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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!

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Sacred Conversations

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Every once in a while the gospels inadvertently let a bit of history seep into the narrative. Today we get that interesting background into the ministry of John the Baptist, that he had disciples himself before the public ministry of Jesus.

One of those disciples, who must have been in John's inner circle in order to have been close enough to hear John say, about Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God," was no less than Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.

So, we know that Andrew was a seeker. He traveled with John the Baptist, and had certainly heard many fiery sermons from John. But at the very moment that John identified Jesus as the Lamb of God, Andrew and the other (unnamed) disciple left John and followed Jesus.

In fact, Andrew went straight to his brother and announced that they had found the long-awaited Messiah. He brought Simon to Jesus, who then did what Rabbis did for their most prominent disciples. He changed his name to Cephas (Petra, which means "rock").

The history of the Church can be written from what follows in this short account towards the beginning of John's gospel. Andrew and the other disciple seem to understand that John is bidding them goodbye. Their time with him is over, because the "Lamb of God" has been identified, and it is their destiny to follow him. Simon, too, comes with his brother to see where Jesus is staying. He, too, must have been a seeker. Upon meeting his Lord, he submits to having his very name changed, never realizing that it will be his faith that will be the "rock" upon which the Church will be founded.

What split-second decisions have you made that changed your life?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Wed. Jan 17	Memorial	St. Anthony, Abbot
Sat. Jan 20	Memorial	St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr

READINGS THIS WEEK

14 1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19: 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20: John 1.35-42
 15 1 Samuel 15.16-23: Mark 2.18-22
 16 1 Samuel 16.1-13: Mark 2.23-28
 17 1 Samuel 17.32-33, 37, 40-51: Mark 3.1-6
 18 1 Samuel 18.6-9; 19.1-7: Mark 3.7-12
 19 1 Samuel 24.2-21: Mark 3.13-19
 20 2 Samuel 1.1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27: Mark 3.20-21

CORRECTION

The formula for the Epiphany chalk blessing ritual should be:
20 + C + M + B + 24
 and not as stated 24 + C + M + B + 24 in last weekend's bulletin. Apologies for the error.

THANK YOU

to Anita, Dave, Peter, Colavita family and everyone that helped dismantle the Nativity scene and take down all the Christmas trees and decorations. Your help is greatly appreciated.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2024 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and are located 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. **It is important that you mark your name and address on each envelope to ensure your donations are applied correctly in the system. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**

MOTHERS GROUP

The Mothers Group will be meeting **Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 pm** in the Fr. Kolbe meeting room. All are welcome. Please join us.



Mark Your Calendar

Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study on
Follow Me – Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
Thursday mornings 9:15 am - 11:15 am
January 25, 2024 to March 14, 2024
 Contact Parish office to register.



Mark Your Calendar

Happy New Year from the Knights of Columbus!
 St. Valentine's Day is around the corner and the Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting their annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance.
 The event will be held at St. Mary Immaculate Church on **Saturday, February 10.**
 Tickets will be on sale after Masses beginning the weekend of January 20/21.
 Fabulous Food. Marvelous Music. A fun night for all.
 Hope to see you there.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Parish is offering marriage preparation course.

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Spring session: February 7- March 13, 2024

If you are planning to marry in the near future and would like to register, contact the Parish office.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO – FEBRUARY 11, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

JANUARY 14, 2024

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND UPDATE

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include the **Keeseekoose First Nation** located in Saskatchewan that will receive \$30,000 in support of their "Truth Telling Gathering" held earlier this year, supported also by the Archdiocese of Regina. The event was dedicated to honouring Indigenous cultures, fostering understanding and empowering communities.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

FATHER HENRI NOUWEN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

Attention Father Henri Nouwen CES Parent(s) Student(s) and FHN Alumni (Former students, parents and staff).

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of Father Henri JM Nouwen CES will occur on **Friday, May 10, 2024**. Many events are being planned to celebrate this major milestone in our school's history. Please follow us on the following social media platforms and share this with former graduates, staff and their families.

Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/ycdsbfn/>

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School Website – <https://fhn.ycdsb.ca/>



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Giuseppe Papandrea

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

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 JAN 15 – JAN 21

Mon. Jan 15	8:00 am	+Filomena Santopolo
Tues. Jan 16	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Wyatt Day
Wed. Jan 17	8:00 am	+Raffaella Caldarola Spec. Int. for Aubrey Balthazaar on his birthday
Thurs. Jan 18	8:00 am	+Salim Naqvi
Fri. Jan 19	8:00 am	+Frank Caldarola
Sat. Jan 20	8:30 am	+Aldo Caparelli +Margaret Lawlor +Paul Joseph Lundy
	5:00 pm	+Najebeh Zakhem Isa & Richard Isa
Sun. Jan 21	8:00 am	+Rosita Enriquez
	9:30 am	+Rosa Santagelo +Filomena Santopolo
	11:00 am	+Saverio & +Teresa Giusti +Nick Garito +Catherine D'Angela +Richard Antonio +Beniamino Caranci +Ambrocious, +Mabel & +Arthur De Pinto
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Remigio Tan

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