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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!

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We were celebrating my husband Ben's birthday last month when I was delighted to hear this story about him from his childhood. *Only Ben!* Said his sister Lynda. *Only Ben would go around the table when we were kids, show us all his hand, and then teach us what cards to play to beat him.*

It's a family trait. Our three little nieces used to squeal in delight at whatever gift their brother was receiving on his birthday. They never counted the presents under the tree. It was all delight, all joy, all grace.

But would they have been as gracious if, twenty years later, they labored all day in the hot Mediterranean sun, only to find that the ones who worked the last hour of the day received the same wages as they? Doubtful.

It's the Original Sin, the Original Suspicion. Somebody is getting a better deal than we are. Somebody is more loved than we are. Somebody has access to more of God's love than we do.

Just watch a baby with her adoring parents. She has all the love a parent can possibly shower on her, but let the parent's gaze leave her for just a moment, ESPECIALLY if the gaze should wander over to another beloved child, and she will guide the parent's gaze back to her.

WH Auden wrote: *The error bred in the bone...craves what it cannot have. Not universal love, but to be loved alone.*

But that's where we're wrong. Love is not a nonrenewable resource. The love that we receive? That's the love that goes right back into the world, to every vineyard worker, no matter what time he clocked in.

In what ways do you delight when others succeed?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Sept 25	Memorial	Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
Tues. Sept 26	Feast	St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Issaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
Thurs. Sept 28	Memorial	Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
Fri. Sept 29	Feast	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels
Sat. Sept 30	Memorial	St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor

READINGS THIS WEEK

24 Isaiah 55.6-9: Philippians 1.20-24, 27: Matthew 20.1-16

25 Ezra 1.1-6: Luke 8.16-18

26 Revelation 7.9-17: 2 Corinthians 4.7-15: Luke 9.23-26 or John 12.24-26

27 Ezra 9.5-9: Luke 9.1-6

28 Haggai 1.1-8: Luke 9.7-9

29 Revelation 12.7-12a or Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14: John 1.47-51

30 Zechariah 2.1-5, 10-11: Luke 9.43b-45

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

There will be a second collection this weekend, **September 23-24** for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.

STEWARDSHIP (TIME & TALENT) SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday is this **Sunday, September 24, 2023**.

Stewardship Sunday is an annual occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time and offers a wonderful opportunity to encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider becoming more engaged in parish life. Archbishop Leo's homily for Stewardship Sunday is available at:

www.archtoronto.org/stewardship.

St. Mary Immaculate is in desperate need of more people for the below ministries:

AV PROJECTOR: Operating projector for Sunday Liturgies.

TEACHERS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: This program runs every Sunday morning from 9:45 am to 10:50 am followed with Mass at 11:00 am from October to June.

TEACHERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy takes place during the 11:00am Mass on Sunday from October to June.

LICENSED ELECTRICIAN:

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children attending a public, private, or Catholic school in the sacramental grade and would like to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at our Parish are asked to register. Registration will take place **Sunday, September 24** after the **12:30 pm Mass** in the Parish hall. The registration form is available on our website.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children attending a public, private, or Catholic school in the sacramental grade and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Parish are asked to register. Registration will take place **Sunday, September 24** after the **12:30 pm Mass** in the Parish hall. The registration form is available on our website.

RCIC (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN) PROGRAM

Children attending a public, private, or Catholic school and are not in the sacramental grades and would like to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation at our Parish are asked to register. Registration will take place **Sunday, September 24** after the **12:30 pm Mass** in the Parish hall. The registration form is available on our website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For children in grades 1 through 6 in public, private and catholic schools interested in learning or expanding their Catholic faith. Registration form available at all the entrances to the Church or on our website. Program begins **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.

Online Drop-In Bereavement

Support Session

September 27, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://bd0923.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978.

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced

Support Session

September 28, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://sdd0923.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

**CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL
& CONFERRAL OF THE PALLIUM UPON THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO**

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on **Friday, September 29, 2023**. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. Kindly RSVP online through this link: <https://bit.ly/SolemnityofStMichaelRSVP>. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

will resume next **Sunday, October 1** at **11:00 am** Mass.

**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 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...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!

INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION

The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection the next weekend of **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.

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 next **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 next 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).

BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us for the next exciting Bible Study!
The Book of James: Pearls for Wise Living

Thursdays from 9:15 am – 11:15 am

October 5 – December 14

In Fr. Kolbe meeting room

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Parish is offering marriage preparation course.

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Fall session: October 11 – November 15, 2023

If you are planning to marry in the near future and would like to register, contact the Parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Siena Grace Mauro, Thomas Ryder Ciccone

& Antonia Maria Amenta

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

Nicole Alessandra Marrello & Kevin Tze Hau Tay

We wish them an abundance of God's graces and the loving care of our Mother Mary!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Louis Gerardi & Rev. Msgr. John Joseph Weber

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.

MASS INTENTIONS SEP 25 – OCT 1

Mon. Sep 25	8:00 am	+Domenica Giusti
Tues. Sep 26	8:00 am	+Ada Pellegrini
Wed. Sep 27	8:00 am	+Flora DeLiz Noriel
Thurs. Sep 28	8:00 am	+All Souls of Purgatory
Fri. Sep 29	8:00 am	Private Intentions
Sat. Sep 30	8:30 am	For Intentions placed in a Prayer Box +Anton & +Edward Gal
	5:00 pm	+Brian O'Neill
Sun. Oct 1	8:00 am	+Nicola & +Rocca Mariani
	9:30 am	+Giuseppe Corsetti +Deceased members of Catenaro & Faticante Famiglie
	11:00 am	+Joseph Magnotta +Rosanna Marchese +Ana Franco +Joe Perusko & +All Deceased members of the Perusko Family +Rosa Raponi +Sik Kung Man +Angelina, +Antonio & +Sergio Durante
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+John & +Brian Forkan



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