

# *Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake Parish Family*

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*Advent*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps.89: Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

### Tuesday, December 23 – Sunday, December 28

Tues. Dec 23, 8:30am (S): + Fr. Joseph Fenech

Wed. Dec 24: Christmas Eve

Thurs. Dec 25: Christmas Day

Fri. Dec 26, 8:30am (K):

Sat. Dec 27, 8:30am (K):+ Frances Sbrolla,  
+Margaret Scandiffio, +Assunta Sbrolla

Sat. Dec 27, 4pm (K): + Conrado P. Rocillo

Sat. Dec 27, 5:30pm (S): + Cathy Thompson

Sun. Dec 28, 8:30am(S): + Johnny Viola

Sun. Dec 28, 11am (K): + Caterina Grande

### 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent. From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will close December 24<sup>th</sup> and reopen Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 2015 ENVELOPES

Check that your name and address are correct. **Please do not use until 2015.** Thank you.

### COLLECTION UPDATE



Dec 13/14: \$3,839.10 - 56%  
Goal \$6,800

### Eucharistic Ministers - Sutton

Dec 27 - 5:30: Barb, Joe

Dec 28 - 8:30: Gerry, Rose

### Lectors - Sutton

Dec 27 - 5:30: Jim S., Rose S.

Dec 28 - 8:30: Marcel D., Carmela C.

### Eucharistic Ministers – Keswick

Dec 27 - 4pm: Rolf and Thea

Dec 28 - 11am: Mary F., Alzirina A., Bruna K., Jennifer G., Sr. Yvonne, Michael S.

### Lectors - Keswick

Dec 27 - 4pm: Marilyn V.

Dec 28 - 11am: Don F., Sandra Hopkins

### PRAYER FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(While lighting the last purple candle. The 3 other candles should already be lit in the order they were lit on the previous Sundays.) Lord God, we light this candle to thank You for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace. We who live in a world of discord and strife have found peace in the promise of eternal life. Bring peace to our family and to the world. 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.



Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Father Christopher Room.  
Theme: Birthday Bash!



Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Theme: Get Social! Mass at 4pm followed by dinner at 5pm.

### FATHER VICTOR

Father Victor is leaving us at the end of December. We have been very blessed to have him here even for this short time. We will have small receptions following the 5:30pm Mass in Sutton on December 27<sup>th</sup> and after the 11am Mass in Keswick on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join us.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup>

5pm in Sutton, 8pm and Midnight in Keswick

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30am in Sutton, 11am in Keswick

New Year's Eve – Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

4pm in Keswick, 5:30pm in Sutton

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30am in Sutton, 11am in Keswick

### **OVERFLOW PARKING ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY IN KESWICK**

The Region is allowing overflow parking on the east side of Metro Road only north of Old Homestead Road, at least 15 metres from intersection. Only to be used if all other off street parking options (Church and school parking lot) are at capacity.

### **THE GIVING TREE**

Thank you for your very generous response to the Giving Tree. Donations of just over \$1000 in gift cards along with 30 gifts were received. The spirit of giving is truly alive in our parish! These donations became a part of the Georgina Community Food Pantry's 'Toy Store'. 227 families were able to pick out gifts for their children thanks, in part, to your kindness.

### **FAMILY MOVIE**

Keswick Presbyterian Church is hosting the new Veggie Tale Movie, "Beauty and the Beet" in partnership with Life 100.3 on Friday, January 9th at 7pm. For more info go to <http://kespres.ca/beauty-and-the-beet/>. Located at 23449 Woodbine Ave., Keswick.

### **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. They will not meet December 23 or 30th. Starting up again January 6.

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church. Session #4: "How do I get there?" (The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments.)

### **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. Continued from last week.

Satan can take religious zeal and corrupt it into harsh and uncharitable zealotry. He can take a love for the beauty of the Liturgy, ancient or new, and turn it into a persnickety insistence on exactly the right ingredients, at the expense of charity and at the cost of ridicule, false superiority, and disunity. And thus, charity thrust aside, we say, "Just make sure you celebrate the liturgy the way I like it. Anyone who doesn't like what I like is antiquarian, a knave, or an uncouth troglodyte and must obviously hate the Church that I love so beautifully ..."

Satan can take the beautiful love for the poor and corrupt it into an enslaving paternalism that locks them into dependency, or does not address their spiritual needs by speaking to them respectfully of their sins, or does not seek to deepen their spiritual and family lives. And thus the beautiful corporal works of mercy are either set at odds with the spiritual works of mercy or are considered adequate in themselves. Satan can send many to serve the poor, armed with half-truths and approaches that merely bandage deeper wounds without addressing them.

Well, you see, in a certain sense, any virtue will do. Satan can make use of any of them and will seek to corrupt all of them, even the religious ones. He will just as surely go to work in the life of someone in a church pew, as in a brothel or the gutter. No one is exempt from his work of temptation; his goal is to drag us to Hell.

What makes his work of corrupting virtue so insidious is the subtlety of his work, for he takes something that is intrinsically good and seeks to corrupt it, either by excess or defect, or to turn it into some sort of caricature of itself.

Virtues, of course, are meant to work in combination with other virtues that balance them. For example, charity should be balanced by truth and truth by charity. Without charity, the truth can bludgeon; without truth, charity can become harmful, patronizing, and wickedly affirming. Charity and truth are meant to balance each other and to work alongside other virtues in a delicate interplay.

One of Satan's tactics is to take one virtue and isolate it from others. Beware of these subtle tactics of Satan, who disguises himself well in the robes of virtue. But they are detached virtues, virtues out of balance and proportion.

Beware the traps of the pious.

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