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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
Open by appointment only on Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday.
Closed daily 12:00 – 1:00 pm for lunch.

MASS TIMES

Lauds: Monday to Friday	7:30 am
Monday - Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	8:00 am
	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 via zoom
Sacred Heart - Friday at 6:45 pm
Perpetual Help - After morning Mass on Saturday
Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group – every
Wednesday 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Beloved Parishioners!

Welcome to Lent 2022. It is an exciting time for the Church and our Parish.

Holy Father Pope Francis in his message for Lent said. "It is the right time to make room for the Word of God. It is the time to turn off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to disconnect from your cell phone and connect to the Gospel".

May this time of the year help us to rediscover the power of the Cross.

Praying for you and asking that you pray for me to have a good Holy Lent.

Fr. Pawel

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

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

READINGS THIS WEEK

6 Deuteronomy 26.4-10: Romans 10.8-13: Luke 4.1-13
 7 Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18: Matthew 25.31-46
 8 Isaiah 55.10-11: Matthew 6.7-15
 9 Jonah 3.1-10: Luke 11.29-32
 10 Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14: Matthew 7.7-12
 11 Ezekiel 18.21-28: Matthew 5.20-16
 12 Deuteronomy 26.16-19: Matthew 5.43-48

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

We have extended Adoration every Friday following morning Mass from 8:30 am – 10:00 am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

We will resume our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program on **Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 am Mass.**

LENTEN FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Holy Rosary & Adoration (until 10:00 am)
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (via zoom)
- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm Mass

SMI LENTEN MISSION

Catholic by Choice

A six-week Program

Beginning Thursday, March 3 to Thursday, April 7

From 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm via Parish Zoom

Program Outline:

- Session 1 (March 3) - Philosophical Perspectives**
- Session 2 (March 10) - Science and Mathematics**
- Session 3 (March 17) - Science Part II**
- Session 4 (March 24) - Church History and Archaeology**
- Session 5 (March 31) - Existentialism and Popular Culture**
- Session 6 (April 7) - Catholicism 101**

To register: Contact the Parish office at 905-884-1784 or stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org

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.

SCHEDULE OF LIVE-STREAM MASSES

(Live-stream Masses are available on YouTube channel, [SMI Parish](#))

Sunday Masses

9:30 am in Italian

11:00 am in English

THANK YOU

To all those who helped remove the tape from the pews and floors in the Church and Parish hall.



1st Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal

Our parish's 2022 ShareLife Campaign is now underway. In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife.

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$173,000. Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday, which is **March 27**.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

Donations to help Ukrainians who are suffering due to this war would be most appreciated. The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible. Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Mary Immaculate – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

2021 tax receipts are now available. Please contact the Parish office to schedule an appointment to pick up or to have them mailed to you.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Closed daily 12:00 pm–1:00 pm for lunch. No appointment necessary.

FR. PAWEŁ'S BOOK CLUB 2022

All Parishioners and friends are encouraged to read the selected books and to join Father Pawel Zborowski, Pastor of St. Mary Immaculate Church, for each book review from **6:30 - 7:30 pm** on the following dates:

MARCH 6, 2022

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 "Walk Humbly with Your God"

by Fr. Andrew Apostoli.

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 "What to say and How to say it" by

Brandon Vogt. Recommended by His Eminence Thomas

Cardinal Collins.

Books are available for purchase this weekend in the Church foyer or through the Parish office.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH ELDER PARISHIONER

A Parishioner is in need of someone to visit her for an hour or so each day to make sure she has her lunch and keep her company. Family will pay for the service. If interested, please contact the Parish office.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the **Synod on Synodality**, an ambitious two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today.

Pope Francis is asking every Catholic to share your thoughts by participating in a survey available at

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/the-synod-on-synodality-share-your-thoughts/>

or on our website. The comments of the faithful will be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023.



COME AND SEE - DAY RETREAT

Saturday, March 19 (9:00am – 3:30pm) at St.

Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer,

reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at

www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

For more information, please contact Fr. Pawel or the Office of Vocations via email:

vocations@archtoronto.org.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Saturday March 19, 2022 - 9am-4pm

Speakers

His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins

Antonia Salzano,

Blessed Carlo Acutis' mother

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

Divine Mercy in a Woman's Life

Anna Nuzzo

Consecration to St. Joseph

Rosanna De Zio Magnotta,

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Love, Loss and Faith

Dorothy Pilarski

Start a Catholic Moms Group at Your Parish

DON'T MISS EARLY BIRD PRICING \$25 (plus HST)

before March 5 and \$35 (plus HST) after.

REGISTER at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

CALLING ALL GIRLS

Friday March 25, 2022 7:00pm-10:00PM

Speakers

Noelle Merring

Contending with the Lies of Becoming a Woman

Gerry Whelan

The Loss of My Daughter, My Shining Star

Isabelle Bruno

Girls, Stress and the Pandemic

Fr. Denis Lemiex

Staying Human in the Digital Age

Dorothy Pilarski

Host and Moderator

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rosa Lucia Masucci & Benjamin Mauro Vani

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!

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 7 - 13: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

Thanksgiving for Blessings to the Volpe Family

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

Niksa Vrdoljak & Margaret Bridget McLaughlin

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.

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 7 – MARCH 6

Mon. Mar 7	8:00 am	+ Raffaele Spagnuolo
Tues. Mar 8	8:00 am	+ Messody Cabessa
Wed. Mar 9	8:00 am	+ Rosanna Marchese
Thurs. Mar 10	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Jeanine & Ivan Gauvin
Fri. Mar 11	8:00 am	+ Vincenzo Buffone & + Benito Chiaravallotti
	7:00 pm	+ Carmine Pacitto
Sat. Mar 12	8:30 am	Private Intentions
	5:00 pm	+ Giaconda Rovere
Sun. Mar 13	8:00 am	+ Chang-Soon Kang
	9:30 am	+ Giuseppe Giusti + Giuseppe & + Elvira Macchiusi
	11:00 am	+ Assunta & + Mario Mazzotta + Maria & + Pietro Angiolella
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory



A friendly reminder to set your clocks **forward one hour** before going to bed **Saturday, March 12**

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