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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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we begin our Parish Lenten Mission.

Let us welcome Fr. David Reilander, President of Catholic Missions In Canada, who will conduct our Parish Mission, I hope to see you at his talks. Bring your Family and Friends.

Praying for you and Your Families,

Fr. Pawel

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb 27	Memorial	St. Gregory of Narek
Fri. Mar 1		World Day of Prayer
	First Friday of the month	We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat. Mar 2	First Saturday of the month	We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

READINGS THIS WEEK

25 Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18: Romans 8.31b-35, 37++: Mark 9.2-10

26 Daniel 9.3, 4b-10++: Luke 6.36-38

27 Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++: Matthew 23.1-12

28 Jeremiah 18.18-20: Matthew 20.17-28

29 Jeremiah 17.5-10: Luke 16.19-31

1 Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28: Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46

2 Micah 7.14-15, 18-20: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

FEBRUARY 24 – 28

PARISH MISSION

FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

Conducted by Rev. David Reilander,
President Catholic Missions In Canada

- **Saturday, February 24**
 - 5:00 pm Mass
- **Sunday, February 25**
 - 8:00 am Mass
 - 9:30 am Mass
 - 11:00 am Mass
 - 12:30 pm Mass
 - 4:30 pm Mass
- **Monday, February 26**
"The Anatomy of Reconciliation"
 - 8:30 am – 9:30 am
Talk after morning Mass
 - 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Talk
- **Tuesday, February 27**
"Offering Forgiveness"
 - 8:30 am – 9:30 am
Talk after morning Mass
 - 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Talk
- **Wednesday, February 28**
"Asking for Forgiveness"
 - 8:30 am – 9:30 am
Talk after morning Mass
 - 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Talk

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.

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.



2nd Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024

Show your love through ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is **March 17**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$173,000**.

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at 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
2. Type "St Mary Immaculate, Richmond Hill" to find our Parish and click "Next"

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://www.archtoronto.org) and click on **SIGN IN** (top right hand corner).

THE LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2024
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

After the blessed response and attendance last year, The Lift Jesus Higher Rally will once again be held on **Saturday, 2nd March, 2024 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto**. The theme this year, **"TAKE HEART: by his wounds we are healed"**, encourages us to hope in God and a reminder that we can trust him, even during our darkest days.

For more details & registration, visit www.LJHR.ca

COME & SEE — DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT —
MARCH 15–17, 2024 AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.** This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. If interested, please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee or for more information, contact us at: vocations@archtoronto.org.

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

GEORGINA ISLAND VISIT BY SMI-CWL

The Catholic Women's League of St. Mary Immaculate Parish sponsors 13 charities with the fundraising occurring throughout the year. The Chippewas children of Georgina Island is one of our charities. They are an Anishinaabe Nation located on the southern shores of Lake Simcoe. Their ancestors were inhabitants of the Lake Simcoe Region.

On November 22, 2023, I was invited to visit the Waagbon Gamig (Blossoming House) School on Georgina Island. It is a First Nation school with students from JK – Grade 5. I was given permission to bring a friend. Marisa Basista, SMI-CWL Treasurer, accompanied me on this journey. November 22nd was a special day at the school as the JK students were making their drums. The drums are made from deer hide wrapped around a wooden frame. Children keep their drums their entire life. They treat them with respect, as if they were their own children. The drums are symbols that help maintain their culture through drumming and songs.

The Indigenous People hold Mother Earth in high regard. They treat her with ultimate respect. A strong emphasis is placed on respect for each other and treating everyone as family. They follow the Seven Grandfather's Teachings which include:

RESPECT, COURAGE, HONESTY, WISDOM, HUMILITY, TRUTH and LOVE.

Even though they are in need, the Chippewas children of Georgina Island are taught to give back and help other children in need. Every year they participate in a fundraising event for the Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto.

The SMI-CWL donation was used to assemble food baskets for the children while their school was closed for two weeks during the Christmas Break.

My visit to Georgina Island helped me to understand and to appreciate all that we have and take for granted. Also, to give thanks to the Lord and to live in peace.

Paula Gianasi

Social Justice Chairperson, SMI-CWL

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Assunta Vicinanza, +Kang Yong (John) Shin,
& +Nicholas Crimi

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.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Clelia Proia, Joe Moncata, Immacolata Morlando, Lester, Mira, Princes, Qhuenie, Robert Harvey, Jennifer, Stefan Kalinowski, Leonardo D'Urso, Viola Wicks

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FEB 26 – MAR 3		
Mon. Feb 26	8:00 am	+John Shin
Tues. Feb 27	8:00 am	+John Shin
Wed. Feb 28	8:00 am	+Anna Notartomaso
Thurs. Feb 29	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Yewon & Mingu Kang
Fri. Mar 1	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Jason Deschamps
	7:00 pm	+Carmela Suppa +Elvira Alfano, +Francesco & +Rosetta Naccarato +All Deceased members of the Brinias Family +All Deceased members of the Tamburino Family +All Deceased members of the Campagna Family +All Deceased members of the Cocca Family
Sat. Mar 2	8:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Antonio Nudo
	5:00 pm	For healing of daughter from an addiction and her return to God
Sun. Mar 3	8:00 am	+Rocco Notaro
	9:30 am	Private Intentions
	11:00 am	+Nick Garito +Elsie Lin +Lino & +Dina Ferro +Sergio Totolo +Andrea D'Lima O'Donnell
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Rodolfo Fortuna



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