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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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Beloved Parishioners,

I hope you enjoyed our Parish Lenten Mission. Fr. Giuseppe was incredible and the music played by Basilio was outstanding. We are grateful to have had them here to inspire us. Let us continue our Lenten journey.

Praying for you and your families.

In Christ,

Fr. Pawel

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Sacred Conversations

Second Sunday of Lent

One of the first things I learned about scripture is that God told Abram that HE AND HIS FAMILY would be a blessing. I knew that Abram would be blessed, but missed the best part, that all the communities of the earth would be **blessed by him**.

Imagine saying to your child as she gets out of the car for school, "Remember to bless your teacher today. "Remember to give that extra sandwich to your friend who never has his lunch." Such is the world blessed.

In fact, a portion of the Talmud--- the rabbinic debates in the 2nd-5th century on the teachings of the Torah—insists that it's forbidden to benefit from the world without making a blessing! I guess that means my sister has it right. When we visit her in San Diego we must stop at every scenic turn in the road to notice the greatness of God.

As I stare at the beautiful Valentine bouquet my Muslim friend Zeenat sent me, I remember how deeply her presence, and that of all her family, has blessed me. I recall circling the huge University parking lot for a space so I could attend her graduation. Her younger brother and sister-in-law rushed to their car and drove it away so that I could have their close-in spot. Such a blessing.

The three great religions all spring from Abram. Visit Bethlehem some Christmas Eve and try to navigate through the thousands of Jews, Christians, and Muslims all crowding together. Descendants like the stars in the skies, indeed.

Jesus Christ, descendant of Abraham, has fulfilled the command to be a blessing. By his cross, death, and resurrection, he has set us free.

In what ways do you make of your life a blessing?

Kathy McGovern©2023 www.thestoryandyou.com

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tues. Mar 7	Memorial	St. Perpetua and St Felicity, Martyrs
Wed. Mar 8	Memorial	St. John of God, Religious
Thurs. Mar 9	Memorial	St. Frances of Rome, Religious

READINGS THIS WEEK

5 Genesis 12.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.8b-10; Matthew 17.1-9
 6 Daniel 9.3, 4b-10+; Luke 6.36-38
 7 Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31+; Matthew 23.1-12
 8 Jeremiah 18.18-20; Matthew 20.17-28
 9 Jeremiah 17.5-10; Luke 16.19-31
 10 Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46
 11 Micah 7.14-15, 18-20; Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

LENTEN FRIDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)

5:30 pm SMI Lenten Soup Kitchen (donations go to the poor)

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

First Fridays of the Month 7:00 pm Mass after Stations of the Cross

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.



Listen to the Podcast on Lent on Catholic Espresso with Fr. Pawel and co-host Russell Hoyt from Texas. Visit <https://anchor.fm/catholicespresso> or our website for the link.



SMI SPRING GALA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

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2839 RUTHERFORD RD. CONCORD, ONT

Tickets on Sale in the Church foyer and Parish office

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The Rosary Apostolate group will be praying the rosary **Wednesday, March 8 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am** in the Fr. Kolbe room. For further information contact laura.rizzi@rogers.com or call 905-737-6457.

MARCH 5, 2023

CWL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on **Thursday, March 9th** in the Parish Hall, beginning with the Holy Rosary at 7 PM in the church. We look forward to welcoming all Members and Ladies interested in becoming a member.

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.

14TH ANNUAL - DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Old Mill Toronto Event Venue

21 Old Mill Road Toronto, ON M8X 1G5

**Opening Mass celebrated by
Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB,
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto**

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Speakers & Topics:

Sister Deirdre Byrne

The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady

Dr. Josephine Lombardi

Healing and Forgiveness

Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik

Journeying with Mother Mary

Dorothy Pilarski

Why minister to moms? – How to Start a Catholic Moms Group

Limited Seating!

Register at dynamicwomenfaith.com

Questions? CONTACT: 416-907-1042

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Freya Wren Di Meo, Cleonie Alexandra Yuan

& Olivia Diane La Penna

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

+Giovanni Rosciardi & +Francesco Pacitto

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.

MAR 6 - 12: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Domenica Tuzi

&

+Pietro Tuzi

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, Vera, Maria D'Souza, Sophie Bilkovski, Fausto Iampieri, Nicholas Crimi, Joanne MacAmarra

MASS INTENTIONS MAR 6 – MAR 12

Mon. Mar 6	8:00 am	+Michael Morra
Tues. Mar 7	8:00 am	+Raffaele Spagnuolo
Wed. Mar 8	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for the healing of Lefa Alexiou
Thurs. Mar 9	8:00 am	+All Deceased members of Maria Gomes Family
Fri. Mar 10	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for the healing of Joyce Kwee
Sat. Mar 11	8:30am	+Vincenzo & +Concetta Buffone
	5:00 pm	+Ludovico Paniccia
Sun. Mar 12	8:00 am	+Joyce Nasir
	9:30 am	+Gioacchino Adamo +Annunziata Greco
	11:00 am	+Americo Rodrigues Frade +Assunta & +Mario Mazzotta +Maria & +Pietro Angiolella +Derek Royer +Guerrino Rossi +Laurence Haider
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Victor Subjak



A friendly reminder to set your clocks **forward one hour** before going to bed next **Saturday, March 11**



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