Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake Parish Family

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Feast of the Holy Family

Responsorial Psalm

Ps.128 – Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

<u>Tuesday, December 29 – Sunday, January 3</u>

Tues. December 29, 8:30am (S): + Ed Wade Wed. December 30, 7pm (S): In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

Thurs. December 31, 4pm (K):

Thurs. December 31, 5:30pm (S):

Fri. January 1, 8:30am (S):

Fri. January 1, 11am (K):

Sat. January 2, 8:30am (K):

Sat. January 2, 4pm (K): + Joe Chisholm

Sat. January 2, 5:30pm (S):

Sun. January 3, 8:30am (S):

Sun. January 3, 11am (K):

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. Alzirina Abreu, Paul Boadway, Bev Boyt, Iolanda Cinelli, Lidwina Gho, Wallace Goodman, Andrew Horvath, Edie Janosi, Joan Kelly, Patricia Lozano, Dave MacKay, Tammy Monaghan, Susan Robinson, Janis Scully, Joe Thompson, Elaine Woods

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 at 905-476-0097.

MINISTER OF COMMUNION TO SICK OR HOMEBOUND

If you are currently involved in this Ministry, or would like to be involved, please contact Helen Bromley at 905-535-1861 or email at <u>hbromley2009@hotmail.com</u> or Joe Thompson at 905-960-0502 or email <u>t.josephcathy2@gmail.com</u>

VOCATIONS

Feast of the Holy Family - December 27. By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

email vocations@archtoronto.org

COLLECTION UPDATE



Weekly Offertory including Building Maintenance Fund: Target: \$6,800 Dec 19/20: Not available before publication.



Next Edge meeting is Fri. Jan 8th at 7pm in the Fr. Christopher Room.



Next Life Teen meeting is Thurs., Jan 7th beginning with 6pm Mass and followed by dinner in the Fr. Christopher Room in Keswick

MASS CANCELLATION

Mass on Thurs. Jan 7th will be at 6pm instead of 8:30am due to Life Teen in Keswick.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE LAUNCH

Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake parishes have launched new websites, working in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Toronto. Ours is one of the first parish sites to be launched in a new organization-wide network that will link all 225 parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto together as one large family of faith. On the new sites, you will find parish news and events, mixed in with other churchrelated information relevant to our area. Parishioners and newcomers to the parish can learn about the history of our parish community, and the many ministries and outreach programs within our community. You can also access resources to help you better understand the traditions and teachings of our faith. You can also sign up to receive email notices and an electronic copy of our parish bulletin. This project is just one of the initiatives supported by the Family of Faith campaign in our parish. You're encouraged to visit the new websites at https://immaculateconceptionsu.archtoronto.org and https://ollakeke.archtoronto.org. We are proud to be among the first parishes to engage in this new project and to be the very first parish online in the network.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

For those young people preparing for Confirmation, Session #3 will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, January 12th or Thursday, January 14th at Our Lady of the Lake Church. Attend whichever session is convenient for you. Attendance required at only one session.

SENIORS' CLUB

Thursdays at Our Lady the Lake Church at 10am. Contact Kathy Perruzza at 905-535-0406, or email <u>kathyperruzza@hotmail.com</u>

2016 CALENDAR CHURCH FUNDRAISER

These calendars have been personalized for our Parish Community. For only \$5, they make a great Christmas gift. Please support this fundraiser.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Apr 7 to May 12, 2016 – 7p.m. to 9p.m. We are offering a 6 week Marriage Preparation Course. A Doorway to the Sacred, is designed to walk couples through and understand the demands of a Catholic Church Marriage. Couples will be able to assess their understanding of marriage, consider new perspectives of marriage, discuss their expectations and plan for their future. Topics: Introduction, Sacraments and From "I" to "We"; Communication; Conflict Resolution and Forgiveness; Intimacy; Living our Values and Becoming Parents; NaPro guest speaker; The Sacrament of Marriage in Daily Life. Call 905-476-0097 or email: parish@immaculateconception.on.ca. Cost \$100.

KNITTERS' GROUP

Knitters meet on Tuesday from 10am to noon in the Fr. Christopher Room in Keswick. Knitters not meet this week but will meet again beginning Jan 5.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Symbolon continues on Mondays at 7pm in the Fr. Christopher Room in Keswick.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Training will be provided. Please call the office if you are interested.



Thank you for your generous response again this year to the 'Giving Tree.' Your kindness will brighten Christmas morning for these children and teens. The spirit of giving is surely alive in our parish.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed from Monday, December 28th and reopening on Monday, January 4th at 9am.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD 2016 Win Great Prizes!

Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated Jan. 18-25. The Theme for this coming year is "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God."" (1 Peter 2:9). Students should read the Scripture passage 1 Peter 2:1-10 and respond to the following statement in the essay: Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. 1st prize is an iPad Pro (32 GB), 2nd prize is a Kobo Aura, and 3rd to 6th prizes are a 1-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline is January 8, 2016. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or Fax it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). For more info call 416-934-3400 ext 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404 or 1-855-441-4077. Don't miss this opportunity!

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

<u>New Year's Eve – Thursday, December 31st</u> 4pm - Keswick 5:30pm – Sutton <u>New Year's Day – Friday, January 1st</u> 8:30am - Sutton 11am – Keswick

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration begins January 4th in all York Region Catholic schools. They look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where they emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic School. For more info, please visit <u>www.ycdsb.ca/admissions</u>.



The next officers meeting will be Wed. Jan. 13 in Sutton at 8pm. Thanks to all who helped out in the Santa Claus Parades. Merry Christmas everyone. Please visit <u>www.georginaknights.com</u>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration in Sutton will be cancelled on Friday, January 1st. Adoration in February will be on Friday, February 5th in Keswick beginning with 8:30am Mass.

