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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am - 8:00 pm

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

Friday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

or by appointment with a Priest

ADORATION & EXPOSITION

Friday 1:00 pm - 6:45 pm

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - After morning Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday at 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday at 6:45 pm

Perpetual Help - After morning Mass on Saturday

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group - Every

Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

BAPTISM

1st Sunday during 12:30 pm Mass

3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptismal Class: 1st Thursday at 7:00pm

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.

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Sacred Conversations

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wouldn't Jesus, the Master Teacher, have fun shredding some of our favorite cultural proverbs? I can just imagine the scene:

You have heard it said, "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas," but I say to you, "All that is hidden shall be made clear. All that is dark now shall be revealed" (Luke 8:17).

You have heard it said, "He who dies with the most toys wins," but I say to you, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven...where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6: 19-21). You have heard it said, "Revenge is a dish best served cold," but I say to you, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people" (Leviticus 19:17).

You have heard it said, "Look out for Number One, because nobody else will" but I say to you, "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday" (Isaiah 58:10).

You have heard it said, "Life's terrible, and then you die," but I say to you, "Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:3-5).

You have heard it said that the bible says, "God helps those who help themselves," but I say to you, "No, that's Aesop's Fables, not the bible. Go and find the Samaritan Woman at the Well, or the Man Born Blind, or Lazarus in the tomb. They will tell you that God helps those who *cannot* help themselves."

Ah, so true. Thanks, Jesus.

What family proverbs do you have that Jesus could easily overturn?
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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb 17 – Memorial - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

Friday, Feb 21 – Memorial – St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor.

Saturday, Feb 22 – Feast – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

PARISH OFFICE will be closed **Monday, February 17**. Happy family day.

PACZKI DAY Join us next weekend, **Sunday, February 23** after the **11:00 am Mass** for paczki doughnuts and coffee or tea in the Parish hall. This is a Polish tradition that occurs early to mid February on which a rich, jelly- or cr me-filled doughnut is eaten in anticipation of the 40 days of fasting required during the religious season of Lent. All are welcome.

2020 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES A reminder for those who still have not picked up their envelopes are asked to do so as soon as possible. Envelopes will be removed from the Parish hall by the **end of February**. Envelopes that are not picked up will be reassigned to other parishioners. We ask that you do not use envelopes from previous years. If you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please drop by the office to complete a registration form. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

2019 TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the Parish hall. Envelopes are organized in alphabetical order by surname.

2019 FAMILY OF FAITH TAX RECEIPTS will be issued by the end of February directly from the Family of Faith campaign office. For more information, email campaign@archtoronto.org.

THE LITTLE BLACK LENTEN BOOK & NEW CHILDREN'S LITTLE PURPLE LENTEN BOOK will be available for purchase in the Church foyer this weekend. The Little Black Book contains six minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. The little Purple Book is a children's version with this year's theme, Following Jesus. Readings begin Sunday, February 23, which gives us three days before Ash Wednesday to prepare for Lent.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2020

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Please join Grace Agolia for our next Adult Faith Formation evening, "Sacramental Living in a Secular Age," on **Tuesday, February 18, 7-8pm** in the Parish Hall. In this session, we will discover what it means to live a sacramental life as a form of embodied prayer, which leads us to recognize God's grace more readily in the everyday. We will also discuss the relationship between liturgy, ethics, and culture, especially in a time when it seems that religious faith is increasingly relegated to the margins of the public sphere. All are welcome!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRANTS will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) in the Church **Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 pm**.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER COAT PROGRAM

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Immaculate Conference is seeking a NEW group of volunteers who will administer and implement the annual Winter Coat Outreach Program to the poor. For over 10 years our society conference has provided used winter coats for both children and adults in the community; this project has become an important part of the Catholic Outreach of this parish. We are looking for new volunteers to administer and implement this once a year project. If this is something that is of interest to you, please attend our kick off meeting on **Thursday February 20 6:45 in the Kolbe Room**, for additional information you can email: svdprhsmi@gmail.com or call 647-389-2229 and speak to Sal Crimi for information. We are looking for strong leaders and committed individuals to take on this annual project. We hope that people can make time in their busy lives to take on this one annual event.

CWL ANNUAL BAKE SALE will be held following all Masses **February 22 and 23**. Donations of baked goods from CWL Members and Parishioners may be dropped off in the Parish Hall **Friday, February 21 between 5 pm and 7:30 pm**. Thank you for your generosity.

COINS FOR LIFE 2020 Please put aside your townies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next few weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada**. If so coins for life boxes will be available at all the entrances to the Church the weekend of **February 22-23**. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on **May 14, 2020**. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's

preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. You may even wish to make this a family, school, office project? Spread the good news of the sanctity of every life from conception to natural death which God created as no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death society we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this *'little project' for life*. Boxes are to be returned to the Parish after Easter and no later than **April 19**. If you wish, leave your name/address/email/cell in the box so CLC can thank you personally for your kindness. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126. Volunteers are always needed!

