# St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am

Wednesday Italian Mass: 7:00 pm

### Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass. Weekdays: Appointment with the priest

#### Baptism:

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

### Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 6:00 pm to 6:50 pm

**Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Saturday morning at 9:00 am Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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#### ADVENT

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #524)

Advent has a twofold character. As a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.

From December 17<sup>th</sup> on, there is a notable shift in emphasis as the events immediately preceding the Lord's birth are present in the gospel readings while the first readings proclaim the most important Messianic prophecies.

During Advent, each Sunday's gospel has a specific theme. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

MASSES AND PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD Owing to the many requests made for the Masses for the dead, please note that during the whole month of November, Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parishioners of St. Mary Immaculate. You may also wish to include their names in our Book of Remembrance or in the All Souls Day envelopes. Please place the envelopes with your donations on the basket beside the Book of Remembrance.

### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamps burn for: Deceased Members of the Angelo Family Deceased Members of the Angelo Family

Wednesday, November 30th, St. Andrew, Apostle. St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baprist before he became a follower of Jesus, to Whom he also brought his brother Peter. After Pentecost, he preached the Gospel in many lands and was put to death by crucifixion in Achaia.

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, First Friday of the Month.** We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Francis Xavier, Priest** St. Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits. He was ordained a priest in Venice and sailed for the East Indies in 1541. In 1542, he landed in Goa and from there set out to preach the Gospel in different lands. He died in, China in 1552. He is patron of the missions.

**Saturday, First Saturday of the Month.** We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### <u>LETTER FROM HIS GRACE,</u> <u>ARCHBISHOP THOMAS COLLINS</u>

November 26, 2011

To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

This weekend we begin the season of Advent, and begin using the Third Edition of the Roman Missal in our celebration of the Eucharist.

When the celebration of Mass shifted from Latin to the language of the people some 40 years ago, the original English translation was not intended to be permanent. Over the last decade, extensive work by translators, theologians, poets, musicians and bishops has taken place to develop a text more faithful to the original Latin. With more than 3,000 prayers contained in the Roman Missal used by our clergy to celebrate Mass, this project took a significant amount of time and resources.

The result of these efforts is the Third Edition of the Roman Missal that we will begin using this weekend and at every celebration of the Eucharist moving forward. There are some new responses that we will need to become familiar with as a family of faith. You will also notice many changes in the words that the priest uses in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Our clergy have attended several workshops on the new translation and you will notice numerous resources both at the parish and archdiocesan level to assist with the transition. Our priests have been encouraged to help educate parishioners through the use of homilies, bulletin announcements, pew cards, workshops & other resources. We also have a dedicated website at <a href="www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal">www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal</a> available anytime to provide you with additional information.

As we walk into a newly renovated room, we marvel at the beauty of a space that maintains its strong foundation yet has taken on a new magnificence after many years of use. We pray that the Third Edition of the Roman Missal will bring us new appreciation for a sacrament that is the summit of our experience as Catholics. Renewed in Worship, Renewed in Christ, let us walk together as this new chapter of our faith journey unfolds.

Yours in Our Lord.

+ Thomas Collins

Thomas Collins Archbishop of Toronto

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** The Sanctuary Lamps (on either side of the Tabernacle) burn for the length of one week. If there are any parishioners who wish to burn a lamp in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** At Christmas we will be providing gift hampers to many families in the community. If you would like to participate in this program, please email us at <a href="mailto:svdp.smi@gmail.com">svdp.smi@gmail.com</a> or phone our voice mailbox 905 717-9827.

**LEGION OF MARY** meets every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. For info, please call Roland at 905-780-8354.

THANK YOU DEACON WAYNE!!!!! As announced on Sunday, Deacon Wayne McCulloch is transferring to St. Mark's Parish in Stouffville. Wayne and his wife Cheryl are 'downsizing' and moving to Stouffville and wish to be part of St. Mark's parish. After 25 years as a member of SMI and 15 years as a Deacon, Wayne and Cheryl have made many friends here. "Thanks for your support in my ministry at York Central Hospital and my role at SMI. Keeping you in our prayers, we look forward to seeing you in the future. Blessings." from Deacon Wayne.

**TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP** invites everyone to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

**RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES** will be on sale on the weekend of November 26/27.

16th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER AND DANCE on Friday, December 2nd at the La Vedette Banquet Hall, Concord. 6:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Tickets available from Ross B. 416-746-5944, Roland 905-780-8354, Ross C. 905-883-5458.

