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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
Closed daily 12:00 – 1:00 pm for lunch.

MASS TIMES

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| Monday – Friday | 8:00 am |
| First Friday of the Month | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday | 8:30 am |
| | 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil) |
| Sunday | 8:00 am |
| | 9:30 am (Italian) |
| | 11:00 am |
| | 12:30 pm |
| | 4:30 pm |

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
and any time upon request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - After morning Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday at 3:00 pm
Sacred Heart - Friday 7:50 am
(10 mins before Mass)
Perpetual Help - Saturday 8:20 am
(10 mins before Mass)
Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group –
Last Wednesday of the month 5:30 -6:30 pm

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Contact the Parish office to register.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Priest one year in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Please remember St. Mary Immaculate Parish in your will. Thank you!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Message from Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday, we begin the Advent season, a time of grace and preparation to receive Jesus in the manger of our hearts. With Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. The word Advent comes from the Latin "adventus", which means coming, arrival, visit etc. Therefore, Advent invites us to prepare ourselves in our way to celebrate the great festival of Christmas.

Advent is a fruitful time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into this world - into our hearts. We try to learn the need of Christ's coming for the salvation of all humanity – past, present, and future. The Scripture readings during Advent invite us to remain awake and vigilant so that we may not miss the visit of our God. Jesus is coming to this world to bring the glory of God to us. Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and the Magi moved through this season together, following where God was leading. We will also have one another as we move through Advent and God will be with us as we wait for the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

Let there be light! This is our theme for Advent. May the light of Christ lead our way as we step forward into what is next. We look for and prepare our hearts to see the light of Christ, the love of God born in our world, whose presence shines in the hardest and darkest parts of our lives, and who is still doing so today. Let us long for the presence of Christ who only can dispel every form of darkness and struggle from us.

Have a blessed Advent Season!

Come! Lord Jesus Come!

With Prayers,

Fr. Shibil John Pariyathupadavil

Un Messaggio dal Nostro Pastore

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

Questa domenica iniziamo il tempo dell'Avvento, un tempo di grazia e di preparazione per accogliere Gesù nella mangiatoia dei nostri cuori. Con l'Avvento, iniziamo un nuovo anno liturgico. La parola Avvento deriva dal latino "adventus", che significa venuta, arrivo, visita ecc. Pertanto, l'Avvento ci invita a prepararci a modo nostro per celebrare la grande festa del Natale.

L'Avvento è un tempo fruttuoso per prepararci alla venuta di Cristo in questo mondo, nei nostri cuori. Cerchiamo di imparare la necessità della venuta di Cristo per la salvezza di tutta l'umanità – passata, presente e futura. Le letture della Scrittura durante l'Avvento ci invitano a rimanere svegli e vigilianti per non perdere la visita del nostro Dio. Gesù sta venendo in questo mondo per portare la gloria di Dio a noi. Maria e Giuseppe, i pastori e i Magi attraversarono insieme questa stagione, seguendo la guida di Dio. Ci avremo anche gli uni gli altri mentre attraversiamo l'Avvento e Dio sarà con noi mentre aspettiamo la venuta di Cristo, la luce del mondo.

Sia la luce! Questo è il nostro tema per l'Avvento. Possa la luce di Cristo guidare il nostro cammino mentre avanziamo verso ciò che verrà dopo. Cerchiamo e prepariamo i nostri cuori a vedere la luce di Cristo, l'amore di Dio nato nel nostro mondo, la cui presenza risplende nei momenti più difficili e bui della nostra vita, e che lo fa ancora oggi. Aspettiamo per la venuta del signore Gesù, che solo può dissipare da noi ogni forma di oscurità e di lotta.

Vi auguro un Santo periodo dell'Avvento!

Vieni! Signore Gesù, Vieni!

Con le preghiere,

P. Shibil John Pariyathupadavil

2025 SUNDAY MISSALS & BLUE ADVENT BOOKS

are still available for purchase in the parish office during the week until quantities last.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2025 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and are located at the back of the Church. **Envelopes are organized by the first letter of your surname.** Your envelope number may have changed due to reshuffling of the numbers. Please do not use previous years' envelopes. If you are new to the Parish and would like envelopes or need assistance, please contact the parish office.

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent. Children are invited to write love letters to Jesus. Form letters are available on the tables at all the entrances of the Church and online on our website under "advent & digital resources". Have the children write their love letter and Father will ask the children to bring up the letters before the final blessing at Mass. One letter will be chosen each week and will be highlighted in the parish bulletin and website.

CWL ADVENT RECOLLECTION

The Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to the Advent Recollection, **Saturday December 7 beginning with Mass at 8:30 am.** Our guest speaker, Christina Doyle, will speak on "Advent: Making Room for Jesus". Tickets \$5 at the door, includes a light breakfast of bagels, spreads, fruit, coffee and tea. All are welcome.

ITALIAN TRANSLATORS

We are in need of Italian translators that can translate our English announcements to Italian for the Italian Mass at 9:30 am on Sundays. If interested, please contact the Parish office.



Light the Candle of Hope:

On the first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, which is purple in color. This candle is called the "Hope" or "Prophet's Candle," symbolizing the anticipation of the coming Messiah and the hope that He brings to the world.

