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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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Message from Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,
Happy Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

"Hail Mary, full of grace." For thousands of years, millions of times per day the Virgin Mary is greeted by the faithful with the greeting of the Archangel Gabriel. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of our Parish (SMI), let us celebrate and be glad.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

Birth of Mother Mary constitutes the light and hope of salvation for all of us. She is the light for the Christian people all over the world. Wishing you and your family a very happy and blessed Feast of the Immaculate Conception. I wish that Holy Mary always show us the right path to walk on, give us the strength to face the challenges and always help us succeed in our lives.

May you and your dear ones are showered with her blessings forever and ever. Happy feast day to all!
Praised be Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate!

With prayers,
Fr. Shibil John Pariyathupadavil

"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.....

I love you so much. Can you please bless my dad and remove the tumor in his head and guide my family and protect them. Dearest baby Jesus can you please make this prayer come true. Amen

With all my love.....

Sofia.D

(Name)

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Dec 9	Solemnity	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues. Dec 10	Memorial	Our Lady of Loreto
Wed. Dec 11	Memorial	St. Damasus I, Pope
Thurs. Dec 12	Feast	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Fri. Dec. 13	Memorial	St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Sat. Dec 14	Memorial	St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

READINGS THIS WEEK

8 Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11; Luke 3.1-6
9 Genesis 3.9-15, 20; Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38
10 Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14
11 Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30
12 Zec 2.10-13 or Rev 11.19a; 12.1, 3-6a, 10ab; Luke 1.39-47
13 Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19
14 Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17.10-13

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR FRANK CARDINAL LEO

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

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



Let us Light the candle of Peace:

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple.

Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before

Mary gave birth to Jesus. Let there be peace on Earth. Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. May this light of peace shine forth from Bethlehem for all the world.

Accendiamo la candela della Pace:

La seconda candela della corona dell'Avvento rappresenta la Pace. Come la prima candela, anche questa è viola. Spesso chiamata "Candela di Betlemme", la seconda candela dell'Avvento ci ricorda il viaggio di Maria e Giuseppe da Nazareth a Betlemme prima che Maria desse alla luce Gesù. Che ci sia pace sulla Terra. Gesù sta arrivando, e così anche il suo Regno di Pace. Possa questa luce di pace risplendere da Betlemme per tutto il mondo.

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

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 this weekend, **Dec. 7/8 and next weekend Dec. 14/15.**

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

General meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 12** starting with the Holy Rosary at 7 pm in the Church followed by the meeting in the Parish Hall. We welcome all members and ladies interested in becoming a member.

CWL MESSAGE OF THANKS

Thank you to the Parish community for donations of baked goods and raffle prizes. Thanks to your generous support of our Poinsettia Christmas Tea & Sale, the proceeds raised will benefit the charities supported by our CWL.

**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 all the Masses **next weekend, December 14/15.**

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.

**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

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**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Giuseppina Castelli
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

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 9 - 15: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Bill Myers
+Peter Donnelly

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 9 – DEC 15

Day	Time	Intention
Mon. Dec 9	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Jia Lin Huang
Tues. Dec 10	8:00 am	In honor of St. Lucia
Wed. Dec 11	8:00 am	+Kang-Yong John Shin
Thurs. Dec 12	8:00 am	+Jose Luis & Maria Elena Valdivinos
	7:00 pm	Memorial Mass of Fausto Iampieri (Bilingual)
Fri. Dec 13	8:00 am	+Giuseppe Giusti +Lucie Kirouac
Sat. Dec 14	8:30 am	+Concetta, +Vincenzo & +Antonina Buffone +Benito, +Attilio & +Giovanni Chiaravallotti +All Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 pm	+Angelina Liotti
Sun. Dec 15	8:00 am	+Bob Keegan +Sean Higgins
	9:30 am	+Antonio Tomasone
	11:00 am	+Trafford D'Sylva +Filippo Lettieri +William Patrick Myers +Giovanni Masucci +Maria Molino +Palma Zepplieri
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Vittoria Giampietro



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