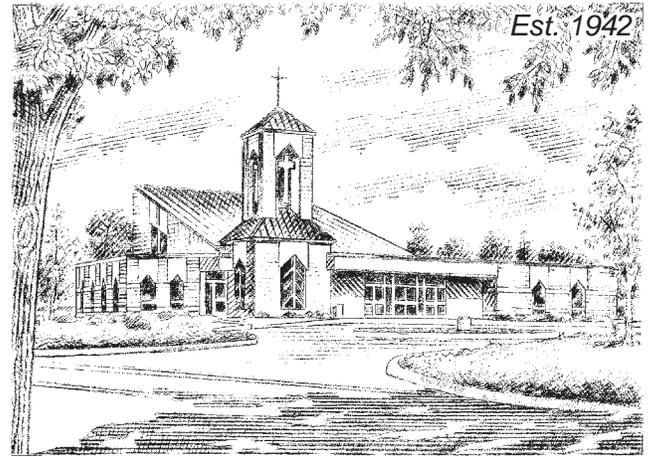


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Weekend Masses:

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 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
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R.C.I.A.:	Tony Snider	905-476-4765
SVDP:		905-476-0097

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUTTON

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- Mon. Dec 16 8:30am: +Patrick & Theresa Oliver and Leo & Lorraine Oliver req. Rose Sheppard
- Tues. Dec 17 8:30am: +Sara Mudge req. Christa Masse
- Wed. Dec 18 6:30pm: Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
7:00pm: +William & Hilda Cummings req. The Faheys
- Fri. Dec 20 10:30am: Riverglen Haven - +Angela Kalichak req. The Estate
- Sat. Dec 21 5:30pm: + Judith & Kevin Derouin req. Derouin Family
- Sun. Dec 22 8:30am: + Ron & Kay Lascelles req. Rose Sheppard

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, 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.**

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – December 24

- 5pm – Sutton
- 8pm – Keswick
- 10pm – Sutton

Christmas Day – December 25

- 8:30am – Sutton
- 10:30am – Keswick

New Year's Eve – December 31

- 4pm Holy Hour – Sutton
- 5pm Mass – Sutton

New Year's Day – January 1

- 8:30am – Sutton
- 10:30am - Keswick

The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me: Within your wounds hide me: Suffer me not to be separated from you: From the malignant enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me to come to you. That with your saints I may praise you forever and ever. Amen.

KESWICK

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- Thurs. Dec 19. 8:30am: +Stephen Kaiser req. Debra McMillan
- Fri. Dec 20 8:30am: +Pauline Owens req. Helen Bromley
- Sat. Dec 21 4:00pm: +Rita Matthew & Richard Szeler req. Helen Bromley
- Sun. Dec 22 10:30am: +Luis & Anna Calderon req. Atkins, Miller, Moniz Families

December 8th Collection: \$3,440.00
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PARISH NEWS

Shannon Connors has been on maternity leave for this past year. She has decided to resign from her position as Youth Minister. Shannon has served our parish and the youth faithfully, we wish her and her family all the best.

EVENT CALENDAR

- Tues Jan. 7:** Confirmation - Class #4 7pm
Thurs. Jan. 9: Confirmation – Class #4, 7pm
Sun. Jan 19: Confirmation Make-up Class #4 after the 10:30 Mass

Confirmation Candidates should hand in their letters on "Why I want to be Confirmed" to the Catechist. The letter should be dated and have your signature.

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A STEWARDSHIP EXAMINATION

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgment day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master...and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which (the gifts) have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship available at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship/Pages/Pastoral-Letter-Cardinal-Thomas-Collins.aspx>

EXTRA-ORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Cardinal Collins requested of all Pastors to submit the names of the Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish and Catholic Schools (and those bringing Holy Communion to the sick/elderly) so he can approve them for the term and proper Installation in their parish communities. Fr. Paul expresses appreciation to those who performed this ministry over the past years...some of these names will be once again submitted to His Eminence as requested.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

St. Francis of Assisi gave us one of the most beautiful Christmas customs. One December, St. Francis was staying in a cave on a hillside outside of a small town named Greccio. He always had a great love for Christmas and he wanted to help the townspeople celebrate it in a special way that year.

He asked permission of the Holy Father to put on a kind of Christmas play. St. Francis told the people of the town to bring their animals – their donkeys, sheep, and oxen – to the cave where he was staying. He also set up a crib as there had been in Bethlehem. Then the people celebrated their Midnight Mass to welcome in Christmas Day.

During the Mass, St. Francis, who was a deacon, proclaimed the Gospel. He was so filled with love that the people who were there saw a vision in which St. Francis reached down and picked up the Baby Jesus, Whom they saw as alive and real. All of the people overflowed with joy and love at this great event, and it was said that they did not even need their torches to find their way home that night, for they were glowing with love.

The friars who followed St. Francis have spread the custom of setting up Christmas manger scenes all over the world.

ST. LUCY – December 13

St. Lucy is especially celebrated in Sweden where her feast day, December 13, is a special holiday.

St. Lucy lived in Sicily in southern Italy during the days of one of the last Roman emperors who persecuted Christians. She is said to have hidden her fellow Christians underground in the catacombs (or tunnels where they would bury the dead).

Every night Lucy would climb down to bring them food. In order to be able to carry more food, she would carry her oil lamps on her head. Eventually, she was caught and put to death for being a Christian.

Her story was told in many countries, and in Sweden she became especially popular. They were very impressed with her service of others. The Swedes would speak of how her head was surrounded with a halo of light.

To celebrate her feast, a young daughter from each family gets up very early on December 13 and dresses up in a long white robe with a red sash around her waist. She puts on a crown of ivy that has seven candles in it. Then she wakes everybody up and serves them coffee and baked goods.

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