



ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 22 - 28, 2021

We are delighted to announce that effective Monday, February 22, the Church will re-open at 30% capacity

Daily Schedule

Monday – Thursday

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am – 9:00 am Rosary and Private Prayer

Friday

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am – 9:30 am Adoration, Rosary and Private Prayer

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Mass

Saturday

8:30 am Mass followed with the Rosary

4:00 pm Confessions

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass in Italian (will also be live-streamed)

11:00 am Mass (will also be live-streamed)

12:30 pm Mass

4:30 pm Mass



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

Ways to support your Parish

- **At Mass** in the offertory collection basket.
- **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. 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 LIVE-STREAM MASSES

(Live-stream Masses are available on YouTube channel, SMI Parish)

Sunday Masses

9:30 am in Italian

11:00 am in English



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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb 22	Feast	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
Tuesday, Feb 23	Memorial	St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

READINGS THIS WEEK

21 Genesis 9.8-15: 1 Peter 3.18-22: Mark 1.12-15

22 1 Peter 5.1-4: Matthew 16.13-19

23 Isaiah 55.10-11: Matthew 6.7-15

24 Jonah 3.1-10: Luke 11.29-32

25 Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14: Matthew 7.7-12

26 Ezekiel 18.21-28: Matthew 5.20-26

27 Deuteronomy 26.16-19: Matthew 5.43-48

PARISH MISSION

All are invited to join 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm live-streamed via YouTube, SMI Parish

Wednesday, February 24

"The Importance of the prayer especially the Rosary in our lives"

Conducted by Fr. Victor Boiragi

Thursday, February 25

"The Pillars of Lent"

Conducted by Fr. Peter Paul

Friday, February 26

"Living the Christian Life during Pandemic"

Conducted by our Pastor, Fr. Pawel Zborowski



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SHARELIFE IMPACT REPORT

So many of our parishioners gave generously to the ShareLife Campaign in 2020, despite COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of masses for much of the year.

The difference you've made through your gift is detailed in ShareLife's 2020 Impact Report. From mental health services, to support for seniors, to assistance for young mothers: the report includes inspiring stories of real people you've helped during the pandemic.

The 2020 edition adopts a new interactive format, providing a fresh, engaging way to learn about the work of ShareLife and Catholic Charities agencies. To view the interactive report online, visit sharelife.org/impact. To request a printed copy, please email slife@archtoronto.org.

Thank you for living the Gospel!

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

First Sunday of Lent

Many years ago I was hospitalized several times over the course of five months. Probably the most visceral memory I have of that terrible time is of a recurring dream. The Greeks had it right when they named “Morpheus” (morphine) the god of dreams. If you’ve ever spent a length of time on morphine I’ll bet you’ve had some awful dreams too.

In this dream I was on an escalator, going down, down. There was no escape, no hope. I remember thinking how odd it was that everyone was on the escalator, everyone was doomed to an eternity of going down without any glimpse of sky or light, and yet we all kept pretending that we didn’t realize this.

Through the grace of God and the strength of the prayers of hundreds of people, I recovered. And over time the dream lost its power, so much so that, nearly fourteen years later, I have to work to remember it at all.

But when I think of the Great Flood, the terrible waters covering the earth and all that dwelt upon it, I remember that feeling of going down, down. A catastrophic flood is related in several ancient texts. There seems to be, lodged in our universal collective unconscious, a sense that we are traveling down, down, without hope of rescue.



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But, stronger than death, Rescue did arrive, and even the torments of Satan couldn't keep him from us. Such is the fierce love of Jesus. The early Christians imaged the Church as a boat on high seas, keeping us up, up. Jesus commands that boat, of course. Grab on that boat. Grab on to Jesus. He will raise you up.

How will you cling to Jesus this Lent as you exercise a new discipline?

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PARISH OFFICE

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

2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

This year due to COVID-19 restrictions and parishioners not being able to come to the Church to collect their tax receipts, **upon request**, we will mail out the tax receipts. Please contact the parish office if you would like your tax receipt mailed.

ALTAR SERVERS

You are invited to join Fr. Peter in an enriching zoom meeting **Sunday, February 28, at 6:30 pm for children & teens and 7:30 pm for adults**. If you have not received your zoom invitation link, please contact the parish office.

THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Pray the rosary together with the Rosary Apostolate Ministry virtually via Parish zoom **Friday, March 5 at 9:30 am**. Contact Laura Rizzi at laura.rizzi@rogers.com for more information.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Share discussions with others in a welcoming, non-judgmental online forum. Facilitator: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE. Register at: <https://rpyy.eventbrite.ca> or for more information please email: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session, launching on **Wednesday February 24 at 7:00 pm**.

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Group, launching on **Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 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 office@smirh.com.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Sandi Weinholdt, Rafaella Caldarola, Angela Palazzo, Mariann Wisniewski, Mabelle Pugliese Thompson, Sebastian Henriques, Margaret McLaughlin, Immacolata (Emma) D'Alessandro

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

Mauro Alanis, Alice Ward and Francesco Soscia

**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.



FEB 22 - 28: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

Special Intention for Ciuffetta Family



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MASS INTENTIONS

As we re-open the Church, offer your Mass intentions for loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

MASS INTENTIONS FEB 22 – FEB 28		
Mon. Feb 22		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues. Feb 23		Private Intentions
Wed. Feb 24		+Bridgit Di Ponzio
Thur. Feb 25		+Zhi Zhang
Fri. Feb 26		+Members of the Madden & Winton Families +Maria Di Placido Spec. Int. for Elaine Hillberger & family
Sat. Feb 27		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Feb 28	9:30 am	Private Intentions
	11:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate +Maria Zeppieri +Bridgit Di Ponzio +Evelyn & +Wilfrid Muldoon +Mary Holt +Yustina & +Gaudensia +Marg Shanks Spec. Int. for Angela Puopolo Spec. Int. for Mr. & Mrs. Storey Thanksgiving for Gonzaga Family

St. Michael the Archangel

defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander throughout the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.