MOTHER'S GROUP will be meeting **Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish hall. The topic for the evening is "Love, Loss and Faith" with guest speaker, Rossana Magnotta. All are welcome.

AID TO WOMEN-"BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: You are asked to return the baby bottles to the parish with your donation the weekend of **February 29-March 1**. 100% of the donations received go directly to Aid to Women's life affirming work. Thank you for your support.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Due to the great interest in the bible study we are offering evening sessions to those that are not able to attend during the day. Sessions will begin **Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm** in the Fr. Kolbe Room. To register, contact the Parish office.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE-ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION BY JEFF CAVINS

Discover What It Means to "Be Saved" Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. In *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*, theology professor Dr. Andrew Swofford and Jeff Cavins provide an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans—**salvation**.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 Rise! Take your Mat and Walk. Ecumenical Service written by the women of Zimbabwe. To be held at St. Mary Immaculate Parish **Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm**. Reception with light refreshments will follow in the Parish hall.

YOUNG DISCIPLES RETREAT The Office of Vocations is pleased to offer a Young Disciples Retreat for the diocese themed *Love in Service*. This retreat is designed to engage male and female youth aged 12-17 (especially those who serve in various parish ministries like altar serving, music ministry, or any other avenues available to them), to provide them an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus and consider where He might be leading them. This free retreat run by young adults will include talks, group discussions, recreation, and lunch on **Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, 75 Churchill Ave, North York. To register or for more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@archtoronto.org or 416-968-0997.

28th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY!

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada. The theme of this year's rally is *"Jesus, Light of the World"*. **Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm** Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. For tickets, email contact@ljhr.ca or call 647-243-9441.

INTENZIONI PER MESSE La pratica di offrire Messe per i nostri cari in vita o per i nostri defunti e' parte della nostra vita e tradizione Cattolica. Se volete offrire delle Messe per amici e familiari vi preghiamo di venire all'ufficio parrocchiale durante le ore di apertura. Le intenzioni di messe non possono essere prese al telefono.

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 contact the parish office or email office@smirh.com. Names will be removed after the last Sunday of each month unless renewed with the office.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Julie, Gus, Maria Messere, Peter Fernandes, Bernardine Fernandes, Joe Rybka, Lorenzo Addorisio, Maria Petruzzo, Nazzareno Lombardi, Marcus Gibbons, Francesco Faga, Dante Gibellini, Lucia Gibellini, Mario, Michael McGee, Ezia Mariani, Anna Di Ruscio, Clara Pacitti

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS are 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, come by the Parish office during office hours.

FEB 10-16: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Fiorello Manias
&
+Modesta Manias

MASS INTENTIONS FEB 17 - 23

Mon. Feb 17	8:00 am	+Heather Bates Spec. Int. for Thomas Family
Tues. Feb 18	8:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed. Feb 19	8:00 am	+Marie Sardinha
Thur. Feb 20	8:00 am	+Rev. Fr. Suarez Fernando
Fri. Feb 21	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Lau Family
	7:00 pm	+Members of the Paxton Family +Jose Albuguerque +Palmerino Tortolano +Elvira & +Lorenzo De Santis
Sat. Feb 22	8:30 am	+Private Intentions
	5:00 pm	+Tiberio Simoes
Sun. Feb 23	8:00 am	People Of St. Mary Immaculate
	9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Eduardo Tocco +Antonia & + Umberto Talotta +Luigi Tomasone +Maria & +Berardo Zuccarini
	11:00 am	+Maria Zeppieri
	12:30 pm	+Guerrino Rossi
	4:30 pm	+Joseph Gnanapragasam

Congratulations!

Sacrament of Baptism:

Sofia Maria Padula, Julia Ruggiero Panetta, Gianni Sergio Privitera, Ariel Josephine Meta Talledes

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

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<p>Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours. I now ask for a special favour (mention request). Take this favour, dear Jesus, and place it within your broken heart and when your Father sees it through His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour not mine. Please answer my prayers. Say three consecutive days. Trusting in your mercy. Published in gratitude.</p>	<p>Marlowe Restaurant BANQUET FACILITIES Baptisms, Engagements, Rehearsals, Confirmations, Showers, Weddings 905-771-8645 events@themarlowe.ca</p>	<p>Boots Montano ABR, SRES Realtor M. 416.832.1608 boots.montano@remaxhallmark.com T. 905.883.4922 9555 Yonge St., Suite 201 Richmond Hill, ON L4C 9M5</p> <p> RE/MAX HALLMARK REALTY LTD. REMAXHALLMARK.COM 905-884-4336</p>
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