

# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

131 BIRCHMOUNT ROAD, SCARBOROUGH, ON M1N 3J7

Tel: 416.691.6968 Fax: 416.691.3947

[immaculatechurch@rogers.com](mailto:immaculatechurch@rogers.com)

[www.immaculateheartofmarysc.archtoronto.org](http://www.immaculateheartofmarysc.archtoronto.org)

Rev Fr Peter Tammearu, Pastor



## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

## CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.45 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

[ihmsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:ihmsacraments@gmail.com)

## SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Please make an appointment to see the pastor

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please call 647.428.2880

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Darlene Barron, President 416.264.6407

## LEGION OF MARY

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

## OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Peter Gitendran, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Mass at 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2017

### The Immaculate Conception

#### 1. Who does the Immaculate Conception refer to?

There's a popular idea that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary.

It doesn't. Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived.

This conception was not virginal. (That is, she had a human father as well as a human mother.) But it was special and unique in another way. . . .



#### 2. What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way:

**490** To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

**491** Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

#### 3. Does this mean Mary never sinned?

Yes. Because of the way redemption was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception, she not only was protected from contracting original sin but also personal sin.

#### 4. Does this mean Mary didn't need Jesus to die on the Cross for her?

No. What we've already quoted states that Mary was immaculately conceived as part of her being "full of grace" and thus "redeemed from the moment of her conception" by "a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race."

#### 5. How does this make Mary a parallel of Eve?

Adam and Eve were both created immaculate--without original sin or its stain. They fell from grace, and through them mankind was bound to sin.

Christ and Mary were also conceived immaculate. They remained faithful, and through them mankind was redeemed from sin.

Christ is thus the New Adam, and Mary the New Eve.

#### 6. How does this make Mary an icon of our own destiny?

Those who die in God's friendship and thus go to heaven will be freed from all sin and stain of sin. We will thus all be rendered "immaculate" (Latin, *immaculatus* = "stainless") if we remain faithful to God.

Even in this life, God purifies us and trains us in holiness and, if we die in his friendship but imperfectly purified, he will purify us in purgatory and render us immaculate.

By giving Mary this grace from the first moment of her conception, God showed us an image of our own destiny. He shows us that this is possible for humans by his grace.

#### 7. Was it necessary for God to make Mary immaculate at her conception so that she could be Jesus' mother?

No. The Church only speaks of the Immaculate Conception as something that was "fitting," something that made Mary a "fit habitation" (i.e., suitable dwelling) for the Son of God, not something that was necessary.



## Mass Intentions

#### Monday December 4

##### St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm For the intentions of Fr. Desmond Broderick  
*requested by Teresa Buettner*

#### Tuesday December 5

12:05 pm † Denise Marie Connors  
*requested by her father, Jim Connors*

#### Wednesday December 6

##### St. Nicholas Bishop

12:05 pm † Fr. John Yu  
*requested by his family*

#### Thursday December 7

##### St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm In honour of Our Lady  
*requested by Jane Rocha*

#### Friday December 8

##### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm † Asuncion & Cecilio De Castro Sr.  
*requested by Letty Denovan*

#### Saturday December 9

##### St. Juan Diego

9 am † Santos Antiporda  
*requested by the Mutuc family*

5 pm † Catalino Pasquin  
*requested by Nereza Frias*

#### Sunday December 10

##### [Second Sunday of Advent]

9 am For the People of the Parish

11 am † Anna Recinto  
*requested by the Recinto Family*

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

5 pm 87

9 am 117

11 am 118

OFFERTORY \$1,507.00

43% of our weekly goal of \$3,500

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thursday December 7**

9 am – 12 pm Praying with Scripture  
 7:30 pm – 9 pm Legion of Mary meeting [Seniors]

**Friday December 8**

3:45 – 5 pm Children’s Choir Practice

**Saturday December 9**

3:30 – 4:30 pm Legion of Mary meeting [Juniors]

**Sunday December 10**

9 am – 1:30 pm Legion of Mary Book Barrow  
 2 pm – 5 pm CWL Christmas Pot Luck 

**Mark your calendar**

**Monday December 11**

10 am – 12 pm Day of Confessions

**PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish invites you to join us once again for our Praying with Scripture Series during Advent.



