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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
Open by appointment only on Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday.
Closed daily 12:00 – 1:00 pm for lunch.

MASS TIMES

Lauds: Monday to Friday	7:30 am
Monday - Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	8:00 am
	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 via zoom
Sacred Heart - Friday at 6:45 pm
Perpetual Help - After morning Mass on Saturday

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Beloved Parishioners,

On Wednesday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Feast Day of our Parish. On this day we will have 8:00 am Mass, also livestreamed, and 12:10 Bilingual Mass. I would love to invite you all to come for Mass on this Day and bring all your intentions in front of Our Mother Mary.

As we are approaching a very busy season in the life of the Parish, I really need your commitment to the ministries you signed up for. Your presence is very important to assist with the liturgies especially during the pandemic. If there is a case you cannot come, please contact the head of the ministry or the Parish office.

The 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm Sunday Masses are in need of more ushers. If you are interested, please contact me or the office. I really need your help.

May Mother Mary, an icon of advent, give you peace and joy as you are preparing for Christmas.

Praying for you!

Fr. Pawel



ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

Please make daddy's tumor on his head disappear, make daddy's stomach heal completely. And make Nonna Fiorina feel better. And please make covid 19 never come back so everyone can get together.

With all my love.....

♥ Sofia ♥ ♥

(Name)

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

During the season of Advent, children are invited to write love letters to Jesus. Form letters are available online on our website under "advent & digital resources". Have the children write their love letter and email it to stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org or drop it off in the offertory basket at Mass. One letter will be chosen each week by Fr. Pawel and will be highlighted in the parish bulletin and website.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Dec 6	Memorial	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Tues. Dec 7	Memorial	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor
Wed. Dec 8	Solemnity	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs. Dec 9	Memorial	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Fri. Dec 10	Memorial	Our Lady of Loreto
Sat. Dec 11	Memorial	St. Damasus I, Pope

READINGS THIS WEEK

5 Baruch 5.1-9: Philipians 1.3-6, 8-11: Luke 3.1-6

6 Isaiah 35.1-10: Luke 5.17-26

7 Isaiah 40.1-11: Matthew 18.12-14

8 Genesis 3.9-15, 20: Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12: Luke 1.26-38 9 Isaiah 41.13-20: Matthew 11.11-15

10 Isaiah 48.17-19: Matthew 11.16-19

11 Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11: Matthew 17.10-13

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24

No 8:00 am morning Mass

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Mass (livestream)

10:00 pm Mass

12:00 pm Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass (Italian) (livestream)

11:00 am Mass (livestream)

12:30 pm Mass

No 4:30 pm Mass

SCHEDULE OF LIVE-STREAM MASSES

(Live-stream Masses are available on YouTube channel, [SMI Parish](#))

Sunday Masses

9:30 am in Italian

11:00 am in English

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Confessions are every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:00 pm with 2 priests hearing confessions. Advent Day of Confession will take place on **Friday, December 17, 2021**. Please see the Advent/Christmas schedule for more information.

ANNUAL ADVENT RECOLLECTION

Sponsored by CWL will be held next **Saturday, December 11, 2021** beginning **8:30 am** with Holy Mass followed by Holy Rosary. The topic is **"The Church on the Street"**. Our Spiritual Speaker is Deacon Robert Kinghorn, Homilist & Spiritual Director. Award-winning columnist with The Catholic Register and provides street ministry for the poor, the ill, addicted and homeless in one of the roughest parts of Toronto. Everyone is welcome.

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR THE CHURCH

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

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2022 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. A big thank you to the ladies who assisted with the envelopes. If you need the envelopes to be delivered to your home, please contact the parish office.

2022 SUNDAY MASS MISSALS

The 2022 Sunday Mass missals are available for purchase in the parish office by appointment.

THE CWL COOKBOOK

"Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord Psalm 34"

is now available for purchase following all weekend Masses, in the Church foyer and outside the north entrance as you leave the church. Books are \$15 each or two for \$25. Thank you for helping support the CWL outreach ministries.

CWL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in person this **Thursday, December 9th**, beginning with the Holy Rosary at 7 pm in the Church Hall. Important updates on **membership fee changes and amendments** to the Constitution and By-laws will be discussed. Masks and social distancing of 2 metres remain in effect.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The Rosary Apostolate group will be praying the rosary **Wednesday, December 8 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am** via the Parish zoom. For further information contact laura.rizzi@rogers.com or call 905-737-6457.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Open by appointment only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Closed daily 12:00 pm–1:00 pm for lunch. Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.



We are almost there. We still have the whole month of December to support ShareLife. We have achieved **93% or \$160,943.95 of our \$173,000 goal**. Thank you for your support of ShareLife.

"Thank you to the hardworking ShareLife volunteers and parish committee members, who found innovative ways to raise funds in these challenging circumstances. And thank you to each and every person who showed solidarity with those who suffer by making a sacrificial gift."
– Cardinal Thomas Collins

To learn more about ShareLife, visit their website sharelife.org

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

is looking for lunchtime supervisors to work for an hour a day to supervise students over the lunch hour. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact the school at 905-770-8713.

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

Second Sunday of Advent

Let's all go to the Holy Land sometime. It will make today's Gospel jump off the page and into our hearts. We'll visit the home where John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. We know about his miraculous conception, and about his mother's kinship with Mary, the mother of Jesus, from the first chapter of Luke.

But then will come the question that no historian has been able to truly answer. How did John, whom Luke (and we, his readers) knows to be the cousin of Jesus, end up in the desert, ragged and relentless, proclaiming a gospel of repentance? St. Luke (the historian) likens his ministry to that unnamed desert-voice from Isaiah, crying out for us to prepare the way of the Lord. The most convincing suggestion is that John had some connection with the Essenes, a desert community that was well known at the time of Christ. They, like John, lived humbly, and disdained the allures of city life (and the rulers of those cities). John would eventually come to the attention of one of those rulers, Herod Antipas, whom he condemned for his unethical and illegal marriage practice. We all know how that terrible story ended. Or did it? Because I feel like I hear him, when I read stories of teenagers with access to AK-47s, or the one million pre-born children legally aborted in this country every year, or the lack of COVID-19 vaccines for the developing world, or the greed that animates so many of the global catastrophes every year. I can hear him now, calling out for my own repentance. LISTEN! he thunders. YOU! Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

To what baptism of repentance do you feel yourself called?

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rocco Arthur Casimiri, Gia Violetta Codirenci

& Gianluigi Brando Tersigni

We welcome you into the Church! We wish the Parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary!

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 6 - 12: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Aidan Tomkins

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, Sandi Weinholdt

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 6 – DECEMBER 12

Mon. Dec 6	8:00 am	+Filomena Santopolo
Tues. Dec 7	8:00 am	+John & +Brian Forkan
Wed. Dec 8	8:00 am	+Americo Rodrigues Frade
	12:10 pm	Thanksgiving for Our Virgin Mary Immaculate
Thurs. Dec 9	8:00 am	+Ana Crimi
Fri. Dec 10	8:00 am	+Maria Elena Ascencio
	7:00 pm	+Maria Tedesco +Silvana Mariani
Sat. Dec 11	8:30 am	+Bert Bacchus
	5:00 pm	+Vittoria Giampietro
Sun. Dec 12	8:00 am	+Holy Souls of Purgatory
	9:30 am	+Assunta & +Mario Mazzotta +Maria & +Pietro Angiolella +Joseph Costa +Nicolino Evangelista
	11:00 am	+Trafford D'Sylva +Maria Carmen Delgado
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Antonio Luis & +Antonio Augusto Pereira

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