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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 3:50 pm – 4:50 pm
And by appointment through the Parish office.

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!

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thurs. Feb 27	Memorial	St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot Doctor
Sat. Mar 1	First Saturday of the Month	We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

READINGS THIS WEEK

23 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25+; 1 Corinthians 15.45-49; Luke 6.27-38
24 Sirach 1.1-10; Mark 9.14-29
25 Sirach 2.1-11; Mark 9.30-37
26 Sirach 4.11-19; Mark 9.38-40
27 Sirach 5.1-8; Mark 9.41-50
28 Sirach 6.5-17; Mark 10.1-12
1 Sirach 17.1-4, 6-8, 10-15; Mark 10.13-16

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

2024 tax receipts are now available. Please contact the Parish office to arrange pick up or to have them emailed or mailed to you.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

There are a few offertory envelope boxes remaining for pick up at the back of the Church. Parishioners who have not yet picked up their box are asked to do so **as soon as possible**. **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.

It is important that you mark your name and address on each envelope to ensure your donations are applied correctly in the system. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

ENVELOPE BOXES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF FEBRUARY

LITTLE BLACK LENTEN BOOKS

Will be available for purchase the weekends of **Feb 22/23 and Mar 1/2** in the Church foyer and at the Parish office during the week.

TWO-HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Two-Hearts Rosary Prayer Group will be meeting in the church on **Wednesday, February 26th at 5:30 pm**. Please join us to pray the Rosary.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION GUIDE 2025

A provincial election is set for **Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025**. Catholic Charities urges all eligible voters to make their voices heard and cast their ballots on Election Day. To help you navigate the key issues and make informed decisions, they teamed up with their Social Justice Committee to create a concise election guide. This guide highlights the most pressing concerns in our communities and poses the right questions to consider. We're excited to share this guide with you! Feel free to share it with your family and friends. Let's make a difference together! Visit www.ccat.ca or contact info@ccat.ca or 416-934-3401.

COR MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the COR Men's Group is on **Saturday, March 1st at 7:00 a.m.** in the parish hall. All men of the parish, including family and friends are invited to attend. Led by Deacon Joseph and hosted by the Knights of Columbus the group aims to help men deepen their relationship with God through prayer and fellowship. Light refreshment will be served followed by a short video, discussion and prayer. For additional information please email COR.kofc5957@gmail.com.

PACZKI DONUTS

Based on the Polish tradition in anticipation of the 40 days of fasting required during the religious season of Lent, paczki donuts will be available for purchase the weekend before Ash Wednesday, **March 1/2** after all the Masses in the Church foyer.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE- MARCH 5

6:30 am Liturgy of the Word with distribution of the Ashes
8:00 am Mass
12:10 pm Bilingual Mass
7:00 pm Mass

LENTEN FRIDAYS

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am – 9:30 am Rosary & Adoration
1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)
5:30 pm SMI Lenten Soup Kitchen (open to all with free-will donations going to the poor)
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Mass

GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. In Canada, Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Fasting is obligatory from ages 18-59. However, the law of abstinence binds those who are ages 14 and above. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat only one full meal, and two small snacks that together don't add up to a full meal.

PARKING ON DUNLOP ST.

We kindly ask that you please observe the parking signs on Dunlop St. Parking is permitted from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Saturdays and 7:00 am – 7:00 pm on Sundays. During heavy snowstorms, like we just had, the City bylaw is that if there is more than 5 cm of snow, there is no parking on the streets so they can plow and clean the streets. Parked cars will be ticketed if they cannot plow. If you are at the Church anytime other than what the signs state, please park in the parking lot to avoid a parking ticket.



NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF CANADA

A 9-day Novena to Saint Joseph will begin **Monday, March 10**, praying together at the Masses, leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on **Wednesday, March 19** with Mass at **8:00 am**. Copies of the St. Joseph Novena prayer will be available at all the entrances to the Church closer to the date.

PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION NIGHT

For those who have registered and for those who are interested to register, join us for information night on **Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm** in the Parish hall.

ST. MARY IMMACULATE'S JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE

Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Shibil, our Pastor. Date will be from **August 16 to 29, 2025**. QS Travel and Tours are arranging a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the main spiritual Centres of the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy. If interested, an itinerary with more details is available on the tables at all the entrances to the Church and on our website. Join us for information night in the Parish hall, **Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm**.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at **St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 14 (6:30 p.m.) until**

Sunday, March 16 (2 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseee. For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.



PARISH LENTEN RETREAT – 2025

Preacher: Rev. Sunil D’Costa OFM.Cap

Monday, March 17, 2025

7:00 pm–8:30 pm Holy Mass & Talk

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

7:00 pm–8:30 pm Holy Mass & Talk

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:00 pm–8:30 pm Holy Mass & Talk

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday March 22, 2025

9:00am–4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)

Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB

Speakers:

- Annie Karto: Divine Mercy Flood My Soul
- Lisa Canning: Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY
- Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI: Being a Priest - Being a Midwife
- Dr. Stephanie Kafie: Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out “Totally Yours”
- Dorothy Pilarski: Your Life is Going to Change

Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB
TO REGISTER GO TO dwf2025.eventbrite.ca

THE LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2025

The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is coming up and we are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating the 33rd year of coming together in praise and worship on **Saturday, 29th of March, 2025 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto.**

The theme this year, **“Power From on High”**, encourages us to remember and focus on the source of our strength. For tickets and information, visit www.LJHR.ca.

A DAY WITH MARY

SAVE THE DATE

On **Saturday, May 31**, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called “A Day With Mary” will be taking place at Villanova College in King City from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children’s catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Archdiocese of Toronto’s Office of Catholic Youth is excited to announce that the Jubilee for Youth is filling up fast. The pilgrimage to Rome will take place from **July 23 to August 5**. Registrations are open to all young adults ages 19 to 39 until the end of February 2025, so there’s still time to secure a spot. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.

FATIMA GIFT SHOP

Visit the Fatima Gift shop. Beautiful religious items are available for any occasion.

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.



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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lia Cianfarani

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, James Park, Ricardo Garzon, America Rodriguez

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.

FEB 24 – MAR 2: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Holy Souls in Purgatory

MASS INTENTIONS FEB 24 – MAR 2		
Mon. Feb 24	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Maria Gomes
Tues. Feb 25	8:00 am	+Domenica Giusti
Wed. Feb 26	8:00 am	+Joe Vaccaro
Thurs. Feb 27	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Rachel & Andy Oh
Fri. Feb 28	8:00 am	+Thomas Almeida
Sat. Mar 1	8:30 am	+Francesca Caldarola
	5:00 pm	+Olive Ramsbotham
Sun. Mar 2	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Angela Puopolo
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Dorotea Morra +Armando & +Palma Artenosi +Ida Artenosi +Anna Canale-Parola
	11:00 am	+Anthony D’Lima +Andrea D’Lima O’Donnell +Barbara Southam Spec. Int. for Jiwoo Lee
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Anne Marie Cusimano-Johnston

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