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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Every three years we circle back to this story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This is the week when we picture Martha, rushing to meet Jesus, who waited a full two days before setting out to Bethany after hearing the news of Lazarus' illness.

They greet each other, and then, immediately, Martha's words of indictment: *Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.* That's the killer, the stab to the heart, because it strikes so close to home. How many losses have we suffered, crying *Lord, if you had heard my prayers, this death would not have happened?*

My experience of grief is, first, we have to forgive Jesus for not being there to save our loved one from death. Second, we acknowledge him next to us at the tomb, weeping. Third, we find ourselves upheld by Martha's words, "even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." And then the journey of making sense of our grief, and our faith, begins. There is something holy about grief. We enter into a sacred space, where outlines of our loved one begin to fill in, and we know them better in death than in life.

Those who identify as agnostic or atheist will read this story and ask, "Did Jesus save your loved one from death? I was at the funeral." Those who cling to their baptism, and their faith, will bring Martha to memory and say, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ."

It is the Christ who journeys with us in all the years after loss, planting in us resurrection seeds.

Has deep grief drawn you closer to Christ?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Sat. Apr 1	First Saturday of the month	We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary
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READINGS THIS WEEK

- 26 Ezekiel 37.12-14: Romans 8.8-11: John 11.1-45 (longer) or John 11.3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (shorter)
- 27 Daniel 13.1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64++ (longer) or Daniel 13.2, 4-6, 8, 15-16, 19-23, 28, 41-46, 48-64++ (shorter): John 8.1-11
- 28 Numbers 21.4-9: John 8.21-30
- 29 Daniel 3.13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95++: John 8.31-42
- 30 Genesis 17.3-9: John 8.51-59
- 31 Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13++: John 10.31-42
- 1 Ezekiel 37.21-28: John 11.45-57

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus food drive in support of the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank this weekend, **March 25/26**. Please drop off your non-perishable food items and the Knights will ensure that your donation reaches those who need it most.

LENTEN 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

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 5 – Confessions

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 11:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 pm The Lord's Passion
3:00 pm The Lord's Passion

5:00 pm The Lord's Passion (Italian)

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8

11:00 am Blessing of Easter Food ("Swienconka")

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9

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

EASTER FLOWERS

Those interested in donating Easter lilies and hydrangeas for Easter are asked to drop them off by **April 5** to the parish office. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS GATHERING & REVIEW TRAINING

All youth and adult altar servers are invited to a gathering and review training session this **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.



5th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins:

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

Our parish goal this year is **\$175,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

You are invited to join the **33 Days to Morning Glory** program in preparation for **Marian Consecration on Saturday, May 13**, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Even if you have previously participated in the program, you are encouraged to revitalize your love to Our Lady. The 6 week program begins **Monday, April 3 from 7:00 pm–8:30 pm** in the Parish hall. Contact the parish office to register.



REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK

Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans and all those involved with Holy Week Liturgies are invited to attend rehearsal for Holy Thursday and Good Friday on **Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm** in the Church.

Those involved with Easter Vigil Liturgies are invited for rehearsal on **Saturday, April 8 at 9:30 am** in the Church.

SMI SPRING GALA
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023
ASCOTT PARC EVENT CENTRE
2839 RUTHERFORD RD. CONCORD, ONT
Tickets on Sale in the Church foyer and Parish office

MASS OF WELCOME FOR BISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO

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.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Avery Kate Enriquez, Orlando Francis De Thomasi & Mateo Nico Melillo

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 27 – APR 2: THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:
 +Joseph Fitzpatrick

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, Mariana Santaguida, Janine Alexander & Family, Stephen Ahlowalia, Louis Gerardi

MASS INTENTIONS MAR 27 – APR 2

Mon. Mar 27	8:00 am	+Clara Curcione
Tues. Mar 28	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for the healing of Lara Sterzing
Wed. Mar 29	8:00 am	+Wenshuo Fan
Thurs. Mar 30	8:00 am	+Onnick Marinosyan
Fri. Mar 31	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Blessings received
Sat. Apr 1	8:30 am	Spec. Int. for Anil Ahlowalia & Family
	5:00 pm	+Carlo Giraudi
Sun. Apr 2	8:00 am	Blessings for Alejandro Francia on his birthday
	9:30 am	+Maria Giancola & Family
	11:00 am	+Rosanna Marchese +Pietro & +Concetta Scalzone +Mario & +Rosina Lanzellotti +For All Souls of Purgatory
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate +Antonio Brancato
	4:30 pm	+Domenico & +Concetta Salvaggio



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