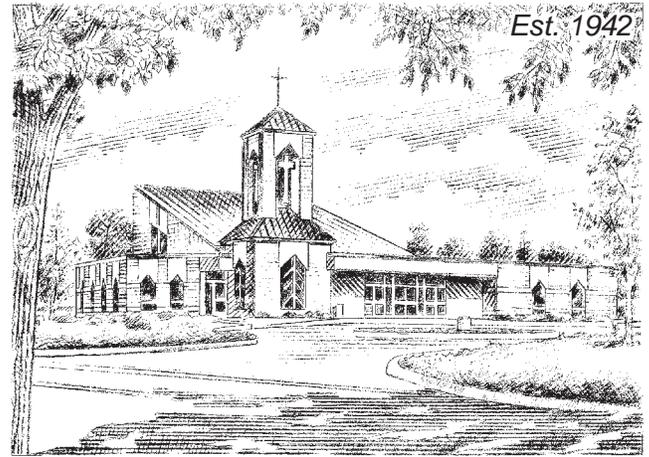


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## Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

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### Pastoral Team

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#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday:	4:00pm	Keswick
	5:30pm	Sutton
Sunday:	7:30am*	Keswick
(*from May long weekend to October long weekend)		
	8:30am	Sutton
	10:30am	Keswick

#### Weekday Masses:

Please consult Sunday's bulletin

**Confessions (Reconciliation):** Before Masses whenever possible - or by appointment.

#### First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Keswick: Mass - 8:30am, Holy Hour until 10:30am

Sutton: Holy Hour - 5:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm

**New Parishioners Registration:** For registration, please use the pink visitor envelopes. Income Tax Receipts issued for minimum donation of \$25.

**Papal Blessings:** For special celebrations, please go to [www.vatican.ca](http://www.vatican.ca) for directions.

**Bequests:** In your kindness, please remember Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

#### Parish Organizations

K of C:	Steven Fry	905-960-3901
CWL:	Ann Palmer	905-989-1244
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R.C.I.A.:	Tony Snider	905-476-4765
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#### Special Groups

Edge, Lifeteen, Heralds of the Gospel, Third Order Secular Franciscans, Legion of Mary

#### Parish Schools

St. Bernadette (Sutton):	905-722-6226
St. Thomas Aquinas (Keswick):	905-476-7784
Prince of Peace (Keswick):	905-476-1551
Our Lady of the Lake College (Keswick):	905-656-9140

**Marriages:** Marriages are celebrated in the Church where the bride or groom is registered at. When a man and a woman plan to marry each other, they should contact a priest one year in advance and always before the wedding date is set, and before arranging for the reception hall. The engaged are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Course.

**Please note:** However, if this man or woman has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted. Questions are often being asked about marriages performed outside the Catholic Church by non-Catholic ministers. These are not valid marriages according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, but many can be rectified by simply consulting with your Parish priest to discuss the available options. Sometimes people make decisions without proper information, so if you wish, please contact your Pastor for details or call the Marriage Tribunal at 416-934-3400 ext 300.

#### Marriage Preparation Courses

Queen of Apostles Centre 905-278-5229, Catholic Family Services 416-222-0048, The Paulist Centre 416-534-2326, St. Francis Retreat Centre 519-941-1747, Our Lady of Grace Church 705-424-1551

#### Marriage Counselling

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#### Baptisms

Baptisms celebrated in Sutton and Keswick: The forms are available online or at the parish office. Forms must be complete and include copies of baptismal certificates for parents and godparents. Parents are required to attend 2 Catechism meetings. First with Father and second with the Deacon. Meetings are set only after completed registration forms with certificates are provided to the parish.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUTTON

#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon.	Dec 2	8:30am: Special Intentions
Tues.	Dec 3	8:30am: Health & Blessings upon Helen Bromley req. Melinda Garel & Linda Gribbons
Wed.	Dec 4	<u>6:30pm: Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</u> 7:00pm: Blessings upon Helen Bromley req. Rosary Group
Fri.	Dec 6	<u>11:00am: St. Bernadette School Mass – Special Intentions</u> <u>5:30pm to 6:30pm Holy Hour</u> <u>7:00pm: Blessings upon Emma Pilienci req. Deacon Don &amp; Debra McMillan</u>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun.	Dec 8	8:30am: + Bridget Ugadiya Paul req. CWL

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Keep in your prayers: Erica Barry, Helen Bromley, Tyler Clements, Ed Davis, Michael D'Paul, Ligia Gallego, Marika Gilligan, Sebastian Henriques, John Hopkins, Grant Madill, Linda Martignani, Mary Meade, Elaine Nangini, Michelle O'Reilly, Mary Rice, Janis Scully. **Please call the office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Advent.**

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION-Tues. Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

In the Fr. Christopher room in Keswick. Dates to save: Jan. 23, Feb. 27th. All are welcome.

### GIVING TREES

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul have "The Giving Tree" in the lobbies of our churches. On the tree you will find gift tags for young teens aged 9 to 16. If you wish to help another family at Christmas, take one of these tags and purchase a gift card from a local store. Then, place your gift card under the Giving Tree by Sunday, Dec. 8 latest. These gifts will be distributed to needy families in Georgina in time for Christmas. Thank you once again for your generosity.

### THANK YOU

To the **Knights of Columbus** who made a generous donation of **\$7,500** to our parish this week which was put toward the Diocesan Assessment.

