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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Wed. Apr 2	Memorial	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Fri. Apr 4	Memorial	St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor
	First Friday of the month	We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat. Apr 5	Memorial	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
	First Saturday of the month	We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

READINGS THIS WEEK

30 Joshua 5.9a, 10-12: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32
 31 Isaiah 65.17-21: John 4.43-54
 1 Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12: John 5.1-16
 2 Isaiah 49.8-15: John 5.16-30
 3 Exodus 32.7-14: John 5.18, 31-47++
 4 Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22: John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30
 5 Jeremiah 11.18-20: John 7.40-53

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



**PLEASE RETURN
CONTAINERS BY APRIL 30,
2025**

ShareLife
4th Sunday of Lent
ShareLife Sunday
March 30, 2025

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick's life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.

"By the grace of God, I am still alive," he proclaims. "I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober." Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Spring food drive to collect needed food and goods for the local Richmond Hill Food Bank. We will be collecting **next weekend, April 5th/6th. Collection box will be in the church foyer.** Some urgently needed items include: 1 Litre juices; instant and ground coffee; pasta; canned and baked beans; baking items such as cake mixes, muffin mixes, Jello powder; condiments such as mustard, ketchup, relish, pickles, olives & barbecue sauce; soups; plus tinned vegetables. Thank you for your continued support of the Richmond Hill Food Bank.

BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study on **The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy. Thursday mornings 9:15 am - 11:15 am from April 10 to June 19, 2025.** Contact the Parish office to register.



The Passion Play

2025 EASTER/PASSION PLAY

You are invited to join us for our first Easter/Passion Play at St. Mary Immaculate Parish on **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 @ 2:00 pm in the Church.**

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Saturday, April 5

9:30 am – 11:00 am (3 priests)
 2:50 pm – 4:50 pm (5 priests)



Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday – April 17

No 8:00 am Mass - Church will open at 4:00 pm.
 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual).
 Adoration until 11:00 pm.

Good Friday – April 18

No 8:00 am Mass - Church will open at 7:00 am.
 Divine Mercy Novena starts privately.
 12:00 pm The Lord's Passion.
 3:00 pm The Lord's Passion.
 5:00 pm The Lord's Passion (Italian).
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday – April 19

No 8:30 am Mass.
 10:30 am – 11:30 am Blessing of Easter Food Baskets ("Swienconka").
 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 27

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

EASTER FLOWERS

Those interested in donating Easter lilies and hydrangeas for Easter are asked to drop them off by **April 14**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

HORIZONS OF HOPE - NEW PARISH MINISTRY ON PALLIATIVE CARE

The Horizons of Hope program will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness. Learn more about palliative care and come together in community to understand palliative care from theological, ethical, and medical perspectives. In addition to gaining new knowledge, parishioners are encouraged to work together to develop a plan for building a caring parish community.

We are ready to begin a new Parish ministry focused on Palliative Care and looking forward to getting dedicated volunteers. Please contact our Parish office for the registration. Thank you!

NEW BEGINNINGS

Online Lenten Retreat: April 1, 2025 @ 7:00 pm.

Register at: <https://lrh0425.eventbrite.ca>

In-Person Grief Support Session: April 3, 2025 @ 10:00 am. Register at: <https://nbgss0425.eventbrite.ca>

Mass of Comfort and Light: April 7, 2025 @ 7:00 pm.

Register at: <https://mcl0425.eventbrite.ca>

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church
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Annulments 101 Online Seminar: April 9, 2025 @ 7:00 pm.

For more information please contact:
 Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, MACP, RP (Qualifying)
alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978

2025 CHING MING REMEMBRANCE MASS

Organized by Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services– Archdiocese of Toronto will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on **Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 pm**. For further details, see poster in the foyer.

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



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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, Joan Alexander, Dante Fabiello, Sharon Moos, Bosco Mendonca

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.

MAR 31 – APR 6: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

Spec. Int for the healing of Luigi Vittorio
 In thanksgiving of Helen Kim & Family

MASS INTENTIONS MAR 31 – APR 6

Mon. Mar 31	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Veronica Chan
Tues. Apr 1	8:00 am	+Rampersaud
Wed. Apr 2	8:00 am	+Alois & +Marta Dolezel +Vita Scavone
Thurs. Apr 3	8:00 am	Private Intentions
Fri. Apr 4	8:00 am	+Antonio Nudo
	7:00 pm	+All Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Apr 5	8:30 am	+Nicolino Palazzo
	5:00 pm	+Stephen Lappin
Sun. Apr 6	8:00 am	+Sheila Rodrigues
	9:30 am	+Angelo & +Rosina Corvinelli & Famiglia +Francesco Boragina
	11:00 am	+Americo Rodrigues & +Izelina Frade +Borislav Klecina +Dolores Di Bratto +Rudi, +Stipan & +Marija Begic +Armando Durante +Gilberta Raposo & +Jose Faial Spec. Int. for Benjamin & Brielle Mordovine
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	Spec. Int. for Nancy on her 48 th birthday Spec. Int. for Diana on her 51 st birthday

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