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St. Anne	905-883-0311
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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

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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Let us light the candle of Joy:

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. Let us share the Joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation He has gifted us.

Accendiamo la candela della Gioia:

La terza candela dell'Avvento simboleggia la Gioia. Man mano che ci avviciniamo al giorno di Natale, la nostra gioia cresce sempre di più. La terza candela ci riporta all'attesa gioiosa dei pastori che si misero in cammino per vedere Gesù a Betlemme, prima ancora dei magi. Condividiamo la gioia che viene dall'arrivo di Gesù e dalla salvezza che ci ha donato.

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

During 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.

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

Thank you for coming into this world and how you sacrificed your life for us just so we could go into heaven. I love you with all of my heart. Please teach me and the world how to not sin. Also help me listen to my parents. Finally all I really want for Christmas is world peace.

With all my love.....

Emilia

(Name)



THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Sat. Dec 21	Memorial	St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor
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READINGS THIS WEEK

- 15 Zephaniah 3.14-18a: Philippians 4.4-7: Luke 3.10-18
- 16 Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a: Matthew 21.23-27
- 17 Genesis 49.2, 8-10: Matthew 1.1-17
- 18 Jeremiah 23.5-8: Matthew 1.18-24
- 19 Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a: Luke 1.5-25
- 20 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d: Luke 1.26-38
- 21 Zephaniah 3.14-18a or Song of Songs 2.8-14: Luke 1.39-45

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY (BLESSING OF BABY JESUS STATUES)

Pope John Paul II began the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday on the Third Sunday of Advent to remind families about the joyous event of Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger. We invite you to bring your baby Jesus statues for a special blessing taking place at the all the Masses **this weekend, December 14/15.**

ShareLife

3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

Living the Gospel through ShareLife

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, *Silent Voice*

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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.

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 this weekend, **Dec. 14/15.** Note: We only accept Cash. No Credit or Debit. Keep Christ in Christmas!

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR THE CHURCH

We are accepting donations of poinsettia plants to decorate the Church for Christmas. Kindly drop off at the parish office no later than **December 20.** Thank you for your generosity.

THE TWO-HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

will be meeting in the church **Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30 pm.** Please join us to pray the Rosary.

COR MEN'S GROUP

Calling all men of the Parish!

St. Mary Immaculate and the Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the formation of the **COR Men's Group.** Open to ALL men of the parish, including family and friends.

DECEMBER 15, 2024

What is COR? COR is the Latin word for 'Heart' and the root of the word 'courage'. The focus of the program is to help men reconnect with God through prayer and fellowship. Getting us in touch with God's design for men to be better sons, fathers, husbands and true servants of God. The group will meet on the **1st Saturday of every month from 7:00 am to 8:15 a.m. in the church hall**. Light refreshment will be served followed by a short video and discussion regarding Catholic masculinity in today's society. Lastly, we will close with group prayer.

The group presentations will be led by our very own Deacon Joseph D'Amico. The first meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 1st at 7 a.m.** Come join us to discover what it means to be a man in God's eyes. Seek greatness in virtue and character marked with goodness, truth, strength and courage to fight for Christ. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in the COR program by sending an email with your name and contact details to COR.kofc5957@gmail.com.

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)

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, December 24 (closed at noon)

Wednesday, December 25

Thursday, December 26

Tuesday, December 31 (closed at noon)

Wednesday, January 1

SOLEMN OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT ST. MICHAEL'S

CATHEDRAL BASILICA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.

All are welcome to join in this special Mass to formally launch the Jubilee year in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm.

VOCATIONS

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2024

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

FATIMA GIFT SHOP

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

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

Aliesha Willian Arandia, Ren Elsa Benner, Sabrina Pui Yan Hui & Aminah Kasap

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, Lester Camat, Ernie Ting, Paula Chorostil, Sarain, Marisa, Maria Simoes

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one week period.

Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

DEC 16 - 22: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

Spec. Int. for the Palazzo Family

Spec. Int. for the Lastoria Family

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 16 – DEC 22

<u>Mon. Dec 16</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	+Tommaso & +Maria DiZio
<u>Tues. Dec 17</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	+Raffaella Caldarola
<u>Wed. Dec 18</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	+John Baptist Kaluya +Zenaida & +Rogelio Argus
<u>Thurs. Dec 19</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	+Filomena Picciano
<u>Fri. Dec 20</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	Spe. Int. for Maria & Christopher Chow
<u>Sat. Dec 21</u>	<u>8:30 am</u>	+Antonio Suppa
	<u>5:00 pm</u>	+Anna Maria Mastrovita Spec. Int. for the Sharma Family
<u>Sun. Dec 22</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	+Peggy Lobo
	<u>9:30 am</u>	+Filomena Santopolo +Domenica Giusti +Luigi Tomasone +Margaret MacMaster
	<u>11:00 am</u>	+Saverio & +Teresa Giusti +Chris Dissanayake +Anthony D'Lima +Victoria D'Lima Gray +Andrea D'Lima O'Donnell +Maria Angela D'Agostino +John & +Mary Faraj +Paolo Tanel & +All Deceased members of the Famiglia
	<u>12:30 pm</u>	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	<u>4:30 pm</u>	+Patricia & +Larry Thalheimer +William Myers

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