

# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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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

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## **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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2017

### *The Glad Season of Advent*

On December we find ourselves in that strange Advent haste that many people call “the Christmas rush.” In our rush and haste we — society — become for a time more like a family than a socio-economic system, as we spend ourselves in a carefully plotted frenzy of shopping, cooking, card-writing, partying, and sometimes praying.

We realize that all of these December-Advent carryings-on are not cut from the same cloth; some are secular and some spiritual, some Christian, some neopagan. Yet we are getting ready for Christmas, for the coming of God in our human flesh.

If we look at the Mother of the Infant Christ, we see prayerful listening, quiet pondering on this Word of God who has taken her flesh and now fills her heart. Then why are we so busy? Why so much urgency that we are caught up and molded by it? But why not urgency? After all, God, not Santa Claus, is coming to town. He is coming as a baby.

Though at the first Christmas all creation was there with Joseph, the angels, the shepherds, the animals, and the star, it was a quiet affair, an intimate “concelebration” of the Blessed Trinity and Mary. Mary’s preparation had, in fact, been busy enough — journeying to her cousin Elizabeth and back, setting up house with a man whose faith was second only to hers, traveling again, her body heavy with the Child, all the way to Bethlehem.

But Christmas still wasn’t quite Christmas. It couldn’t be until that Child had grown and gone forth to create another sort of communion, first in the upper room with his disciples, then on the cross with his blood, and finally, raised up, glorified, enthroned, and empowered to send the Holy Spirit through his transformed flesh into ours.

The Christmas that we are getting ready for couldn’t happen without the Church, and if we want to see the Church celebrating its first Christmas, we look to those gentle yet overwhelming meetings between the risen Christ and his friends, especially the meeting at Emmaus, where he opened the Scriptures to them, made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread, and filled their hearts with the same fire Moses had entered on Mount Sinai.

We look to children, who know how to hope for the fulfillment of a promise that thrills them just because it is bigger than anything they can understand or imagine. Then we find within ourselves the place that hopes to be unimaginably surprised.

Christmas is coming, and we are trying as fast as we can to get there. We are trying to remember the story and fill it with as much love as we can so that our children will understand it and love the Child who is welcoming them from his cradle with so much love. That Child has all the time in the world. For him all the time between his resurrection and his second coming— all of that “already but not yet” that we know so well — is for him time found.

For us it may still be loose change waiting to be added to the treasure of the Kingdom by faith and love, by odds and ends of days, years, lives, and especially by the “waste” of suffering, still needing to be immersed in the unending offering of Christ to the Father.

But in joyfully and humbly showing himself to us as the Child year after year, Jesus shows us that he has all the time in the world. What we’ve lost, he’s found, and he is happy to wait for us to bring



him the rest of what we’ve got so that he can share with us the banquet of all that he has — the everlasting banquet of love.

The whole human family is gathering around the manger. It’s a little crowded; there’s a bit of pushing and shoving, and some of the cousins are far from friendly. Many won’t arrive for quite some time. We need to show them what we’ve found here: the Child who takes whatever we have to offer and returns to us the gift of the Holy Trinity’s infinite love.

~ Fr. Robert D. Pelton ~



## Mass Intentions

### Monday December 11

#### St. Damasus I, Pope

12:05 pm † Restituto Corpus  
*requested by his family*

### Tuesday December 12

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:05 pm † Claro Corpus  
*requested by his family*

### Wednesday December 13

#### St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

12:05 pm † Felix Manapul  
*requested by Mary Grace Lazaro*

### Thursday December 14

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

12:05 pm † Mariano Perri  
*requested by Alice & Brian Warford*

### Friday December 15

12:05 pm † Anita Piadozo  
*requested by the Sevilla family*

### Saturday December 16

9 am † Alberto Manalac  
*requested by the Llarenas family*

5 pm † Enrique Doromal  
*requested by Lydia Doromal*

### Sunday December 17

#### [Third Sunday of Advent]

9 am † Amador Salalila  
*requested by Jenifer & Arnel Lenon*

11 am For the Protection of Unborn Children  
*requested by the Masses for Life Project*



### MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9 & 11 a.m.

New Year’s Day: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday December 11**

10 – 12 pm Day of Confessions

**Thursday December 14**

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

**Friday December 15**

3:45 – 5 pm Children’s Choir Practice  
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7 pm Choir Practice

**Saturday December 16**

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

**Sunday December 17**

12 – 2pm Parish Family Christmas Gathering



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



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**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 continues **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.** 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](mailto:treacylor@hotmail.com) or contact the Parish Office. BYOB (*Bring your own Bible, if you can*).



**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!



Thanks you to all who contributed in making our parish bazaar a huge success. Money raised will go to assist the various charities which our parish ministry supports.



**11 am Mass**

**Prelude:** Meditation on Veni Emmanuel by Stuart Foster  
**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:** Bells by Jean Langlais

**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!

**PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

All parishioners are invited .... !!!  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
12 – 2 pm in the Church Hall**



Please SIGN UP in the foyer of the church



**JOIN US**

for refreshments and fellowship



On Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, all who attend the 12:05 Mass are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship in the Church Hall after Mass. It will be our Christmas Gathering. If you would like to help with this event or for more information please contact Lorraine at [treacylor@hotmail.com](mailto:treacylor@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there!



Please visit the 'LOST & FOUND' temporarily located in the foyer of the church for any items which you have misplaced. For small items such as eyeglasses, eyeglass shades, rosaries, and jewelry, please visit or contact the office at 416-691-6968.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

All envelopes will be ready for pick up at all Sunday Masses on the December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. If your envelope # is above the 300 range, please check the listing before picking up your envelope. There will be extra boxes of envelopes for those wishing to use Church envelopes; and forms, for those wishing to give via the 'Pre-Authorized Giving Plan' [PAG]. For parishioners currently using PAG, you will still need to pick up a box of envelopes.

<b>MASS ATTENDANCE</b>	
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11 am	151
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