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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!



Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

I read a shattering book over the Christmas season. *A Radical Faith: the Assassination of Sr. Maura* by Eileen Markey follows the life of Maryknoll sister Maura Clarke, from her childhood in Rockaway Beach, NY, through her long and heroic years serving the poor of Nicaragua. After a three-year return to the U.S. to educate on the wars in Central America, she was sent to the El Salvador, the most violent country on the planet in 1980.

From whence does one summon the courage to say goodbye to one's beloved family to go to 1980s El Salvador? Everyone begged her to stay. But a lifetime of caring for starving women and children in Nicaragua had forged in her a rock-hard commitment to live and die with the poorest of the poor.

Soon after, she attended a conference of Religious Communities in Nicaragua. She and Sr. Ita Ford told the harrowing stories of beheadings in the street, and execution squads dragging young seminarians out of classes. And why were they there in Nicaragua? Because they *wanted to ask more Maryknoll sisters and priests to move to El Salvador with them.*

I think of this courage as I read today that, after the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus left the safe environs of the tiny town of Nazareth to follow John's path to martyrdom. As Mahri Leonard-Fleckman writes, he "took up John's torch, and fulfilled John's prophecies." He could have safely lived out his life in his small village. Instead, he moved out into the bustling city of Capernaum and began his public ministry. Which led, of course, to his death.

The word martyr means "witness." Pray that we never forget.

Who are the martyrs who have most inspired you?

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2022 TAX RECEIPTS

2022 tax receipts are now available. Please contact the Parish office to arrange pick up or to have them mailed to you.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING—REMINDER NOTICES

Reminder Notices have been sent out to a number of Parish Volunteers over the past few weeks. Volunteer Screening is done in every Parish across the Archdiocese and is part of the process to protect our Parish community and our Volunteers.

If you have received an email requesting an update to your Screening, please complete the steps today!

Any questions can be directed to our Screening Committee at stmaryimmaculaterivs@archtoronto.org.

Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study on
Jesus - The Way, The Truth, And The Life.
 Don't Miss This Wonderful And Important Study About
 Our Savior.
January 31, 2023 to March 28, 2023
2 sessions being offered!
Tuesday mornings 9:15 am - 11:15 am
Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 Contact Parish office to register.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tues. Jan 24	Memorial	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor
Wed. Jan 25	Feast	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Thurs. Jan 26	Memorial	St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops
Fri. Jan 27	Memorial	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Sat. Jan 28	Memorial	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 22 Isaiah 9.1-4: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18: Matthew 4.12-23
- 23 Hebrews 9.15, 24-28: Mark 3.22-30
- 24 Hebrews 10.1-10: Mark 3.31-35
- 25 Acts 22.3-16 or Acts 9.1-22: Mark 16.15-18
- 26 2 Timothy 1.1-8 or Titus 1.1-5:no.724(8), p. 812: Luke 10.1-9
- 27 Hebrews 10.32-39: Mark 4.26-34
- 28 Hebrews 11.1-2, 8-19: Mark 4.35-41

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

are available 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 that are not picked up will be reassigned to other parishioners. We ask that you do not use envelopes from previous years. **Ensure to print**



**VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 11**

Join us for a great meal, good fellowship and fun together with our parish family. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets go on sale in the Church foyer after all Masses this weekend, **January 21-22**. Adults \$60, children \$25 and a table of 10 can be reserved in advance. Tickets available in the Parish office during the week.

NEW BEGINNINGS

**Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session:
January 25, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

Register at: <https://nbbd01.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session: January 26, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbsdd01.eventbrite.ca>

For more information, contact Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes

depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m.** This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

A special Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 12, 2023** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at **2:30 pm** by His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen. All married couples, particularly those who will celebrate a milestone anniversary are welcome to attend. Registration for this event is required. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Parish is offering marriage preparation course.

Spring session: February 15 - March 22, 2023

Fall session: October 11 - November 15, 2023

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

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tessa Curti, Jinxuan Qu, Noel Raj & Ethan Raymond Chang
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!

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.

JAN 16 - 22: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Francesco Piacente
&
+Ciraco Marianna

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, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Monica Cozzolino, Robert Harvey, Phing Yoek, Reynolds Kanary, Vera, Maria D'Souza

MASS INTENTIONS JAN 23 – JAN 29

Mon. Jan 23	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Rocca & Gabriel Mansur
Tues. Jan 24	8:00 am	+Mr. Yan Hua Chien
Wed. Jan 25	8:00 am	+Alfonso & +Juliana Banta
Thurs. Jan 26	8:00 am	+Victor Mannella
Fri. Jan 27	8:00 am	+Catherine Mudama
Sat. Jan 28	8:30am	+Peter Yang +Frank Caldarola For Intentions placed in a Prayer Box Special Intentions for Thomas Family
	5:00 pm	+Toni & +Angelo Cappacchione
Sun. Jan 29	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Phing Yoek
	9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccileri +Gemma Polito
	11:00 am	+Jim McLaughlin +Calogero LoBianco +Adir Visconti +Lino & +Dina Ferro +Sergio Totolo +Chris Dissanayake +Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+George Fernandopulle +Antonietta Della Rossa



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