We will explore the Gospel of Luke. This Bible experience begins **Thursday, November 30 and continues for the next three Thursdays, until Thursday, December 21.**

Come and join us as we discover the treasures of Luke’s Gospel through reflection, prayer, and fellowship. All are welcome. The Thursday sessions begin at 10:00 am and finish at 11:30 am in the Rectory basement.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Lorraine Rozario at treacylor@hotmail.com or contact the Parish Office. *BYOB (Bring your own Bible, if you can).*

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. In our parish, the schedule for confession, in addition to the regularly scheduled confessions before the weekday Masses and Saturdays, is as follows:



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 from 10 am – 12 pm. For frequently asked questions on Confession, visit the website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/confession/Pages/FAQ.aspx>**

**WARM DONATIONS FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**



It's that time of the year when the days are shorter and the weather is colder. It also means we are nearing the Christmas season! Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting brand new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and toiletries for our neighbours in need. Boxes of chocolates, cookies and candies are also welcome as a special gift. There is a box located by the entrance of the church where you can drop off your donations or you can contact us for more information. The last day to donate is Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope that this begins your season of giving!



**JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN (1474-1548)**

**Feast Day: December 9**

**Canonized: July 31, 2002**

*Meet the humble man Our Lady of Guadalupe chose to bring her image to the world . . .*



Juan Diego was a native Mexican whose name “Cuauhtlatoatzin” means “the talking eagle.” He was born in Mexico City and converted to Catholicism when he was about 50. On Dec. 9, 1531, Juan Diego was on his way to Mass when the Blessed Mother appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill and asked him to go to the bishop and request in her

name that a shrine be built there. The bishop, the Franciscan Juan de Zumárraga, didn’t believe him and demanded a sign.

On Dec. 12, Juan Diego returned to Tepeyac. Our Lady appeared and instructed him to pick some flowers, miraculously growing on the top of a hill, which she arranged in his *tilma* (a long cloak). He presented them to the astonished bishop and as he let down his *tilma*, the flowers fell to the floor. Juan was surprised when everyone in the room also fell to the floor on their knees - the cloak also bore the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, exactly as she had appeared to Juan. The bishop granted Juan Diego permission to live near the chapel where he had commanded the miraculous image to be preserved. Juan devoted his life to caring for the church and was buried in the chapel.



Pope John Paul II canonized him saying, “*Guadalupe and Juan Diego have a deep ecclesial and missionary meaning and are models of perfectly inculturated evangelization.*”



**11 am Mass**

**Prelude:** Bristol by Malcolm Archer

**Entrance hymn:** #492 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Offertory hymn:** #515 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

**Communion hymn:** #1041 Now in this Banquet

**Concluding hymn:** #500 O Come, Divine Messiah!

**Postlude:** Triptychon St. Michael by Walter Kraft



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>  
 IN THE CHURCH HALL  
 2 pm to 5pm**

The CWL will be having their annual Christmas Pot Luck event. Bring your favourite dish to eat and share with others. Try something new that someone else has made. Make a new friend or catch up with someone you have not seen in a while. The Pot Luck event is the way to share food and fellowship with others in the parish family. Don’t be shy! The event is open to everyone in the parish, so make your favourite dish and bring it along and support your parish. Hope to see many of you there!


