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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

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Most of us reading this column aren't Jewish, and so we don't immediately grasp the powerful Old Testament reference which John the Baptist (a Jew) is making to his (Jewish) audience when he announces that the man walking towards him is the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world."

The Jews to whom this statement was addressed would have hearkened back to that iconic springtime lamb, the spotless one, none of whose bones had been broken, whose blood was sprinkled on the doorposts of the houses of the Hebrews on that first Passover night (Ex. 12:1-28). The Angel of Death would "pass over" the homes that were sprinkled with that blood. John the Baptist, then, announces that Jesus is the Lamb whose blood will take away the sins of the world. In John's gospel, (ch. 19), Jesus is crucified at the same time the Passover lambs are being slaughtered in the Temple.

Even earlier in the salvation story (Gen 22: 1-8), Abraham and Isaac climb up the mountain (later identified in Christian typography as Calvary). Isaac says to his father, "Here are the fire and the wood for the sacrifice, but where is the lamb?" And Abraham answers, "God will provide the lamb." Jesus is the Lamb for the sacrifice.

It's the littleness of it that gets you. It's the lamb, not the lion. It's the baby in the manger, not the vicious King Herod. It's the heavenly host of angels, not the legions of armies on the march. It's perhaps the elderly couple praying their rosary in church every morning whose prayers are keeping the world from calamity.

Behold the Lamb.

What "little" people are the ones who draw you closest to Christ?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tues. Jan 17	Memorial	St. Anthony, Abbot
Fri. Jan 20	Memorial	St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr
Sat. Jan 21	Memorial	St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

READINGS THIS WEEK

15 Isaiah 49.3, 5-6: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3: John 1.29-34
 16 Hebrews 5.1-10: Mark 2.18-22
 17 Hebrews 6.10-20: Mark 2.23-28
 18 Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17: Mark 3.1-6
 19 Hebrews 7.25 - 8.6: Mark 3.7-12
 20 Hebrews 8.6-13: Mark 3.13-19
 21 Hebrews 9.2-3, 11-14: Mark 3.20-21

THANK YOU

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

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.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS

2022 tax receipts are now available. Please contact the Parish office to arrange pick up or to have them mailed to you.

MOTHER'S GROUP

will be meeting **Thursday, January 19 at 7:30 pm** in the Parish hall. If you would like to participate, email mothersgroup@smirh.com.

Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study on
Jesus - The Way, The Truth, And The Life.
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 Our Savior.
Beginning Tuesday Mornings 9:15 am - 11:15 am
January 31, 2023 to March 28, 2023
 Contact Parish office to register.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11

Join us for a great meal, good fellowship and fun together with our parish family. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets go on sale in the Church foyer after all Masses next weekend, **January 21-22**. Adults \$60, children \$25 and a table of 10 can be reserved in advance.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session:
January 25, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbbd01.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session: January 26, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbsdd01.eventbrite.ca>

For more information, contact Arcangelo Limanni, MRE
alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org.

THE YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2019. York Catholic provides a Christ-centred, innovative Catholic Education in its 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked one of the top performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca to register for classes starting in September.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

A special Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 12, 2023** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at **2:30 pm** by His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen. All married couples, particularly those who will celebrate a milestone anniversary are welcome to attend. Registration for this event is required. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Parish is offering marriage preparation course.

Spring session: February 15 - March 22, 2023

Fall session: October 11 - November 15, 2023

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

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pietro Giorgio Marinucci

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!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Stephanie DeGasperi & Karlo Visaticki

We wish them an abundance of God's graces and the loving care of our Mother Mary!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Olga Canonaco & +Antonia Ruscica

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.

JAN 16 - 22: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+All deceased members of Boragina Family

&

+Caterina Boragina

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, Reynolds Kanary, Vera, Maria D'Souza

MASS INTENTIONS JAN 16 – JAN 22

Mon. Jan 16	8:00 am	+Frank Palazzo
Tues. Jan 17	8:00 am	+Raffaella Caldarola
Wed. Jan 18	8:00 am	+Vincenzo Attisano
Thurs. Jan 19	8:00 am	+Mrs. Winnie Xing Huang
Fri. Jan 20	8:00 am	+Aldo Caparelli
Sat. Jan 21	8:30am	+Chang-Soon Kang +Dr. Salim Naqvi +Anton & +Edward Gal Spec. Int. for Eric Ahn on his birthday
	5:00 pm	+Najebah Zakhem & Richard Isa
Sun. Jan 22	8:00 am	+Frank Caldarola
	9:30 am	+Gioacchino Adamo +Filomena Santopolo +Adele Mezzalira Spec. Int. of St. Joseph for the Boragina Family
	11:00 am	+Tiberio Simoes +Jose Pereira +Dwayne Rivard +Carlo Baldassarra Spec. Int. for the Cecchin Family Spec. Int. of Anita & Dave Markle
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Teodora Colangelo



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