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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!

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Sacred Conversations

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

I have so many questions about what Jesus knew, and when he knew it. Did he and the other members of the Trinity talk it over, and decide to offer up Jesus to the world? *Though he was in the form of God*, did Jesus truly count the cost before he gave up the bliss of heaven to become one with us? He had the fullness of everything that ever was or ever will be, and yet he *emptied himself, taking the form of a slave*.

Imagine a multi-billionaire like Bill Gates deciding that he couldn't truly help the world unless he became like the poorest of the poor. Imagine him giving up his dazzling estates around the planet, not just for a noble experiment that had an exit strategy, but for the rest of his life. Imagine him giving up his health care and dental plan. In fact, imagine him sacrificing the health care he'd had all his life, and going out into the world with unchecked high blood pressure, and rotting teeth.

Those who actually do live with these health deficits will likely die earlier than those of us who gratefully see our dentists and health care providers as needed, if not twice a year. But imagine having those advantages, and giving them up, so as to truly live as much of the world lives.

We might be able to stretch our imaginations that far, but until we enjoy the Beatific Vision ourselves (by God's grace), we will never grasp what Jesus gave up in order to be *God with us*. That's love beyond all telling. That's the most amazing grace. I can only imagine.

In what ways is Jesus Christ the Lord of your life?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Oct 2	Memorial	The Holy Guardian Angels
Wed. Oct. 4	Memorial	St. Francis of Assisi
Thurs. Oct 5	Memorial	St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Fri. Oct 6	Memorial	Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin St. Bruno, Priest
	First Friday of the month	We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat. Oct 7	Memorial	Our Lady of the Rosary
	First Saturday of the month	We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 1 Ezekiel 18.25-28; Philippians 2.1-11; Matthew 21.28-32
- 2 Exodus 23.20-23a; Matthew 18.1-5, 10
- 3 Zechariah 8.20-23; Luke 9.51-56
- 4 Nehemiah 2.1-8; Luke 9.57-
- 5 Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10.1-12
- 6 Baruch 1.15-22; Luke 10.13-16
- 7 Baruch 4.5-12, 27-29; Luke 10.17-24

INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION

The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection this weekend **September 30-October 1** to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. You can donate through your local parish or online anytime at: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection **next weekend, Oct 7/8** for the parish building and maintenance fund. Thank you for your kindness and generous support in the preservation of the Church and keeping it looking so beautiful.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Program begins this **Sunday, October 1 and runs to Sunday, June 23, 2024 from 9:45 am – 10:50 am in the Parish hall followed with Mass at 11:00 am**. For children in grades 1 through 6 in public, private and catholic schools interested in learning or expanding their Catholic faith. Registration form is available on our website.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Resumes this **Sunday, October 1 at 11:00 am** Mass.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All pet owners are welcome to join us around the statue of Our Lady on the south corner of the Church in honour of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi this **Sunday, October 1 at 2:30 pm**.

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. **Please join us at the intersection of Yonge St and Major MacKenzie Dr this Sunday, October 1 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. This is a family-friendly event appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds and a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. As Our Lord asked of His disciples: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mk 14:37).

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

All children are invited to come pray the Rosary on the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary, **Saturday, October 7, following the 8:30 am Mass**. The rosary will be guided by the Rosary Apostolate.



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER COAT DRIVE 2023

The York Region conferences of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Society together with the Salvation Army are continuing this important community project. As you know, these are difficult times for those with a low income. For many families, the cost of warm winter clothing is just not in the budget! We hope that you can help us out by looking through your closets and donating any coats that are no longer needed by

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you or your family members. **We need coats in good condition for men, women and children...all sizes!** Please ask your families, friends and neighbours for their assistance too. Together we can continue to help our Neighbours in Need. **We will be collecting coats in the foyer of the Church...one day only...next Sunday, October 8th.** Please bring coats in large plastic bags for ease of transport! Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of Saint Vincent de Paul in our community!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a food drive in support of the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank. As we give thanks for what we have, let us not forget those in need. Please bring your non-perishable food items to Mass with you on Thanksgiving weekend, **Oct 7/8 and drop off in the foyer.** The Knights will ensure that your donation reaches those who need it most. **MOST URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS:** Crackers; dinner mixes (Knorr noodles/rice); soups; small jars of instant coffee; baking items (cake and muffin mixes); flour; tinned pasta; boxes of cereal; small jars of jam or honey; baked beans in tomato sauce; mustard, ketchup and other condiments; size 6 diapers; feminine hygiene pads. Thank you for your support.

ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA APPARITION

Join us for Our Lady of Fatima Apparition Anniversary Mass with candlelight procession on **Friday, October 13 at 7:00 pm.**

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING & TRAINING

All youth and adult altar servers are requested to attend a mandatory training session, **Sunday, October 15 after the 4:30 pm Mass in the Church.** Parents of the youth are also invited. New members are welcome to join. After the training session, pizza will be served in the parish hall.

SMI PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

This is the last chance to join Fr. Nicetus, our Associate, as spiritual leader on this 9 days pilgrimage, **February 22 – March 1, 2024.** For more details, please contact the Parish office or Halina at International Heritage Tours, 416-444-6666, 1-877-999-8868 ext. 315 or at halina@ihtours.com.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel at the Refuge is offering a retreat **October 27-29, 2023**, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fia Lynn Sharma, Conor Ramesh Sharma, Julien Sacco, Vienna Rose Leonardi, Matteo Gianguigi Fiorini & Liana Pignatelli

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!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Elizabeth Rose Macchione & Michael Massino Betti
We wish them an abundance of God's graces and the loving care of our Mother Mary!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Felisa Cuadra & Carlo Evangelista
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.

Bob Richardson

MASS INTENTIONS OCT 2 – OCT 8

Mon. Oct 2	8:00 am	+Manuel Reina
Tues. Oct 3	8:00 am	+Virginio & +Candelora Marsella
Wed. Oct 4	8:00 am	+Tina & +Frank Piscopo
Thurs. Oct 5	8:00 am	Spec. Int. of Ida Cosentino
Fri. Oct 6	8:00 am	Private Intentions
	7:00 pm	+Austin Persico +Melina Balingbing
Sat. Oct 7	8:30 am	+Lucina Pangilinan
	5:00 pm	+Stephen Lappin +Vivien Dias
Sun. Oct 8	8:00 am	+Annette La Plume
	9:30 am	+Gioacchino Adamo +Filomena Santopolo +Ernesto Cristinzo +Francesco Boragina +Sabatino Di Giulio +Ivana Malsara
	11:00 am	+Americo Rodrigues Frade +Kenneth Stewart & The Lacuna Family +Zoltan Leskowsky +George Matthew Portelli +Danilo Cremonese +Msgr. John Joseph Weber Spec. Int. for Florentina Spec. Int. for Bob Richardson
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Peter & +Guido



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