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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!

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Sacred Conversations

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 21 Acts 1.1-11; Ephesians 1.17-23; Matthew 28.16-20
- 22 Acts 19.1-8; John 16.29-33
- 23 Acts 20.17-27; John 17.1-11a
- 24 Acts 20.28-38; John 17.11b-19
- 25 Acts 22.30; 23.6-11; John 17.20-26
- 26 Acts 24.27; 25.13b-21++; John 21.15-19
- 27 Acts 28.16-20, 30-31; John 21.20-25

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

Last week we resolved to begin our Pentecost novena either last Thursday, or today. Imagine that all the readers of this column around the country are praying together, right now. Our prayer is that we would be ready to give a reason for our HOPE. It's hard to find HOPE at times, I know. As I read back on last year's novena, I see heartfelt prayers for a swift end to Russia's war in Ukraine. We prayed that Vladimir Putin would have a conversion experience. We prayed that those who were trapped in Ukraine would find a safe way out. We prayed this novena for nine days, right up to Pentecost of last year. I'm going to pray it again this year, and for as long as it takes. But I want to suggest another novena that's closer to home this year. It was so inspiring---so HOPEFUL---to see the lines of cars lined up last month in our parish parking lot. They had come to surrender any weapons from their homes. We recovered 58 guns, several of which were assault weapons. It's a drop in the bucket, of course, but there's no stopping a moment whose time has come. And so, I offer this Novena Prayer:
O God of peace, we couldn't have imagined that the Second Amendment would serve as a shield for mass murderers. But here we are, God, the land of the free and home of the brave, dying every day of terrible mass shootings and mass murders because of our RIGHTS. This is the reason for our HOPE: hearts can be changed, if not amendments. Change our hearts this day. We pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN.
Who will you talk to about how easy it is to surrender a firearm?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. May 22	Memorial	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Wed. May 24	Memorial	Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau, Bishop
Thurs. May 25	Memorial	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor St. Gregory VII, Pope St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
Fri. May 26	Memorial	St. Philip Neri, Priest
Sat. May 27	Memorial	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

PARISH OFFICE

will be closed **Monday, May 22** for Victoria Day statutory holiday.

Happy Victoria Day!



Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023

ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

CWL RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

will be available in the Church foyer following all Masses next weekend, **May 27-28**. Many beautiful statues and gifts for Holy Communion and Confirmation are available at reduced prices.

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

of Saint Mary Immaculate Conference is requesting the support of all parishioners to provide Walmart/Dollarama/PC Gift Cards or drop off specific items only: Instant Oatmeal (big bags), Mashed potatoes, Lipton dehydrated chicken noodle or onion NOT dry or dehydrated veggies, Canned vegetable mix, Tin/Canned corn, Cake Mix (Betty Crocker-chocolate, vanilla, angel cake) and place the items in the large pink bin available next weekend, **May 27-28**, in the Church foyer. The goal is to fill a sea container by July, with the contributions of other York South Particular Council Conferences, to feed our Poor Indigenous Neighbours in Need who live in Taloyoak, Nunavut. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in this mission of charity and justice."



The Coins for Life boxes are available at all the entrances to the Church.

Boxes to be returned by June 11.

Every coin makes a difference and helps CLC to run the annual National March for Life in Ottawa. By putting aside your loose change, you are helping support the many pro-life initiatives that spread awareness and give a voice to the unborn. Keep us in your prayers and join us if you can. We need more volunteers for this work of God. For more information call CLC, 416-204-9749 or 1-800-730-5358.



Sunday, June 25, 2023
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
 SMI's Annual Parish
 Picnic & BBQ
 In the Church parking lot

SMI PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Join Fr. Nicetus, our Associate, as spiritual leader on this 9 days pilgrimage, **February 22 – March 1, 2024**. For more details, please contact the Parish office or Halina at International Heritage Tours, 416-444-6666, 1-877-999-8868 ext. 315 or at halina@ihtours.com.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 Darryl Clyde Valdrez Yagin, Amelia Adu
 & Alexander James De Vera
 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!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 To the children who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this week. May they love Him with all their hearts and forever live faithfully. May God bless their parents and bestow upon them the gift of deep faith and peace in their hearts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS
 +Rosaria Di Luciano, +Joanne Bailey & +Teresa Giusti
 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.

MAY 22 - 28: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:
 +Vincenzo Di Pede
 &
 +Gino & +Luisa Toffoli

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, Joseph Rybka, Janet Farrar, Beth Constable

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 22 – MAY 28		
Mon. May 22	8:00 am	+Benito & +Attilio Chiaravalloti
Tues. May 23	8:00 am	+Ta-Chuan Cheng
Wed. May 24	8:00 am	+Gerry Giovannone
Thurs. May 25	8:00 am	+Joseph Magnotta
Fri. May 26	8:00 am	+Wai Chow
Sat. May 27	8:30 am	+Marija & +Joseph Ruza For Intentions placed in a Prayer box
	5:00 pm	Spec. Int. for the D'Sylva & Quadros Families
Sun. May 28	8:00 am	+Raniero & +Angelo Grossi
	9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccileri +Filomena Santopolo +Pasqualina & +Domenico D'Agostini +Domenica & +Pietro Tuzi +Benedetto Di Ponio +Luigi Tomasone +Sabatino Di Giulio
	11:00 am	+Matteo & +Raffaello D'Addario +Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini +Domenic Troiano +Nicola, +Emidio & +Marcello Frasca +Caeyetano Gene Manago +Tony, +Dino & +Dorindo Capacchione +Teresia Spiehs Spec. Int. for Benjamin, Hannah & Liam Kats
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate +Angelo Occhiogrosso
	4:30 pm	Spec. Int. for Andrew Miller



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