Also with thanks to the Knights, for repairing the church ceiling in Keswick Near the sacristy.

### KESWICK

#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thurs.	Dec 5.	8:30am:+ Ron Lascalles req. Mr. & Mrs. Fahey <u>10:15am: Prince of Peace School Mass - Special Intention</u>
Fri.	Dec 6	<u>First Friday Adoration</u> 8:30am: +Sara Mudge req. Erin Morlock & Dean Foster <u>9:00am to 10:30am – Holy Hour</u>
Sat.	Dec 7	4:00pm: +Stanley George Shadoff req. John & Marlene Campbell
Sun.	Dec 8	10:30am: +Miroslawa Tkaczyk req. Margaret Knaze

**November 24 Collection: \$ 2,390.00**

**Repairs Debt: To-date: \$375,000.00**  
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### 2020 ENVELOPES

We are preparing the 2020 envelopes for registered parishioners. Please contact the office if there are any changes to your address.

A convenient alternative to envelopes is **Pre-Authorized Giving**. This is a once-monthly debit from your bank account. It ensures your on-going support even if you are travelling or just prefer going cashless. Forms are located in the foyer of both churches. Furthermore, **Donate Now** is another alternative to envelopes or PAG using a **credit card** for donations. Please contact the office if you wish to use this option.

### IN GRATITUDE

To the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League for organizing such a wonderful celebration for our volunteers this past weekend.

### EVENT CALENDAR

<b>Wed. Dec. 4:</b>	CWL Potluck, Keswick
<b>Sat. Dec 7:</b>	<u>No 5:30pm Mass in Sutton</u>
<b>Tues. Dec 10:</b>	<u>Adult Faith Formation, Keswick</u>
<b>Sun. Dec 15:</b>	Blessing of the Baminelli (baby Jesus in crib) – All Masses <u>Parish Christmas Party, Keswick</u>

**The 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to the Santa Claus parade**

## **SEASON OF ADVENT**

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. 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 the season.

### **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADVENT**

Do I accept responsibility for my own sins? Have I tried to hide from God, afraid and ashamed? Do I pray regularly, trusting that God will be merciful? Do I tend to blame others or look for scapegoats when things go wrong? Do I gossip about others?

Do I accept God's plan, trusting in the mystery of Divine love and ready to do God's will? Am I suspicious of or even angry at God? Does anger keep me from praying or participating fully in the life of the Church? As I consider my own death or the deaths of my loved ones, do I trust in the promises God has made? Do I encourage others to believe in the life that is to come?

Am I willing to face God and accept the call to be a disciple of Jesus? Have I attended Mass on Sunday? Do I give regular financial support to the Church? Do I love my neighbour as myself, in my actions as well as my words? Have I supported justice for all people, especially the poor?

Do I appreciate the gifts other people have, or do I envy their relationships and possessions? Have I lied or avoided telling the truth when it was unpopular? Have I taken anything that did not belong to me? Have I met my financial obligations to family and those dependent on me?

Am I willing to follow Christ even when I will have to suffer for it? Do I admit that I am a Christian even when I know it is unpopular? Have I rejected God's will for me, especially as it relates to my sexuality? Do I care for my own body, for the goods of the earth, for the resources I have to live on?

**Father is available for confession before Mass or by appointment.**

## **THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Advent wreath is like a prayer to God our Father: Please open our eyes. Turn us toward You. Help us to welcome Your son, the Light of the World.

Why do we use candles? The candles remind us of the one for whom we are waiting, Jesus, the Light of the World. In the first week of Advent we light only one candle, in the second week two, and so on, until all four are shining brightly. In this same way, as we prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas, the light of his love is growing in us.

Why do we use evergreens? These branches remain always fresh and green, even during the darkest days of winter. They remind us that the light of Jesus' love brings a peace and joy which lives in us every day and will never end.

Why do we use the colours of purple and pink? Purple is a serious colour. It reminds us that preparing to welcome Jesus is serious work. Pink is the colour of joy. We light this candle on the third Sunday of Advent to remind us that, if we are preparing well to welcome Jesus at Christmas, great joy will soon be ours.

Set the Wreath in a place of honour such as the centre of a dining table. Gather around the wreath on each Sunday of Advent. Say a simple prayer as you light the candles.

### **HOLLY, IVY AND MISTLETOE**

These three plants are commonly associated with Christmas.

**Holly** has been used for hundreds of years to make wreaths that were hung on the doors of homes and in churches. Among some people, it was believed that holly had magical powers, for it was said to be able to keep witches away. But even more important is the fact that it was always seen as a reminder of the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when He was crucified. It is said that the red berries represent drops of blood that fell from Jesus' head.

**Ivy** has both a good and a bad meaning. For some, it was a sign of the pagan religions (for it is often made into crowns that were placed on the statues of pagan gods.) The holly and the ivy were opposed (Christianity and paganism), and the holly won. Yet some speak of the white berries of the ivy as being a sign of purity and innocence.

**Mistletoe** had been used by the Celtic Druids (pagan priests) even before Christians arrived. They considered it to be sacred and used it in their ceremonies. So it was forbidden to use it in Christian churches. Yet it was often used in homes, for it was a charm to bring on marriage. To this day, there is a custom that one can kiss a person who is standing under a sprig of mistletoe.

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