

# ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 11 - 17, 2021

---

**Thank you for your ongoing financial support  
during these hard times.**

#### **Ways to support your Parish**

- **Drop off** your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office. Sealed envelopes may be dropped off through the mail box slot of the parish office door.
- **Mail** your regular weekly offertory contribution to:  
St. Mary Immaculate Church  
10295 Yonge St.  
Richmond Hill, Ontario  
L4C 3B9
- Visit our **Donate Now** page <https://community.archtoronto.org/> and select the region for our parish from the map. You will be taken to a page that allows you to choose your parish, amount of your gift – one-time or recurring and payment method – credit card or chequing account.
- You can contribute to the offertory via **on-line banking** – similar to how you may be paying your utility bills. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org). In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one-time or recurring gift to your offertory. This is the most cost effective way to donate electronically.

**Thank you for your generosity and many contributions to our parish community!**

## **SCHEDULE OF LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**(Livestream Masses are available on YouTube channel, SMI Parish)**

### **Sunday Masses**

**9:30 am Italian**

**11:00 am in English**

## **RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Every Sunday**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am**

**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

The service will take no more than 5 minutes. Parishioners are asked to line up at the entrance door. A volunteer will be welcoming parishioners and asking for your name and phone number for contact tracing. Only 9 parishioners at a time will be allowed to come inside. After the final blessing, parishioners are asked to leave the Church using the exit doors. This will allow the next group to come in and repeat the steps. NO one will be allowed to stay in the Church.

## **THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK**

<b>Tuesday, Jan 12</b>	Memorial	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin
<b>Wednesday, Jan 13</b>	Memorial	St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

## **READINGS THIS WEEK**

**10** Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7: Acts 10.34-38: Mark 1.7-11

**11** Hebrews 1.1-6: Mark 1.14-20

**12** Hebrews 2.5-12: Mark 1.21-28

**13** Hebrews 2.14-18: Mark 1.29-39

**14** Hebrews 3.7-14: Mark 1.40-45

**15** Hebrews 4.1-5, 11: Mark 2.1-12

**16** Hebrews 4.12-16: Mark 2.13-17



## **Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord**

Sometimes I find a word that seems to follow me around until I pay attention to it. For many years now that word for me has been “yield”.

Yield. It’s a word so full of grace that we need to just lean into it, just rest with it and let its mysterious comfort seep into us. What would it be like if we allowed ourselves to yield in our family relationships and, mercifully, allowed each of our flawed siblings and parents and children to just be themselves? The truth is, in a thousand ways unknown to us they have yielded in their desire to change us over the years too.

Jesus began his public ministry not by teaching or healing, but by yielding. He yielded to the chilly waters of the Jordan, though before the beginning of time he shaped the mountains whose snows would feed that river. He yielded to time and place and asked John to baptize him, though John was astonished that the sinless One would allow such an irony.

John had to yield too. He would have much preferred to be baptized by Jesus, but he “allowed” it, he yielded to it, because Jesus asked him to. He immediately received the graces from yielding, because then he witnessed the heavens opening and the announcement of Jesus as the Beloved Son of God.

Is there a chronic sadness or dis-ease in your life because you keep going over and over the mistakes you’ve made, or the injustices you’ve experienced, long ago? Aren’t you tired yet? Try giving up the struggle. Yield. And then let peace flow like a river.

*Have you experienced a recent grace from “yielding”?*

Kathy McGovern ©2021 [www.thestoryandyou.com](http://www.thestoryandyou.com)

## **PARISH OFFICE**

will be working remotely. Phone calls and emails will be answered during regular hours from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, excluding lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 pm.

## **2021 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

If you would like to have your 2021 Parish offertory envelope box delivered to you, please contact the Parish office and provide us with your envelope box number.

## CLASSES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIC CHILDREN

Under normal circumstances classes are held in the Parish hall. However, this year due to COVID-19 the classes will be held virtually. The classes are intended to assist parents, the primary faith teachers, in their children's Faith journey and in preparing them to receive the Sacraments. Classes begin **next week** via the Parish Zoom account. Parents of the children requiring the classes will receive an email with the zoom invitation. Children are encouraged to watch the livestreamed **Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am** via YouTube at SMI Parish. See our website under "virtual programs" for more information, dates and times.

