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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!



Beloved Parishioners,

I hope you had a good beginning of Lent. So many of you came for Ash Wednesday liturgies. I just came across a great quote of Fr. Mike Schmitz. He said, "The ashes mean I'm a sinner. The shape of the cross means I have a Saviour!"

As we welcome Fr. Giuseppe who will conduct our Parish Mission, I hope to see you at his talks. Bring your Family and Friends.

Praying for you.

In Christ,

Fr. Pawel

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Fri. Mar 3		World Day of Prayer
	First Friday of the month	We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat. Mar 4	Memorial	St. Casimir
	First Saturday of the month	We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

READINGS THIS WEEK

26 Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7++: Romans 5.12-19 (longer) or Romans 5.12, 17-19 (shorter): Matthew 4.1-11
 27 Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18: Matthew 25.31-46
 28 Isaiah 55.10-11: Matthew 6.7-15
 1 Jonah 3.1-10: Luke 11.29-32
 2 Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14: Matthew 7.7-12
 3 Ezekiel 18.21-28: Matthew 5.20-16
 4 Deuteronomy 26.16-19: Matthew 5.43-48

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Ah, Lent. Thank God you're here. We would never have summoned you on our own, but you've arrived, as always, to challenge, and, yes, to befriend us.

Temptation has already licked at our heels these first few days of Lent. We may be a little hungrier, or hankering for the hours on the computer we've determined to limit. Whichever of the disciplines we take up this season, you can bet that the Tempter will remind us that there are MUCH better uses of our time. But we know that voice by now.

You've got to feel sorry for Adam and Eve. Yes, God tells Adam (because Eve wasn't formed yet) not to eat from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Bad (a better translation than "evil"). Then Satan, the Liar, slyly asks Eve if God, that bully, REALLY told her she couldn't eat from **any** fruit in the Garden. Imagine having the Prince of Liars slide up to you and start touching your trigger points. *Did you REALLY think you could reach out to your estranged sibling and show her how much you love her? Sure, that looked good on Ash Wednesday, but you don't want to place yourself in that toxic environment again, do you?*

The two temptations today feature weakened protagonists. Eve is weak because she doesn't have any prior knowledge of the Liar, and is vulnerable. Jesus is weakened by his long fast in the desert. Adam and Eve fall for the lure, but Jesus, weak as he is, overcomes the Tempter.

Because of that, writes Alice Camille, "There is no desert so barren that Christ will not stand with us against our demons."

How will you take strength from Jesus' victory over Satan this Lent?

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LENTEN FRIDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)

5:30 pm SMI Lenten Soup Kitchen (donations go to the poor)

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

First Fridays of the Month 7:00 pm Mass after Stations of the Cross

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.



Listen to the Podcast on Lent on Catholic Espresso with Fr. Pawel and co-host Russell Hoyt from Texas. Visit <https://anchor.fm/catholicespresso> or our website for the link.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 1

Join us for our Parish Lenten Mission

Conducted by: Fr. Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR



SMI SPRING GALA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

The 2023 membership fee of \$40 is due this month. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. The CWL welcomes all women to share their gifts and talents to make a difference. Our next general meeting is **March 9.**

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

are available for pick up at the back of the Church. Parishioners who have not yet picked up their box are asked to do so **as soon as possible**. Envelopes that are not picked up will be reassigned to other parishioners. We ask that you do not use envelopes from previous years. **Ensure to print clearly your name, address and amount on every envelope to ensure your donations are properly credited to you.** Thank you for continued generosity and support.

STAFF PARKING

A reminder that there is absolutely no parking in the staff parking spots. We appreciate your co-operation and thank you.

RCIA CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATES

Kindly include in your prayers the Catechumens and the Candidates who will be baptized and received into the Church on Holy Saturday.

The Baptized Prayer for the Catechumens

Life-Giving Father,
you desire that we may be one in Christ, so that all creation may give you praise.
Look kindly upon the Catechumens you have called to the table of your Word.
We pray especially for the Catechumens of St. Mary Immaculate Parish.
Through the power of your Word,
our life of prayer,
and the example of Christ's love,
we share with those most in need.
May they come in time to the table of the Eucharist where we shall stand as one body united in the Holy Spirit to offer you praise and thanksgiving Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

14TH ANNUAL - DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Old Mill Toronto Event Venue

21 Old Mill Road Toronto, ON M8X 1G5

Opening Mass celebrated by

Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB,

Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Speakers & Topics:

Sister Deirdre Byrne

The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady

Dr. Josephine Lombardi

Healing and Forgiveness

Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik

Journeying with Mother Mary

Dorothy Pilarski

Why minister to moms? – How to Start a Catholic Moms Group

Limited Seating!

Register at dynamicwomenfaith.com

Questions? CONTACT: 416-907-1042

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James Joseph Bacani

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

+Maria Giancola & +Antoniette De Andrade

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.

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 27 – MAR 5: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Anton & +Edward Gal

&

Spec. Int. for the Healing of Jamie & Family

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, Monica Cozzolino, Robert Harvey, Phing Yoek, Vera, Maria D'Souza, Sophie Bilkovski, Fausto Iampieri, Nicholas Crimi

MASS INTENTIONS FEB 27 – MAR 5

Mon. Feb 27	8:00 am	+Carmela Suppa
Tues. Feb 28	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Maria Gomes
Wed. Mar 1	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Lennie & Iskender Family
Thurs. Mar 2	8:00 am	+Filomena Santopolo
Fri. Mar 3	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Ida Cosentino
	7:00 pm	+Filomena Santopolo +Carmela Suppa
Sat. Mar 4	8:30am	+Romana Matute +Rosita Songco Enriquez
	5:00 pm	+Vito Nicola Maselli
Sun. Mar 5	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Thomas Gomes
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Deceased members of the Catenaro & Faticante Families +Francesco & +Rosa Romita +Sigismondo Posa +Umberto & +Antonia Talotta
	11:00 am	+Rosanna Marchese +Mr. Morra +Irma Attisano +Andrea D'Lima O'Donnell Spec. Int. for Aurora Candido
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Angelo Leandrosz



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