

# Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake Parish Family



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## Pastoral Team

**Rev. Sherwin Holandez, Pastor**

Rev. Mr. Stephen Palmer, Deacon Rev. Mr. Brian Mason, Deacon

Kim Bingham, Administrative Assistant

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### Weekend Masses:

Saturday:	4:00 p.m.	Keswick
	6:00 p.m.	Sutton
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Sutton
	11:00 a.m.	Keswick

### Weekday Masses:

Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Sutton
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m.	Sutton
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Sutton
Thursday:	8:30 a.m.	Keswick
Friday:	7:00 p.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 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 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: 8:30 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.

### 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 a.m.

### Parish Organizations:

Knights of Columbus:	Don Finlayson	905-989-2014
Women's Group:	Cathy Clements	905-476-4941
	Maureen Wilcox	905-476-2550
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
Development & Peace:	Brendan Rutledge	905-476-8041

## 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.*

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Responsorial Psalm Ps. 25 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Mon. Dec 3, 7pm-S:

Tues Dec 4, 8:30am-S:

Wed. Dec 5, 7pm-S:

Thurs. Dec 6, 8:30am-K: + Roma Glass

Fri. Dec 7, 8:30am K:

Sat. Dec 8, 8:30am-K:

Sat. Dec 8, 4pm-K: + Rita Curmi

Sat. Dec 8, 6pm-S: + Judith Derouin

Sun. Dec 9, 8:30am-S: People of the Parish

Sun. Dec 9, 11am-K: Living and Deceased members of the Pervan & Radin Families

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please contact the office to add a name to list. Names will remain on the list for one month. Please call the office to have names re-listed. Please keep the following people in your prayers. Alzirina Abreu, Margaret and Tom Mills, Charlene Prince, Paul Wolscht Sr.

### 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 should be contacted. If you are interested in being a visiting Minister of Communion, contact Deacon Stephen Palmer through the office or see him after Mass.

### VOCATIONS

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca).

### TREE OF LIFE

This is a wonderful way to commemorate a loved one or celebrate your family. If you are interested in purchasing a leaf for the tree please contact the office

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in Keswick. Mass: 8:30am, Adoration: 9am to 8pm, Benediction 8pm. There will not be a 7pm Mass.

### SCHOOL ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Prince of Peace – Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at the school.  
St. Thomas Aquinas – Fri., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the school.  
St. Bernadette's – Fri., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm at Immaculate Conception Church.

### COLLECTION UPDATE

Collection for Nov. 24/25 \$3,717.64  
Includes Mortgage & Renovation Funds.  
Shepherds' Trust: \$3,940.84  
Mortgage Balance: \$239,681.85

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

December 8/9

SUTTON: Saturday, Dec 8, 6pm:  
(EM).

(LEC) Helmut K., Jim S.

SUTTON: Sunday, Dec 9: 8:30am:  
(EM) Joe T.

(LEC) Pat F., Cathy T.

KESWICK: Saturday, Dec 8, 4pm:  
(EM).

(LEC) Carmel R., Marilyn V.

KESWICK: Sunday, Dec 9, 11am:

(EM) Catherine P., Mary P.

(LEC) Betty A., Maureen S.



**"It is not possible to love one's neighbour as oneself and to persevere in this conduct without the firm and constant determination to work for the good of all people and of each person, because we are all really responsible for everyone." (Cf. Pope John Paul II, quoted in The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no 43)** Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Their action is inspired by the Gospel, guided by the social teachings of the Church and embodies the preferential option for the poor. **"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25, 40).** Development and Peace now joins the Holy Father in reminding us that our witness is integral to our faith. In his pastoral letter announcing the **Year of Faith**, he recalls for us the words of St. James, **"If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."** (James 2:15-17) In this Year of Faith, Catholics are celebrating and reflecting on how our faith leads us to action. Development and Peace invites Canadians who share these goals and the values that they defend to get involved in our movement by becoming a member or by financially supporting our action. For more information visit <http://www.devop.org/campaign>.

