

Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake Parish Family



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Rev. Sherwin Holandez, Pastor

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday:	4:00 p.m.	Keswick
	5:30 p.m.	Sutton
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Sutton
	11:00 a.m.	Keswick

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday:	8:30 a.m.	Sutton
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Sutton
	6:45 p.m. Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help	
Thursday:	8:30 a.m.	Keswick
Friday:	8:30 a.m.*	Keswick
Saturday:	8:30 a.m.	Keswick

*except on 1st Fridays when we would follow Adoration Schedule

Reconciliation:

Saturday: Keswick - following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.
Saturday: Sutton from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Also available by appointment or anytime Father is in the office.

First Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:

Alternating between Sutton and Keswick:
Mass - 8:30 a.m.
Adoration - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Benediction - 8:00 p.m.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Our offices are located in Keswick.

Parish Schools:

St. Bernadette's (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

New Parishioners and Registration:

If you are new to the Parish, or have not completed a Registration Form, do take one from the foyer of church. Completed forms can be handed into the office or put into the collection basket.

Communion Service, Visitation of Sick and Shut-ins

It is our pleasure to visit the sick and elderly of our Parish who cannot attend Mass but wish to receive the Sacraments (Confession, Communion, Anointing of the Sick.) Please notify the office.

Baptisms: Please approach the Parish Priest and/or Deacons after any Sunday Mass for a Baptism Package. An interview with the Parish Priest is required. Parents of children to be baptized are expected to be members of our Parish Community. Preparation Class attendance is required and Baptisms are celebrated one month later, at the earliest.

Marriages: Couples wishing to be married must themselves contact the pastor at least one full year in advance. A Marriage Preparation Course is required.

Bulletin Notices:

Must be received at the office by Tuesday morning.

Parish Organizations:

Knights of Columbus:	Don Finlayson	905-989-2014
R.C.I.A.:	Tony Snider	905-476-4765
St. Vincent de Paul:	Parish office	905-476-0097
Catholic Women's League:	Ann Palmer	905-989-1244
Women of Immaculate Conception:	Rose Sheppard	905-722-3623
Shepherds' Trust:	Jim McDermott	905-476-5902
Adult Faith Formation:	Carol Eakins	905-476-0343

OUR PILGRIMAGE TOGETHER

To create a unified community and foster growth in faith.

The Mission of the Catholic communities of Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake is to respond to God's call with personal conviction, commitment, and community action. Our purpose is to be like the disciples of Emmaus who recognize Him in the breaking of the bread and persevere in our focus to know Him more deeply and love Him more faithfully. Our dream, therefore, is to build a community based on the Eucharist, henceforth on forgiveness of one another, caring for each other, bearing one another's burdens, personal prayer and sacramental worship.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1 – My soul shall exult in my God.

MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, living or deceased.

Tuesday, December 16 – Sunday, December 21

Tues. Dec 16, 8:30am (S):

Wed. Dec 17, 7pm (S): +Dina Paoletti, Vito & Teresa Malfara

Thurs. Dec 18, 8:30am (K): + Toni Worrall

Fri. Dec 19, 8:30am (K):

Sat. Dec 20, 8:30am (K):

Sat. Dec 20, 4pm (K): + Yvonne Scott

Sat. Dec 20, 5:30pm (S): + Cathy Thompson

Sun. Dec 21, 8:30am(S): + Kenneth Marsden,
+Ronald Sedgwick

Sun. Dec 21, 11am (K): SI Betty Arsenault

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Call the office to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for one month. Please keep the following people in your prayers. Angela Gerritse Bramson, The Cinelli Family, Andrew Horvath, Joan Kelly, Bowie Mosquera, Barry Nimmo, Celia Nunez Ortega, Janis Scully, Brad Sheppard, Dhushy Thangavelu

VISITS TO SHUT-INS

We are happy to take Communion to those in our parish who cannot worship with us because of illness or infirmity. Contact the office if you would like a visit or know of someone who may want a visit. If you are interested in being a visiting Minister of Communion, contact Deacon Brian Mason through the office or see him after Mass.

VOCATIONS

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If so, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997, email vocations@archtoronto.org

CHILDREN OF HOPE UGANDA

A display of hand-made items to support sustainable living in Northern Uganda will be available for sale after the 11am Mass in Keswick on Dec. 14th.



Sat., Dec. 20th - Christmas party for both youth ministries (Edge and Lifeteen) from 5:30-7:30pm. Dinner for Lifeteen only will be from 5-5:30pm.

COLLECTION UPDATE



Dec 6/7: \$5,234.90 77%
Goal \$6,800

Eucharistic Ministers - Sutton

Dec 20 - 5:30: Eliswa, Joe

Dec 21 - 8:30: Gerry, Rose

Lectors - Sutton

Dec 20 - 5:30: Tom H., Helmut K.

Dec 21 - 8:30: Janet C. Ronan W.

Eucharistic Ministers – Keswick

Dec 20 - 4pm:

Dec 21 - 11am: Marjorie M., Larry O., Rita W. Ann P., Scott D., Mike K.

