

**A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO**

A special Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 12, 2023** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at **2:30 pm** by His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen. All married couples, particularly those who will celebrate a milestone anniversary are welcome to attend. Registration for this event is required. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

**LOST & FOUND**

The below items were found and handed in to the Parish office.

- Hearing aid (found Friday, Nov 18)
- Gift card (found Sat. Nov 12)

Please contact the Parish office if you lost these items.

**SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WITH A GIFT OF SECURITIES THIS CHRISTMAS**

As Christmas approaches, it is a good time to call to mind some of the blessings we've experienced thus far. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

While you are planning your seasonal giving benefiting the parish and the community, consider making a gift of securities. It is one of the most financially sound ways to make a difference. When you donate stocks, bonds or mutual funds, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full value of your securities. It means a great tax break for you and greater support to the parish.

**To learn more about gifting securities and how you can make an impact for the 2022 tax year, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519. To**

**donate listed securities, you can obtain the information sheet and Letter of Direction** by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities>.

Thank you once again for your continued support!

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Cintia Samantha Conde Huerta & Matheus Ribeiro Mariano Cruz  
**We wish them an abundance of God's graces and the loving care of our Mother Mary!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS**

+Joseph Marcel Andre Bouchard, +Domenica Tuzzi  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**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.

**DEC 12 - 18: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:**

+Angelina & +Frank Palazzo  
&  
+Vincenzo & +Domenico Palazzo

**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](mailto:stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org).

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Monica Cozzolino, Robert Harvey, Helena Leung Chak, Paula Chorostil

**MASS INTENTIONS DEC 12 – DEC 18**

<b>Mon. Dec 12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Filomena Santopolo
<b>Tues. Dec 13</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Giuseppe Giusti
<b>Wed. Dec 14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+All Deceased members of the Samas Family
<b>Thurs. Dec 15</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Private Intentions
<b>Fri. Dec 16</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Frank Palazzo
<b>Sat. Dec 17</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Raffaella Caldarola
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Tiberio Simoes
<b>Sun. Dec 18</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Clara Curcione
	<b>9:30 am</b>	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Caterina Pellegrini +Fratelli +Luigi & +Raffaele Tomasone +Clara Severa +Giuseppe Quertioli +Adamo Di Paolo
	<b>11:00 am</b>	+Gerald Graham +Phillips Capparelli +Mario Lanzellotti +Concetta & +Pietro Scalzone Spec. Int. for Nadia & David Rivard
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	+John Baptist Kaluya





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