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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



Beloved Parishioners,

It was so great to have a very powerful Advent Day of Recollection. Thank you to CWL for organizing the event.

Hard to believe we have one more week of Advent. Next Sunday morning Masses we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and in the afternoon we will begin Christmas Eve Masses.

Following the direction of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we have a few changes to our schedule, so please carefully check the Mass times.

Have a wonderful last week of Advent.

With prayers,

Fr. Pawel

20 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d: Luke 1.26-38
21 Zephaniah 3.14-18a or 1st Reading Song of Songs 2.8-14:
Luke 1.39-45
22 1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56
23 Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6: Luke 1.57-66

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass (Italian)
11:00 am Mass

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Children's Mass
10:00 pm Mass
11:30 pm Mini concert
12:00 am Midnight Mass

Monday, 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

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Are you a voice crying in the desert? It's frustrating to have a message you'd love the world to hear, and you try to shout that message into the world. But all you hear in reply are crude jokes and snide remarks. Are we just too sophisticated for the gospel, even here in 2023, when the gospel has never been more desperately needed? Or is it just that people don't read more than the headlines, and they decide from there what their position is? It must be so heartbreaking to be a great journalist, to labor for a year on a piece that sees the light of day for one news cycle, and to hear the deafening silence of your audience, clicking past your work for the next cat video.

I think about John the Baptist. I wonder if his diet of locusts and wild honey, and his scratchy garment of camel's hair, was really just to draw people's attention from whatever diversions they were enjoying and to draw them out to the desert.

I know for sure that the desert, with its stunning landscapes and fascinating insect life, wouldn't hold my attention if I could somehow get WIFI and cellphone reception. I'm sure I'd find some flashy desert video to watch instead of actually tasting and breathing the real thing.

John had a message, a truth that he had found, and he was willing to make himself look ridiculous in order to get the attention of those who needed to hear it so badly. He went to Herod's dungeon because of that Truth. He died for that Truth.

And if you listen very carefully, you can hear him preaching still.

What would you love to shout out to the world?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thurs. Dec 21	Memorial	St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor
Sat. Dec 23	Memorial	St. John of Kanty, Priest

READINGS THIS WEEK

17 Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24: John 1.6-8, 19-28
18 Jeremiah 23.5-8: Matthew 1.18-24
19 Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a: Luke 1.5-25

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2024 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and are located 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.

2023 TAX YEAR

The last weekend for donations to be included in the 2023 tax year will be **Sunday, December 31**. We ask you to please notify the Parish office if you have changed address or contact information. Thank you for your continued support.

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR THE CHURCH

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This **Sunday, December 17** is the last class for the Religious Education Program and Children's Liturgy at 11:00 am Mass. Both programs will resume **January 14, 2024**.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Children are invited to participate in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, **Sunday, 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. Last choir rehearsal this **Sunday, December 17 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am**.

CHRISTMAS PANETTONE & 2024 CALENDARS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling panettone and 2024 calendars in the Church foyer after all the Masses this weekend **December 16/17**. Consider buying not just for yourself, but to give as gifts!



Listen to Catholic Espresso with Fr. Pawel and co-host Russell Hoyt from Texas.

Advent & Christmas Edition podcast.

Visit <https://anchor.fm/catholicespresso> or our website for the link.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

Friday, December 22 will close at noon

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27

Thursday, December 28

Monday, January 1

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

happy birth day
baby Jesus.
I can't wait
for Christmas

With all my love.....

Andrews

(Name)

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO – FEBRUARY 11, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at

www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study on
Follow Me – Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
Thursday mornings 9:15 am - 11:15 am
January 25, 2024 to March 14, 2024
Contact Parish office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Parish is offering marriage preparation course.

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Spring session: February 7- March 13, 2024

If you are planning to marry in the near future and would like to register, contact the Parish office.

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, Clelia Proia, Immacolata Morlando, Hamid Hemmati

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 18 - 24: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Sandi Rose Weinholdt

&

+Louis Gerardi

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 18 – DEC 24

Mon. Dec 18	8:00 am	+Anna Garlascio
Tues. Dec 19	8:00 am	+Nicola Garlascio
Wed. Dec 20	8:00 am	+Maria & +Thomas Kowalewski
Thurs. Dec 21	8:00 am	+Antonio Suppa
Fri. Dec 22	8:00 am	Private Intentions
Sat. Dec 23	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving for St. Mary Immaculate
	5:00 pm	+Domenica Giusti
Sun. Dec 24	8:00 am	+Sandi Rose Weinholdt
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Oreste Ciardullo
	11:00 am	+Chris Dissanayake +Anthony D'Lima +Victoria D'Lima Gray +Andrea D'Lima O'Donnell +Marjory & Freddy Rozario +Rex Southam +Cy Fleming Spec. Int. for Maria Simoes
	5:00 pm	+Gary Kee
	10:00 pm	+All Souls of Purgatory
	MIDNIGHT	Private Intentions

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