Accendi la candela della speranza:

La prima domenica di Avvento, accendiamo la prima candela della corona dell'Avvento, che è di colore violaceo. Questa candela è chiamata "Speranza" o "Candela del Profeta", che simboleggia l'attesa della venuta del Messia e la speranza che Egli porta al mondo.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

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| Tues. Dec 3 | Memorial | St. Francis Xavier, Priest |
| Wed. Dec 4 | Memorial | St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor |
| Fri. Dec 6 | Memorial | St. Nicholas, Bishop |
| | First Friday of the month | We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| Sat. Dec 7 | Memorial | St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor |
| | First Saturday of the month | We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary |

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 1 Jeremiah 33.14-16: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36
- 2 Isaiah 2.1-5: Matthew 8.5-11, 13++
- 3 Isaiah 11.1-10: Luke 10.21-24
- 4 Isaiah 25.6-10a: Matthew 15.29-37
- 5 Isaiah 26.1-6: Matthew 7.21, 24-27
- 6 Isaiah 29.17-24: Matthew 9.27-31
- 7 Isaiah 30.19-21, 13-26: Matthew 9.35 – 10.1, 5a, 6-8++



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Sunday, December 8.
**Mass at 4:30 pm followed with a
 candlelight procession.**
**Coffee and light refreshments afterwards
 in the parish hall**

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2024**

We are so thankful for the support we receive each year from our parish enabling us to continue this Christmas Outreach Program. Over the past few years, we moved to a gift card program of support. This has been well received by our Neighbours. It enabled them to stretch the dollars to meet the most immediate and specific needs of their children and for themselves. In this way, we were able to assist 124 families last year. We are hoping that you will continue to support us in this outreach to our less fortunate neighbours.

In addition, this year we will once again be able to invite our Neighbours for a special Christmas luncheon. Everyone is excited to be able to meet in person for this joyous event! If you would like your donation to sponsor this event, please indicate 'Christmas luncheon' in the notes section of your cheque.

Please consider donations of PC (Loblaws/No Frills) gift cards, Walmart gift cards or cheques (payable to SSVP – St. Mary Immaculate). Charitable Donation Receipts will be issued for donations. Wishing you all the Peace, Joy and Hope of the Christmas Season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALES

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettone, Religious Calendars and Christmas cards this season.

Sales will take place in the church foyer after all masses on the weekends of **Dec. 7th/8th and 14th/15th.**

Note: We only accept Cash. No Credit or Debit.
 Keep Christ in Christmas!

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:30 am – 11:30 am (3 Priests available)
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm (6 Priests available)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Children are invited to participate in the children's choir at the Christmas Eve Mass, **Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 pm.** If your child is interested in participating, please complete the permission form available on the tables at all the entrances to the Church. There will be 3 choir rehearsals on Sunday, December 8, 15 and 22 from 10:30 am to 10:50 am in the Parish hall.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Children's Mass (English)
 10:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)
 11:30 pm Mini concert of Christmas carols
 12:00 am Midnight Mass (English)

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Mass (Italian)
 11:00 am Mass
 12:30 pm Mass
 4:30 pm Mass

FATIMA GIFT SHOP

Visit the Fatima Gift shop. Beautiful religious items are available for any occasion, especially for Christmas!

Hours

Saturday: 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

MEMORIAL MASSES

Memorial Masses are now being offered for the one month or one year anniversary of deceased loved ones. Masses will be offered Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm. Contact the Parish office for more information or to schedule a Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Valentina Nicolette Ferraro, Marco Dudkowski Merchant, John Caiden Santos Millares, Celeste Luna Ramirez-Liberatore, Mina Giuseppina Vrdoljak

We welcome you into the Church! We wish the Parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 905-884-1784 or email at stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org.
 Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Clelia Proia, Robert Harvey, Ellie, Lester Camat, Ernie Ting, Paula Chorostil, Sarain, Marisa, Maria Simoes

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 2 – DEC 8

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| Mon. Dec 2 | 8:00 am | Spec. Int. for Hyunjung Shin |
| Tues. Dec 3 | 8:00 am | Private Intentions |
| Wed. Dec 4 | 8:00 am | +Mario & +Filomena Corbo |
| Thurs. Dec 5 | 8:00 am | +For All Souls in Purgatory |
| Fri. Dec 6 | 8:00 am | +Stephen Lappin +Mario Soave |
| | 7:00 pm | +Antonio Di Mambro +Maria Izelina Frade |
| Sat. Dec 7 | 8:30 am | +Antonio Nudo +Libera Mastro +Marie Daou +Bob Keegan |
| | 5:00 pm | +Maria Pezzetta +Luciano Fiorino |
| Sun. Dec 8 | 8:00 am | Spec. Int. for the healing of Sunghye Yoon |
| | 9:30 am | +Carlo Evangelista +Filomena Santopolo +Concetta Morsillo +Michelina Grosso +Carlo Rotundo +Filomena, +Francesco & +Domenic Rotundo +Giuseppe & +Maria Vecchiarilli |
| | 11:00 am | +Americo Rodrigues & +Izelina Frade +Maria Carmen Delgado +Vito Spinosa +Richard Dissanayake +Immacolata Morlando +Cyril & +Betty Bahoshy +Marie Daou |
| | 12:30 pm | People of St. Mary Immaculate |
| | 4:30 pm | Dedicated to Immaculate Conception +William Myers +Helene Bohn |

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