**SACRAMENT OF 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION**

**Preparation Classes - At Our Lady of the Lake Church**  
Sat. Masses for last names from A-L and Sun. Masses for last names M-Z. This is a guideline only. If you cannot attend when scheduled attend the other day offered.

- Session 3 – The Eucharist: Sat., Jan. 12th at 4pm - last names A-L and Sun., Jan. 13th at 11am - last names M-Z.
- Session 4 – Reconciliation: Sat., Jan. 19th at 4pm - last names A-L and Sun., Jan. 20th at 11am - last names M-Z.

**SACRAMENT OF 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION**

**Reminder of Parent Catechetical meeting on the topic of Reconciliation on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Keswick.**



**FORMATION PROGRAMMES FOR PARISHIONERS**

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/discipleship](http://www.archtoronto.org/discipleship) for more details.

**CATHOLICISM** Monday is the last evening. We will meet in the Fr. Christopher room due to a 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting being held in the Church. Thank you all for making this such a success.

**COMING THIS JANUARY!!**



**Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation** DVD Series. Following the **Catholicism** Series on Monday evenings we will begin this fascinating series which will take you on a journey through the entire Bible.



**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual Parish Christmas Party at the Sutton Arena following the 11am Mass. This is a potluck so please bring a favourite dish to share. There will be music, games and crafts. Once again, we are going to have a chili contest. So get out your best recipe or create a new one. There is public skating from 1-2 pm at a cost of \$1.

**FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

We will celebrate our parish's **Feast Day – The Immaculate Conception**, Saturday, December 8th during the 8:30am Mass in Keswick. It will include a procession carrying the statue of our Mother around the Church, outside, weather permitting. Reception to follow.

**THE POSADA**

Looking for children and youth ages 4-14 to participate in our Advent and Christmas Celebration of the Posada. This re-enactment of the Nativity will take place at 7 pm on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Keswick. If you like to sing and act, please come out for our first rehearsal on Tuesday, December 4th at 7 pm and Monday, December 10 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church. For more information, contact the Parish Office.



The KofC Officers' meeting is on December 10th at 7pm in Keswick. The General meeting is scheduled for December 10th at 8pm in Keswick.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR - CHRISTMAS**

We still have a few spots to fill on the Christmas and New Year's schedules, particularly the Midnight Christmas Mass in Keswick. If you are interested in serving at any of these Masses, please call the office. Schedule will be sent out mid-December. Thank you to those who have already responded.

- Christmas Eve:** 6pm at Immaculate Conception  
8pm at Our Lady of the Lake  
Midnight at Our Lady of the Lake
- Christmas Day:** 8:30am at Immaculate Conception  
11am at Our Lady of the Lake
- New Year's Eve:** 4pm at Our Lady of the Lake  
6pm at Immaculate Conception
- New Year's Day:** 8:30am at Immaculate Conception  
11am at Our Lady of the Lake



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.  
ABOUT THE ADVENT WREATH**

The candles of the Advent wreath remind us of the one for whom we are waiting, Jesus the Light of the World. The candles are purple and pink. . Purple is seen as a serious colour and the purple candles are used to remind us that preparing to welcome Jesus is serious work. Pink is seen as a joyful colour and the pink candle is used to remind us that we are preparing well to welcome Jesus and Christmas, and great joy will soon be ours. The evergreen, which is always fresh and green even in the dark of winter, remind us that the light of Jesus' love brings a peace and joy which lives in us every day and will never end. The wreath should be set in a place of honour such as the centre of a dining table. Gather around the wreath on each Sunday of Advent. As one member of your family lights the candle say a simple prayer. **Today light one purple candle and you could pray the following:** Jesus, You are the Light of the World. Teach us to leave the darkness behind and live in Your Light. Help us find You in the business of our day. Help us not to hurt others by our words or actions. Make us thoughtful and generous so that we may be ready to greet You when You come. Amen. **Challenge for the week:** Be awake to God's Presence around us. You will experience Him in others, the Mass, Scripture, Nature and in the events of our lives.



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