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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!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's that first sentence in today's gospel, our first entry from Mark in Ordinary Time this year, that give me chills:

After John had been arrested,

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.

Similar sentences have read, "After the four North American churchwomen were murdered in El Salvador, the next plane brought their replacements from Maryknoll."

Or, "After the first wave of volunteers were taken away in exhaustion, a second wave of volunteers from around the world took their place, digging for the missing who were swept up in the tsunami."

Jesus knew that his hidden life had come to an end. The great prophet John the Baptist, after speaking truth to power, was thrown into Herod's dungeon. What fate would await him? Jesus didn't wait to find out. He immediately stepped into John's role, and began to proclaim the gospel. "The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

The martyrdom of John was a shocking event for all who had been baptized by him, for John's disciples, and for Jesus. Now it was clear: Jesus would also die at the hands of powerful men, who would misunderstand him, and what he wanted to give them. Jesus now knows how very dangerous these men are, and his response is to preach the gospel anyway.

I know people like that, many of them. I know courageous women and men who have risked, and lost, jobs they loved, in order to simply do the right thing. It shouldn't be like this. We should ALL desire that the right thing prevail, even---especially---those with something to lose should that come to pass.

What examples of right overcoming might have you seen in your lifetime?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Jan 22	Memorial	St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr.
Wed. Jan 24	Memorial	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor
Thurs. Jan 25	Feast	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Fri. Jan 26	Memorial	St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops
Sat. Jan 27	Memorial	St. Angela Merici, Virgin

READINGS THIS WEEK

21 Jonah 3.1-5, 10: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31: Mark 1. 14-20

22 2 Samuel 5.1-7, 10: Mark 3.22-30

23 2 Samuel 6.12b-15, 17-19: Mark 3.31-35

24 2 Samuel 7.1-17+ : Mark 4.1-20

25 Acts 22.3-16 or Acts 9.1-22: Mark 16.15-18

26 2 Timothy 1.1-8 or Titus 1.1-5: no. 724(8), p. 812: Luke 10.1-9

27 2 Samuel 12.1-7a, 10-17: Mark 4.35-41

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This weekend, **January 20/21**, is designated as "Sunday of the Word of God" and was established by the Holy Father on September 30, 2019, through his Motu proprio Apostolic Letter, "*Aperuit illis*." It is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. We recall the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church. In his apostolic letter, the Holy Father tells us that the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity." It is to acknowledge the importance of the Word of God in our faith journey and to consider ways to mark this weekend with an appreciation for the richness of the ongoing dialogue between the Lord and his people.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2024

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m. ET

Venue: St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, ON L3R 5Z2)

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

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.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Will take place January 20/21 after all weekend Masses in the Church foyer. The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We invite all interested ladies to see us at the back of the church for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study on
Follow Me – Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
Beginning this Thursday, January 25
9:15 am - 11:15 am in the Fr. Kolbe meeting room.
Contact Parish office to register.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session
January 24, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
Register at: <https://nbbd0124.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session
January 25, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
Register at: <https://nbsdd0124.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, R.P. (O)

alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEBRUARY 2

Friday, February 2, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of candles will take place at the 8:00 am Mass and 7:00 pm First Friday Mass. We kindly ask that you bring your own candles.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BLAISE - FEBRUARY 3

Blessing of the throats will take place **Saturday, February 3** at the 8:30 am Mass.

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.



St. Valentine's Day is around the corner and the Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting the 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 this weekend, January 20/21.

Fabulous Food. Marvelous Music. A fun night for all. Hope to see you there.

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.

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.

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/ycdsbfhn/>

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



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Celia Corbo & Oleg Kostenyuk

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

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jackson James Masucci, Emma Sophia Manzone, Selena Maria Quaranta & Emma Lucia Westwater

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 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

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 22 - 28: THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

+Francesco & +Marianna Piacente

MASS INTENTIONS JAN 22 – JAN 28

Mon. Jan 22	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Carol Morra
Tues. Jan 23	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Rocca & Gabriel Mansur
Wed. Jan 24	8:00 am	+Domenica Giusti
Thurs. Jan 25	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Nick & Susan Lombardi
Fri. Jan 26	8:00 am	+Juliana & +Alfonso Banta
Sat. Jan 27	8:30 am	For Intentions placed in the Fatima Chapel Prayer box
	5:00 pm	+Anna Maria Mastrovita
Sun. Jan 28	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for the healing of John Shin
	9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Francesco & +Rosa Tedesco
	11:00 am	+Tom Ormesher +Elsie Lin +Toni & +Angelo Capacchione +Mary Vautour +Godofredo & +Mariano Abella +Tito Sanchez +Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini Spec. Int. of Maria Simoes
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	Spec. Int. for the Sharma Family

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