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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!**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate Family Day. St. John Paul II said, "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live". Thankful for all Families here at SMI, I ask God to bless our families with his love, protect us from harm and give us grace to forgive.

Praying for you and Your Families,  
Fr. Pawel

### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

<b>Wed. Feb 21</b>	Memorial	St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor
<b>Thurs. Feb 22</b>	Feast	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
<b>Fri. Feb 23</b>	Memorial	St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

### READINGS THIS WEEK

18 Genesis 9.8-15: 1 Peter 3.18-22: Mark 1.12-15  
19 Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18: Matthew 25.31-46  
20 Isaiah 55.10-11: Matthew 6.7-15  
21 Jonah 3.1-10: Luke 11.29-32  
22 1 Peter 5.1-4: Matthew 16.13-19  
23 Ezekiel 18.21-28: Matthew 5.20-16  
24 Deuteronomy 26.16-19: Matthew 5.43-48

### LENTEN FRIDAYS

**February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15 & 22**

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am Adoration
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)
- 5:30 pm SMI Lenten Soup Kitchen (open to all with donations going to the poor)
- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm Mass

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION**  
**Forgiveness & Reconciliation**  
**FEBRUARY 24 – 28, 2024**  
**Conducted by: Rev. David Reilander,**  
**President, Catholic Missions in Canada**  
**(Visit our website for more information)**

### GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. In Canada, Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Fasting is obligatory from ages 18-59. However, the law of abstinence binds those who are ages 14 and above. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat only one full meal, and two small snacks that together don't add up to a full meal.

### 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

We kindly ask that you check your envelope number with the number printed on the label to ensure they match. If they do

not match, please contact the parish office to have this corrected. It is important that you mark your name and address on each envelope to ensure your donations are applied correctly in the system.

There are a few offertory envelope boxes remaining for pick up 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. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### 2023 TAX RECEIPTS

2023 tax receipts are now available. Please contact the Parish office to arrange pick up or to have them mailed to you.

### PACZKI DONUTS

Thank you to Anita and all the ladies that helped organize and sell the Paczki donuts. It was a huge success again this year. We apologize for selling out and promise to order more next year.

### THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

and everyone involved for a fabulous Valentine's Dinner & Dance. Your hard work in organizing this event brought so many people in our community together to celebrate the gift of love. Fantastic job. Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets.

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will be closed **Monday, February 19** for the Family Day holiday. Happy Family Day to all.

### MOTHERS GROUP

The Mothers Group will be meeting **Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 pm** in the Fr. Kolbe meeting room. All are welcome. Please join us.

### A STAR ON THE MANTLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

Salt & Light TV has recorded an amazing story on our new Monstrance. To learn more about our Monstrance and to watch the video, visit our website [www.smirh.com](http://www.smirh.com).



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**February 18, 2024**

**Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife**

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home.

"Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs," says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. "With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**The Coins for Life boxes are available**  
**at all the entrances to the Church.**  
**RETURN DATE: MARCH 31, 2024**

Every coin makes a difference and helps Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) to run the annual National March for Life in Ottawa. By putting aside your loose change, you are helping support the many pro-life initiatives that spread awareness and give a voice

to the unborn. Keep us in your prayers and join us if you can. We need more volunteers for this work of God. For more information call CLC, 416-204-9749.



The Parish has once again purchased FORMED, a catholic platform with thousands of catholic movies, audio books, talks, documentaries and much more.

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1. go to [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org)
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3. Type your name and your email address and click "Sign Up"

Once you have registered under the Parish name, simply go to [formed.org](https://formed.org) and click on **SIGN IN** (top right hand corner).

**15TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE**

**Saturday March 23, 2024**

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)

Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins

Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare.

Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God.

Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer.

Special Guest Speaker: Tammie Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson).

Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group.

To register visit [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](https://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

**FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

**TO REGISTER:**

1. <https://ORCO.de/WebFeb24>

2. **send an email to:** [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Theodore Tonev & Sam Emiliano Zambri

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!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS**

+Assunta Vicinanza & +Kang Yong (John) Shin

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.

**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, Clelia Proia, Joe Moncata, Immacolata Morlando, Lester, Mira, Princes, Qhuenie, Robert Harvey, Jennifer, Stefan Kalinowski

**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.

**FEB 19 - 25: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:**

+Sandi Rose Weinholdt

**MASS INTENTIONS FEB 19 – FEB 25**

<b>Mon. Feb 19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Spec. Int. for Angelo Dave Cusi Luna
<b>Tues. Feb 20</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Spec. Int. for Boots Montano
<b>Wed. Feb 21</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Sandi Rose Weinholdt
<b>Thurs. Feb 22</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Robert Lewis
<b>Fri. Feb 23</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Imelda Innocent Motha
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	+Giuseppe Durigon
<b>Sat. Feb 24</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	For Intentions placed in the Fatima Chapel Prayer box Spec. Int. for Jobin & Amari Thomas Spec. Int. for Joycelyn Hamelin
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Spec. Int. for God's Blessing for granddaughter on her 28 <sup>th</sup> birthday
<b>Sun. Feb 25</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Ingeborg Zimmermann
	<b>9:30 am</b>	+Filomena Santopolo +Domenica Giusti +Andrea, +Concetta & +Maria Sangoi +Rosa Cumbo +Benedetto Baccilieri +Luigi, +Filomena & +Raffaele Tomasone +Giovanni & +Fulvio Rosciardi +Berardo & +Maria Zuccarini
	<b>11:00 am</b>	+Antonio Toscano +Francesco Pacitto +Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini +Bridgit DiPonzio +Lucia Manserra +Anthony D'Lima +Chris Dissanayake Spec. Int. for Angelina & Manuel Sr Verar Spec. Int. for Antoinetta Berardi
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	+Andrea & +Vittoria Giampietro

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