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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!

As we are beginning the Holy week, I would like to wish you a deep spiritual experience during this time.

On Tuesday, please pray for your priests as we get together with Archbishop Leo and priests throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to celebrate the Chrism Mass.

May this time of year bring us closer to the mystery of the cross and give us hope to be with the Risen Lord one day.

Praying for you.

Fr. Pawel

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Sacred Conversations

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

You probably didn't realize it, but in the Philippians reading this weekend we heard perhaps the oldest hymn in Christendom. Certainly the earliest Christians sang the psalms every day, and probably even a musical version of the crossing of the sea on holy days in the Temple. But Paul's recitation of the hymn of *kenosis*—the self-emptying—of Christ on the cross suggests he knew that this beloved hymn was being sung by the Church at Philippi, which was the earliest Christian community in Europe.

Perhaps it was the *On Eagle's Wings* of the first century—a well-known hymn that everyone could probably sing by heart with a little help. But why did Paul choose to include it in his letter? I wonder if its beautiful prelude is a key: *though he was in the form of God, he did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at.*

Paul, that super-educated Jew, that Pharisee who studied with the greatest rabbi of his day, that tri-lingual missionary par excellence, eventually admits in this letter that all of that perfect pedigree is just "worthless refuge". The only thing that matters is that he *gain Christ, and be found in him.*

Let this mind be also in you, he writes. Don't compete with each other. Don't think that whatever status you hold in the world means anything in the kingdom of God. Christ, who was God, chose to take the form of a slave. So it must be with you.

Our western culture is crazy for fancy letters behind our names. Somehow that means we have accomplished something. But at our deaths we only need three letters: F.I.H. Found in him.

In what ways are you making sure you are found in him?

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EASTER FLOWERS

Those interested in donating Easter lilies and hydrangeas for Easter are asked to drop them off by Wednesday this week. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK

Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans and all those involved with Holy Week Liturgies are invited to attend rehearsal for Holy

Thursday and Good Friday on **Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm** in the Church. Those involved with Easter Vigil Liturgies are invited for rehearsal on **Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 am** in the Church.

NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday collection "Needs of the Holy Land" is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with Pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land. For more information please visit: www.commissariat.ca.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - March 28

No 8:00 am Mass - Church will open at 4:00 pm

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Adoration until 11:00 pm

Good Friday - March 29

No 8:00 am Mass - Church will open at 7:00 am

Divine Mercy Novena starts

12:00 pm The Lord's Passion

3:00 pm The Lord's Passion

5:00 pm The Lord's Passion (Italian)

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - March 30

No 8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Blessing of Easter Food ("Swienconka")

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - March 31

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass (Italian)

11:00 am Mass

12:30 pm Mass

4:30 pm Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, March 26 for the Chrism Mass, Good Friday, March 29 and Easter Monday, April 1.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Pray the Divine Mercy Novena privately which begins on **Good Friday, March 29** in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7. Copies of the Novena are available at all entrances to the Church.

Please join us **Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 pm** for Divine Mercy devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Faustina.



**Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024**

ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today.

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In

MARCH 24, 2024

the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.
Thus far we have raised **\$34,606** toward our goal of **\$173,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

April 28 is Second ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session
March 27, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Register at: <https://nbbd0324.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session: March 28, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Register at: <https://nbsdd0324.eventbrite.ca>

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



**PLEASE RETURN CONTAINERS BY
MARCH 31, 2024**



CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

You are invited to join the **33 Days to Morning Glory** program in preparation for Marian Consecration on Monday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Even if you have previously participated in the program, you are encouraged to revitalize your love to Our Lady. The five week program takes place Monday nights beginning **Monday, April 8 from 7:00 pm–8:30 pm** in the Parish hall. Contact the parish office to register.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel at the Refuge is offering a retreat **April 19-21, 2024**, for women who are suffering the effects of abortion. We have been offering Project Rachel retreats for more than fifteen years. At our retreats, we welcome women whose pain has been silenced and denied by the world. See our website (stmarysrefuge.org/rachel), and phone or e-mail us in confidence, 289 691 6840 or projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.

2024 CHING MING REMEMBRANCE MASS

Organized by Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services–Archdiocese of Toronto will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on **Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 pm**.

GENTLY USED WHEELCHAIR

is being donated and available to someone in need. Good condition. For more information, please contact the parish office 905-884-1784 or stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org



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FATIMA GIFT SHOP

Open every weekend half hour after every Mass and Wednesdays 12:00 – 1:00 pm.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+ Tony Palmieri & + Anna Scarlato

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, Lester Camat, Robert Harvey, Leonardo D'Urso, Elmira, 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.

MAR 25 - 31: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+ Angelina & + Frank Palazzo
+ Najebeh Zakhem Isa & + Richard Isa

MASS INTENTIONS MAR 25 – MAR 31

Mon. Mar 25	8:00 am	+Domenica Giusti
Tues. Mar 26	8:00 am	+Angelo Loschiavo
Wed. Mar 27	8:00 am	+Ivy Hardy
Thurs. Mar 28	7:00 pm	HOLY THURSDAY
Fri. Mar 29		GOOD FRIDAY
Sat. Mar 30	8:00 pm	EASTER VIGIL
Sun. Mar 31	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Gerry Doyle
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Benedetto Baccilieri +Maria & +Teresa Giancola
	11:00 am	+Tadeusz Lipski +Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini +Costantino De Lia +Apolonia & +Waclaw Monik +Mario Lanzellotti +Concetta & +Pietro Scalzone Spec. Int. for Maria Simoes
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	Spec. Int. for Patrick Sexton

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