

# **THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

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## **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 11.30 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**(Baptism, First Communion,  
Confirmation, RCIA)**

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

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## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Please call 647.428.2880

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

GK Jude Aloysius 416.569.5833

## **LEGION OF MARY**

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Alice Warford

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH**

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

# MASSt INTENTIONS

Monday December 9

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

12:05 pm † Rev. John Walsh  
*requested by Parishioners, Clergy & Staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*

Tuesday December 10

12:05 pm For the intentions & healing of Christine Cormack  
*requested by Kathleen Aimey*

Wednesday December 11

12:05 pm † Patricia Martins  
*requested by Fatima Cabral*

Thursday December 12

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 12:05 pm † Deceased members of the Colapietro family  
*requested by Gina Colapietro*  
 7 pm School Mass & Concert

Friday December 13

**St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**  
 12:05 pm For the intentions of Matteo Lombardi on his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday  
*requested by his daughter, Carol Morra*

Saturday December 14

**St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
 9 am † In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Ester Onate  
*requested by Sonia Javier*  
 5 pm † Salome Mason  
*requested by Nereza Frias*

Sunday December 15

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
 9 am For the People of the Parish  
 11 am For the Protection of Unborn Children  
*requested by the Masses for Life Project*



The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone for participating in our Christmas Bazaar. With everyone's effort, we were able to raise \$1,500.00 to support our various charities. Thank you so much for your support!



A Savior is coming who will bring justice and peace to the faithful.

God is calling out to us – through his prophets and Apostles, through his holy Word, through his Son whom he sent to dwell among us – that he has come to save us. His Kingdom is one of justice and peace. Will we listen to these holy voices crying out to us in the desert of worldly divisions and distractions?



## Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish



Fundraising

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**At 7:30pm**

Tickets are now on sale after all Sunday Masses & at the Parish Office!



### MASS SCHEDULE

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.**  
**Christmas Day: 10 a.m.**

**New Year's Eve: 5 p.m.**  
**New Year's Day: 10 a.m.**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Dec. 9	7:30 pm	K.O.C. Meeting
Wed. Dec. 11	6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul
Thu. Dec. 12	6 – 7 pm	Legion of Mary – Holy Hour
	7:30 – 9 pm	Legion of Mary – Meeting
Fri. Dec. 13	3:45 – 5 pm	Children's Choir practice



## REGISTRATION

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Registration for the 2020 Sacrament programs has already begun. Registration has been completed at the school this year.

Anyone still interested in registering can pick up a form at the back of the church which should be returned to the Parish Office upon completion along with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate and registration fee.

Deadline for registration is January 11, 2020. Any registration submitted after this time cannot be accepted.



## The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the



lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been, appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

### Reflection

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

~ taken from [www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.franciscanmedia.org) ~

## MASS ATTENDANCE

November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>

5 pm 104

9 am 86

11 am 63

Offeratory: \$2,958.75

Thank you for your ongoing contribution!

## DAY OF CONFESSIONS

"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." ~ Thomas Cardinal Collins ~.



Our parish Day of Confessions will held on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to noon; and on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 pm.

## A Stewardship Examination

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how we are best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

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