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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 OF LENT

### The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

#### Third Sunday of Lent

I always get a chill when I read the last lines of today's gospel: *Jesus knew human nature well.*

Oh, dear. What do you know about us, Jesus? Since you were absolutely human, did you share in the nature of our deep human need to protect those we love? When you wept over Jerusalem, you cried that you longed to gather her children as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, **but they were not willing to be gathered** (Mt. 23:27).

And when the soldiers of the high priest came to arrest you in the Mount of Mount of Olives, you asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." And you answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, **let these men go**" (John 18:8). And, in Matthew's account of this same event, when the men stepped forward, seized you and arrested you, one of your companions (and we know from John's gospel that it was Peter) "reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear."

"Put your sword back in its place," you said to him, "for **all who draw the sword will die by the sword**" (Mt. 26: 51,52).

And it's Luke, of course, who gives us the rest of the story, which shows your compassion for ALL people, even though arresting you and taking you to your terrible death: "Then he **touched the servant's ear and healed him**" (22:51).

Ah! That's the human nature we long for, Jesus. The nature that forgives, and heals, and puts our swords away. Gather us, Jesus. We are willing.

*How are you working to heal gun violence in our country?*

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#### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

<b>Mon. Mar 4</b>	Memorial	St. Casimir
<b>Thurs. Mar 7</b>	Memorial	St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, Martyrs
<b>Fri. Mar 8</b>	Memorial	St. John of God, Religious
<b>Sat. Mar 9</b>	Memorial	St. Frances of Rome, Religious

#### READINGS THIS WEEK

3 Exodus 20.1-17 (longer) or Exodus 20.1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (shorter): 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++: John 2.13-25

4 2 Kings 5.1-15a: Luke 4.24-30

5 Daniel 3.25, 34-43: Matthew 18.21-35

6 Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9: Matthew 5.17-19

7 Jeremiah 7.23-28: Luke 11.14-23

8 Hosea 14.1-9: Mark 12.28b-34

9 Hosea 5.15b - 6.6++: Luke 18.9-14

#### LENTEN FRIDAYS

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am Adoration
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)
- 5:30 pm SMI Lenten Soup Kitchen (open to all with donations going to the poor)
- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm Mass

#### 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.

#### 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

**We kindly ask that you check your envelope number with the number printed on the label to ensure they match. If they do not match, please contact the parish office to have this corrected. It is important that you mark your name and address on each envelope to ensure your donations are applied correctly in the system.**

This is the last weekend to pick up your envelope boxes. There are a few offertory envelope boxes remaining for pick up 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. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

#### 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](http://www.smirh.com).



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

**You bring love and hope to young mothers through ShareLife**

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."

Our goal this year is \$173,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

#### CWL LENTEN RECOLLECTION

The CWL invites all parishioners to the Lenten Recollection on **Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>** beginning with Mass at 8:30 am. Our guest speaker, Allan Smith, will speak about the Holy Face devotion and about the writings of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Allan's reflections are titled: Lord Show Us Thy Face and We Shall be Saved – Behold Your Mother-The Cross and the Crib. Tickets \$5 at the door, includes bagels, spreads, fruit, coffee and tea. All are welcome.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SPRING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Spring Food Drive in support of the Richmond Hill Food Bank on the weekend of **March 16/17**. We will be collecting items at all Masses. While all items are welcome, there is a particular need for canned tomatoes, cereal, canned pasta sauce, pasta, and small bags of rice. Your generosity and support are appreciated.

#### NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF CANADA

A 9 day Novena to Saint Joseph, beginning **March 10**, will be prayed together at the weekday Masses. Copies of the St. Joseph Novena prayer will be available next weekend at all the entrances to the Church. The Solemnity of St. Joseph is on **Tuesday, March 19**. Masses at **8:00 am, 12:10 pm Italian and 7:00 pm in English**.

MARCH 3, 2024



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

**COME & SEE — DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT —  
MARCH 15–17, 2024 AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY**

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.** This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. If interested, please register online at [www.vocationstontario.ca/comesee](https://www.vocationstontario.ca/comesee) or for more information, contact us at: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**15TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024**

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)  
Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins  
Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare.  
Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God.  
Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer.  
Special Guest Speaker: Tammie Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson).  
Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group.  
To register visit [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](https://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

**AID TO WOMEN**

**This Lent, please consider giving to Aid to Women.** For over 35 years, Aid to Women has operated as a Christian, volunteer-based charity that offers pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. We provide counseling, material items, emotional, spiritual, and financial support for mothers in need. We are currently in need of people to pray, volunteer, help financially, or offer material donations (infant car seats, strollers, diapers, wipes, and clothes (newborn to 2 years). Donations can be made online at [www.aidtowomen.ca](https://www.aidtowomen.ca) For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 416-921-6016 or at [info@aidtowomen.ca](mailto:info@aidtowomen.ca).

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Avery Elizabeth Elsa Goddard, Selena Paige LoBianco &  
Francesco Tersigni

**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**

+Nicholas Crimi & +Giovanni Lingi

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](mailto:stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org).

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Clelia Proia, Lester Camat, Robert Harvey, Leonardo D'Urso, Viola Wicks, Anne-Marie Cusimano-Johnston

**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 4 - 10: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:**  
+Felina Della Posta & +Rosina Amendola

**MASS INTENTIONS MAR 4 – MAR 10**

<b>Mon. Mar 4</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Private Intentions
<b>Tues. Mar 5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Giacomo & +Nives Zucchi
<b>Wed. Mar 6</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Marta Dolezel
<b>Thurs. Mar 7</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Spec. Int. for Exequiel & Nora Manalaysay
<b>Fri. Mar 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Irma Attisano
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	+Alda Freitas
<b>Sat. Mar 9</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Concetta, +Vincenzo & +Alfonso Buffone +Hugh Mc Coullogh Spec. Int. for Fran Dingillo on her 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Stephen Lappin
<b>Sun. Mar 10</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Delia Martin
	<b>9:30 am</b>	+All Souls of Purgatory
	<b>11:00 am</b>	+Americo Rodrigues Frade +Rosanna Marchese +Joann McNamara +Zenaida & +Rogelio Argus +Santina & +Sebastiano Morana +Adolfo Magnante +Giuseppe Passarelli Blessings for Josephine & Saverio
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	+Domenico & +Concetta Salvaggio

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