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

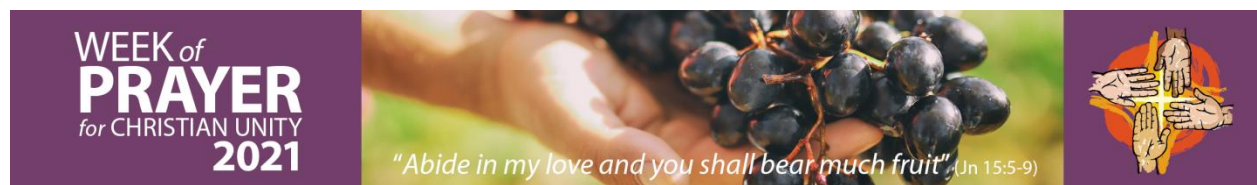
The Sunday School program and the Children's Liturgy program have started up again after the holidays. It's not too late to register. See our website under "virtual programs" for more information.

### CWL GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

will be held via Parish zoom this **Monday, January 11** beginning at 7 pm. The Zoom meeting invite will be sent to Members via email.

### CWL MEMBERSHIP MONTH

CWL is accepting 2021 CWL Membership Renewals and New Members. Please consider inviting a friend to join! Payment of \$25 may be dropped through the Parish Office mail slot, marked **CWL Membership** on the outside of the envelope. Please include changes to your contact information, such as new address, telephone number and email address, with your payment. Cheques should be made payable to SMI CWL. Kindly submit your membership renewal by **January 31, 2021**. Thank you to the Members who have already renewed for 2021 and to all for your ongoing support of SMI CWL.



### JANUARY 18-25, 2021

This year's theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. John 15:5-9). The Annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held virtually on **Sunday January 24, 2021 at 4.00 p.m.** The link on Facebook is: <https://www.facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch>. We are reminded of the commitment

to which all disciples are called: "Change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name, 'spiritual ecumenism'." (*Unitatis redintegratio*, 8). Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Sisters of Life and wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus for the Church.

### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 Weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the separated/divorced in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include audio/video media, handouts and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion.

#### **Program Goals**

- Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning
- Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss
- Developing skills for emotional management and practical care
- Renewing faith and rediscovery of personal spirituality

The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened prior to being considered for admittance into the program.

#### **Online Bereavement Introductory Program**

**Start date & time: Wednesday January 13, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

#### **Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program**

**Start date & time: Thursday January 14, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

Total cost: no charge. For more information and to register please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 or email [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com). We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds.

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (VIRTUAL)**

Our Parish is offering virtual marriage preparation course. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

**Spring session: February 17 – March 26, 2021**

If you are planning to marry in the near future and would like to register, contact the Parish office.

### **LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR NEEDED AT ST. ANNE C.E.S.**

Kindly let us know if you or a person you know may be interested in assisting us as a Lunch Time Supervisor on a daily basis from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Smith by email at [martina.smith@ycdsb.ca](mailto:martina.smith@ycdsb.ca).

## **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 [office@smirh.com](mailto:office@smirh.com).

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Lou Gerardi, Anthony, Barbara, Richard McIsaac, Deb McIntosh, Bill Tobin, Sandi Weinholdt, Mafalda Caleffi, Assunta Mazzotta

## **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.

	<b>JAN 11 - 17: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:</b> Special Intention for Bosco & Olive Mendonca & Family
---	--

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Fathers will continue to celebrate 3 Masses daily and are praying for your Mass intentions. Contact the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours to request a Mass intention for a loved one, deceased or living.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS JAN 11 – JAN 17</b>		
<b>Mon. Jan 11</b>		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tues. Jan 12</b>		+Thomas Alexander +Butch & +Beth Lacson
<b>Wed. Jan 13</b>		+Jose Pereira
<b>Thur. Jan 14</b>		Spec. Int. for Mark & Enza
<b>Fri. Jan 15</b>		+Members of the Naughton family
<b>Sat. Jan 16</b>		+Members of the Paxton family +Guido Iapaolo Spec. Int. for Carol Morra Spec. Int. for Nick & Susan Lombardi Spec. Int. for Rocca & Gabriele Mansur
<b>Sun. Jan 17</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	+Caterina Maria Boragina +Alda Antonielli +Anna Crimi
	<b>11:00 am</b>	People of St. Mary Immaculate +Najebeh Zakhem Isa & +Richard Isa +Maria Zeppieri +Paul Joseph Ricciardi +Lorenzo & +Elvira De Santis Spec. Int. for Aubrey Balthazaar on his birthday