**KAY PLUMBING LTD.**  
 • Repairs & Alterations  
 • Remodeling  
 • 24 Hr. Service  
 360 Finchdene Sq., Unit #7  
**(416) 265-2723**

**DEL MARE TRAVEL SERVICES LTD.**  
**Joe Naccarato**  
*President*  
 2324 Danforth Ave.  
**(416) 698-6846**

**MARIO'S SILVERMILE SERVICE CENTRE**  
 Repairs to All Makes & Models  
 3529 Kingston Rd. **(416) 269-6444**

**FRECHETTE LAWN CARE**  
*since 1969*  
**FREE LAWN QUOTE**  
**(416) 261-7848**

**FREE Estate Planning Seminar**  
**1st Tuesday of every month**

Call Ryan to RSVP  
**416-267-4656**  
  
 McDougall & Brown Funeral Home  
 Scarborough Chapel  
 by Arbor Memorial  
 mcdbrownscarb.ca  
Arbor Memorial Inc.

**Paul O'Connor Funeral Home Ltd.**  
*Family owned & operated*  
 1939 Lawrence Avenue East  
 (East of Pharmacy)  
**416-751-7890**

Rod & Joe's **nofrills**™  
 lower food prices  
**2471 KINGSTON ROAD**

**SWISS CHALET HARVEY'S**  
 ROTISSERIE & GRILL  
**Claudio Carreiro**  
 Franchiser/Operator  
 3400 Danforth Ave.  
**416-699-2506**

**Scarboro Interiors Inc.**  
 Custom Upholstery  
 1649 Kingston Rd.  
**416-693-1603**  
 www.scarborointeriors.ca

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES**  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO  
 www.catholic-cemeteries.com  
**Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home**  
**905-889-7467**  
**Christ the King Cemetery 905-471-0121**  
 Our Funeral Home is Now Open at Holy Cross Cemetery

**IT'S WISE to ADVERTISE!**

**Duckworth's Fish & Chips**  
 Since 1956  
 2282 Kingston Rd.  
 2 1/2 Blocks West of Midland  
**416-266-0033**

  
**Jerrett**  
 Funeral Homes


Honoured Provider of Dignity Memorial™  
 660 Kennedy Rd. **416-266-4404**  
  
**Dignity Memorial**


  
**Peter Maxwell, Agent**  
 Home • Auto • Business  
 Life • Disability & Annuities  
 1680 Kingston Rd. at Birchmount  
**416-502-3944**

**TAPWORKS KITCHEN & BATHS**  
 Retail and Renovations  
 3355 Kingston Rd.  
**(416) 266-9111**  
 www.bathroomscanada.com

**FINANCIAL SECURITY PLANNING**

- Segregated funds, RRSPs
- Annuities, RRIFs and LIFs
- Disability insurance
- Critical illness insurance
- Health & dental insurance
- Life insurance
- Business insurance
- Group insurance
- Group retirement plans
- Mortgages
- Mutual funds - RESPs RRSP and RRIFs

 **Freedom 55 Financial**  
A division of London Life Insurance Company

 **QUADRUS**  
Quadrus Investment Services Ltd.

*Your fellow parishioner*  
**PETER DRUM, B.A., CFP, CLU**  
 Certified Financial Planner  
 Investment Representative  
**(416) 291-0451, ext. 267**

Freedom 55 Financial and design are trademarks of London Life Insurance Company. Quadrus Investment Services Ltd. and design are trademarks of Quadrus Investment Services Ltd. used with permission by London Life Insurance Company.

**NORTH SHORES DENTAL**  
**DR. SYDNEY REYES**  
 Implants • Cosmetic • Family Dentistry  
 We Welcome New Patients  
 Book Your Appointment Online  
 916 Kingston Rd. **416.694.8177**  
 (W. of Victoria Park)  
 NorthShoresDental.com

**BREAD KING BAKERIES & DELI**  
 Freshly Baked Daily on Premises!  
 462 Birchmount Rd.  
 Birchmount Plaza  
**416-690-0372**

  
**Shopping Locally Saves Gas**

**HELP WANTED**  
 Liturgical Publications, your weekly bulletin printer has an opening for a **full time Sales Representative**.  
*Base Salary • Commission • Car Allowance • Travel Expenses*  
 If you have a drive to succeed and are self-motivated, email your resume to [salesrep@parishbulletins.com](mailto:salesrep@parishbulletins.com)