Lectors - Keswick

Dec 20 - 4pm: Carmel R.

Dec 21 - 11am: Peter R. Tony S.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Enrolment Ceremonies – Any Mass during the weekends of December 13/14 and December 20/21. Confirmation letters are to be handed in during the enrolment ceremony. At this enrolment ceremony the Confirmandi will each be presented with a wooden cross to be worn when they attend Mass. You may choose any Mass during these weekends, whichever is most convenient.

PRAYER FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(While lighting the pink candle. The 1st 2 purple candles should already be lit in the order they were lit on the two previous Sundays.) Lord God, we light this candle to thank You for Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who brings us great joy. We who have walked in the shadow of the valley of death have found life and joy in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please keep our family from all harm. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

2015 ENVELOPES

2015 Envelopes are ready for pick up. Please check that your name and address are correct. Please **do not** use until 2015. Thank you.

PLEASE JOIN OUR NEW ARTISAN'S GROUP

Whether you knit, crochet, draw, craft, etc., please join us in the Fr. Christopher Room Tuesdays 10am-noon.

ADVENT REFLECTION

We are very pleased that Patrick Sullivan, Catholic speaker, author and catechist, will be here on Fri. Dec. 19th at 7pm in Keswick for an Advent Reflection. Everyone is encouraged to come and reflect especially in this Advent Season in preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas. To learn more about Patrick visit: www.patricksullivan.ca

CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDAR 2015

We are selling 2015 calendars which are personalized with our parish name. The cost is only \$5. These calendars are beautifully illustrated with a suitable Catholic religious instructional theme and prayer each month. It also includes detailed liturgical feast days, including days of fasting and abstinence, a supplementary section on the Ten Commandments, preparation for confession, and other precepts and tenets of the Church. Please support this fundraiser.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th

5pm in Sutton, 8pm and Midnight in Keswick

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th

8:30am in Sutton, 11am in Keswick

New Year's Eve – Wednesday, December 31st

4pm in Keswick, 5:30pm in Sutton

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1st

8:30am in Sutton, 11am in Keswick

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Here is an article that I came across that I think can help us in our prayer life.

Beware of Satan's "Traps of the Pious"

The devil wants us all, sinners and (would-be) saints. By Msgr. Charles Pope.

What is temptation? Temptation is the work of Satan to drag you to Hell. And Satan can read you like a book and play you like piano. Do not exaggerate his power, but do not underestimate it either. Some of his subtlest work is done in the area of religious observance. There, he can cloak himself quite easily in the lamb's clothing of piety, but, wolf that he really is, distort it, either through excess or defect, thereby destroying you with what is good. Beware what some spiritual writers call the "traps of the pious."

Consider some examples:

He can discourage you with prayer by saying, "If only you would pray a little longer, God will give you what you seek." But the deception is that if we can pray a little longer, then we can never have prayed enough. Thus though we pray, we only feel guilty and inadequate.

And since we can never have prayed "enough," prayer increasingly turns into a burdensome task; God becomes a cruel taskmaster demanding longer and more precise prayers. Or prayer becomes a superstitious endeavor whose outcome we somehow control by the length and type of our prayers. Jesus counsels us that the Father knows what we need and that we should not think that merely multiple words and pious actions are necessary. We may need to persevere in prayer over time, but God is not a cruel tyrant demanding endless incantations.

Satan can take the beautiful practice of praying the rosary, or attending daily Mass, or other devotions and slowly incite in us a feeling of smug superiority, elitism, or pride. Gradually, others are thought to be less devout, even in error, because they do not do or observe what is optional or encouraged but not required. What is beautiful and holy is thus employed to incite ever-growing pride and cynicism. A most extreme form of this comes from those who take the beautiful and powerful devotion to our Lady of Fatima and allow Satan to set them against even the Pope and all the world's bishops by claiming that they failed, either ineptly or willfully, to properly consecrate Russia. And thus one of our most beautiful and informative apparitions can engender in some people distrust of the Church and disunity from her, from multiple popes, and even from Sister Lucia herself. It is an astonishingly crafty work of the evil one to take what is good and religious and corrupt it in the minds of some.

Satan can also take what IS required and turn it into a kind of religious minimalism, a way of keeping God at a distance. And thus he tempts some souls with the notion that Sunday Mass, a little something in the collection plate, and a few rushed prayers are the end of religion rather than the beginning of it. Such observances become a way of "checking off the God-box" and being done with God for the week, rather than a foundation on which to build a beautiful and ever-deepening relationship of love with God. Such minimal practices become a form of "God-control" for those tempted in this way; it is as if to say, "I've done what I am supposed to do, now God and the Church have to leave me alone. God also needs to take care me now since I've done what I'm required to do." And thus the Church's beautiful laws and the requirements describing the basic duties or foundation for a deepening relationship with God, become a kind of "separation agreement," insisting on very strict visiting hours and specifying who gets what.

To be continued in next weekend's bulletin.

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