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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!

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

I hate drinking water when I'm not thirsty, and, due to my sedentary lifestyle, I'm almost never thirsty. But there it sits, the chart of the eight empty boxes I'm supposed to check off, as I gag down those 64 ounces of water every day. It's like having a full-time job. It's got great benefits, but you actually have to put in the work to get them.

Metaphorically speaking, I don't think we as a culture are very much in touch with our thirst either. There's too many things pretending to be water. We can shove our thirst underground with endless diversions. (I gave up scrolling the internet for Lent, by the way, and all of a sudden I notice my thirst for the living God. It turns out I'm thirsty after all.) Thank God for Lent.

The thing about thirst is that, since we don't know we're thirsty, dehydration creeps up on us. We're feeling achy, our brain is foggy. We blame it on everything else but the culprit: we don't thirst for water. The opposite scenario is that we're sick with illnesses that deplete our fluids, and all of a sudden dehydration is suffocating us.

In the chapel at the Samaritan House in Denver there is a crucifix, and the last words of Jesus underneath it: *I thirst*. Guests at the shelter are often found there, prostrate underneath the crucifix. They are dying of thirst, dying for recovery from poverty, dying for the deep love of Jesus.

Has dehydration set in in your soul? Have you thirsted for that which doesn't satisfy? Tell Jesus that you thirst for him. The great gift is that he is even thirstier for you.

What ways have you used to divert yourself from your thirst for Jesus?

Kathy McGovern©2023 www.thestoryandyou.com

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Fri. Mar 17	Memorial	St. Patrick, Bishop
Sat. Mar 18	Memorial	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 12 Exodus 17.3-7: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8: John 4.5-42 (longer) or John 4.5-15, 19-26, 39a, 40-42 (shorter)
- 13 2 Kings 5.1-15a: Luke 4.24-30
- 14 Daniel 3.25, 34-43: Matthew 18.21-35
- 15 Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9: Matthew 5.17-19
- 16 Jeremiah 7.23-28: Luke 11.14-23
- 17 Hosea 14.1-9: Mark 12.28b-34
- 18 Hosea 5.15b – 6.6++: Luke 18.9-14

CWL RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

will be available in the Church foyer following all Masses this weekend, **March 11/12**. Many beautiful statues and gifts for Holy Communion and Confirmation are available.

LENENT FRIDAY SCHEDULE

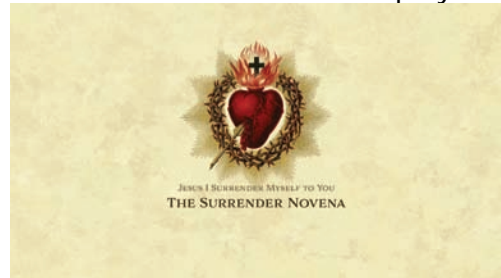
- 8:00 am** Mass
- 1:00 pm** Stations of the Cross (Italian)
- 5:30 pm** SMI Lenten Soup Kitchen (donations go to the poor)
- 6:30 pm** Stations of the Cross
- First Fridays of the Month 7:00 pm** Mass after Stations of the Cross

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.

SURRENDER NOVENA BEGINS THURSDAY, MARCH 23

visit our website for Novena prayer.



ALTAR SERVERS GATHERING & REVIEW TRAINING

All youth and adult altar servers are invited to a gathering and review training session, **Sunday, March 26 after the 4:30 pm Mass**. Parents of the youth are also invited. New members are welcome to join. After the review training session, pizza will be served in the Fr. Kolbe room. Come hungry. See you there.



First ShareLife Sunday is **March 26**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$175,000.00**. More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online at <https://sharelife.org/donate/>

MARCH 12, 2023



Listen to the Podcast on Lent on Catholic Espresso with Fr. Pawel and co-host Russell Hoyt from Texas. Visit <https://anchor.fm/catholicspresso> or our website for the link.

 **Mark Your Calendar** 

SMI SPRING GALA
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023
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 Tickets on Sale in the Church foyer and Parish office

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on **Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. Given capacity restrictions, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org. Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Northern region on **Monday, April 17, 2023 at St. Mary's Parish, Barrie – 7 p.m.** A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

2023 REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees has launched its 2023 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This program assists parishioners who would like to sponsor family members who are in need of refugee resettlement. If you would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor.

14TH ANNUAL - DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Old Mill Toronto Event Venue

21 Old Mill Road Toronto, ON M8X 1G5

Opening Mass celebrated by

**Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB,
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto**

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Speakers & Topics:

Sister Deirdre Byrne

The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady

Dr. Josephine Lombardi

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Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik

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Dorothy Pilarski

Why minister to moms? – How to Start a Catholic Moms Group Limited Seating!

Register at dynamicwomenfaith.com

Questions? CONTACT: 416-907-1042

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Aryah Guilia Demasi

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.

MAR 13 - 19: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Giuseppe Totino

&

+Giuseppina Totino

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 Clyde, Clara Pacitti, Monica Cozzolino, Robert Harvey, Phing Yoek, Vera, Maria D'Souza, Sophie Bilkovski, Fausto Iampieri, Nicholas Crimi, Joanne MacAmarra

MASS INTENTIONS MAR 13 – MAR 19

Day	Time	Intention
Mon. Mar 13	8:00 am	+Giuseppe Giusti
Tues. Mar 14	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Margaret Stecker
Wed. Mar 15	8:00 am	Spec. Int. of Laura Rizzi
Thurs. Mar 16	8:00 am	+Frank Palazzo
Fri. Mar 17	8:00 am	+Raffaella Caldarola
Sat. Mar 18	8:30am	+Antonia Ruscica +Paolo & +Maria Ditta +All Deceased members of the Ahlowalia Family
	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving for Blessings received
Sun. Mar 19	8:00 am	+Giuseppe Totino
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Antionietta & +Giuseppe Di Giuseppe +Aristodemo Nello Fabbri +Giuseppe Marini +Dante Gibellini
	11:00 am	+Chris Dissanayake +Calogero LoBianco +Alejandra & +Filipinas Baptista +Marisca & +Antonio Caldana Spec. Int. of Joseph & Marilou Rey on their wedding anniversary
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+William Mores



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