**CWL Bake Sale** the weekend of Dec. 10/11. All proceeds going to the SMI Building & Maintenance Fund. Donations of baked goods welcomed from everyone. No Nuts Please. For further info please contact Maura Moore at 905-737-9182.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT for the whole family under the direction of Mervin Fick, Artistic Director of the Mississauga Choral Society. Share in the magical spirit of Christmas as we hear beautiful carols tell the story of the night that changed the world forever. Program includes: Opening; The Promise: Ave Maria; Mary and the Child; Angels and Shepherds; Wise men and the Star; Closing. In addition to the prepared program, the choir members and musicians will invite the audience to join them in singing traditional choruses of the Christmas season. Date: Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$20, Children 6-12, \$10 available from St. Francis Xavier Parish office, Mississauga, 905 890 5290.

ST. MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY Come and join us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our celebration begins with Holy Mass at St. Mary Immaculate Church at 10:30 a.m. After Holy Mass, open house at the school will begin around 12:00 noon. We will be having an assembly in the gym around 12:15 p.m. where we will be celebrating a school blessing, speeches from alumni, members of the Board, and local politicians, and entertainment from some of our students. We welcome everyone especially all Alumni to join us for this monumental event.

#### DAILY PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

0 Sacred Heart of Jesus, mercifully accept the prayer which I now make to You for help in the moment of my death, when at its approach all my senses shall fail me. When, therefore, 0 kind and merciful Jesus, my weary and downcast eyes can no longer look up to You, be mindful of the loving gaze which I now turn to You, and have mercy on me, a sinner.

When my parched lips can no longer kiss Your most Sacred Wounds, remember that hour those kisses which I now imprint on You, and have mercy on me, a sinner. When my cold hands can no longer embrace Your cross, forget not the affection with which I embrace it now, and have mercy upon me, a sinner. When my swollen and lifeless tongue can no longer speak, remember that I called upon You now, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, to You I commend my soul.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with infinite love, broken by my ingratitude and pierced by my many sins and yet loving you still, accept this act of consecration that I make to You of all that I am and all that I have. Take every faculty of my soul and body, draw me day by day near and nearer to Your Sacred Heart, and there, as I can bear the lesson, teach me Your blessed way.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, Incarnate Son of God, who for our salvation did vouchsafe to be born in a stable, to pass Your life in poverty, trials, and misery, and to die amid the sufferings of the cross, I entreat You, in the hour of my death to say to Your divine Father, "Father forgive him"; Say to my soul, "This day you too shall be with Me in Paradise." My God, my God forsake me not in that hour. "I thirst"-truly, my God, my soul thirsts after You, who are the fountain of living waters. My life passes like a shadow; yet a little while and all will be consummated. Wherefore, my adorable Savior from this moment, and for all eternity, "into your hands I commend my spirit." Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

O Queen of the Holy Rosary and most kind and loving Mother of Perpetual Help, in memory of your Seven Sorrows, intercede for us with your divine Son and beg Him, in honor of His precious blood and sacred passion and death upon the cross, to forgive our sins and grant us the grace of a holy and happy death. Amen. (Say one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.)

### MOURNING PRAYER

Lord, God You are attentive to the voice of our pleading. Let us find in Your Son comfort in our sadness, certainty in our doubt, and courage to live through this hour. Lord, *N*. is gone now from this earthly dwelling, and has left behind those who mourn his/her absence. Grant that we may hold his/her memory dear, never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret for the past, but always in hope of the eternal kingdom where You will bring us together again. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give You my heart and my soul. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary Joseph, may I sleep and rest in peace with you.

MASS INTENTION	S Nov. 27 – Dec. 3
SUN. 9:30 a.m	. Deceased Parishioners,
MON. 8:00 a.m	
7:00 p.m	. the Parishioners of St. Mary
TUE. 8:00 a.m	. Immaculate Church
7:00 p.m	
WED. 8:00 a.m	
7:00 p.m	
THURS. 8:00 a.m	. +Gilles Verkuyl
7:00 p.m	. Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI. 8:00 a.m	. Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m	•
	Heart of Jesus
	+Members of the Naughton
	Family
	+Herbert, Catherine & Patrick
	Paxton
	+Lucia & Luigi Di Tacchio
	+Lionel Ignatius Silva
	Spec. Int. Cecilia Lee
SAT. 9:00 a.m	Holy Souls in Purgatory
5A1. 9:00 a.m	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
	+Members of the Paxton
	Family
	+Barbara Ercul
	+Catherine Cronin
	+Leslaw Kostrzewa
	Spec. Int and Thanksgiving of
	Martin McLoughlin

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David

Canivet, Baby Abigail, Enrico Carusi, Esmy, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, Alan & Carol Cook, Joe Crevier, Mary

Holy Souls in Purgatory

D'Amato, James Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Anna Jedlicsek, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Terry Jennings, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Peter & Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, Anthony Morse, Susan, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Giuseppina Pellegrini, Domenico Pileggi, Esmy, Todd Santaguida, Werner Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra

Caledon offers an Advent Retreat facilitated by Fr. Pierre Farrugia ofm on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Retreat, including lunch is \$40. For info or to make a reservation please contact 519-941-1747 or stfranciscentre@rogers.com.

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