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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)**

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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 16

12:05 pm † Anthony & Orlanda Gomes
requested by Clarence Gomes

Tuesday December 17

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Virgie & Leo Luzano on their 36th Wedding Anniversary
requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano

Wednesday December 18

12:05 pm † Kathleen Kennedy
requested by Sullivan family

Thursday December 19

12:05 pm † Merle Chew
requested by Elrich Chew

Friday December 20

12:05 pm † Emily Nephin
requested by Brian & Alice Warford

Saturday December 21

9 am † Joan Caffrey
requested by her husband, Jim Connors

5 pm In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Lydia Doromal
requested by Nereza Frias

Sunday December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 am For the People of the Parish

11 am † Teodulo Hipolito
requested by Laurie & Serge Llarenas



Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah.

Advent is a season of hopeful anticipation, a time of preparation – for

celebrating the birth of our Savior, and of readying ourselves for his eventual return. In God’s goodness he gave his own Son, who willingly took on our humanity to save us. Jesus forgives sins, heals the suffering and teaches the truth – he is the long-awaited Messiah.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish



Christmas Fundraising Concert

December 20th, 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. 16	11:30 am - noon	Day of Confessions
Tue. Dec. 17	6 - 7 pm & 8 - 9 pm	Day of Confessions
Wed. Dec. 18	11:30 am - noon	Day of Confessions
Thu. Dec. 19	11:30 am - noon	Day of Confessions
Thu. Dec. 19	6 - 9 pm	Choir Practice
Thu. Dec. 19	6 - 9 pm	Legion of Mary – Holy Hour & Meeting
Fri. Dec. 20	11:30 am - noon	Day of Confessions
Fri. Dec. 20	7:30 pm	Christmas Fundraising Concert



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. All completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office 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.

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 ~.



Please note the following changes:

Our parish Day of Confessions will held on the following days:

- Monday, Dec. 16, Wednesday, Dec. 18, Thursday, Dec. 19 & Friday, Dec. 20 from 11:30 am to noon
- Tuesday, December 17th from 6 – 7 pm & 8 – 9 pm



Serra’s ‘Vocation Seeds’

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



Please remember that flowers should not be placed in the church during the season of Advent. Thank you for your co-operation.

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 7th & 8th

5 pm	85
9 am	109
11 am	144

Offertory: \$2,764.55

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Rejoicing amidst the Darkness

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.

In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away.”

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

Summary

Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

~ taken from www.archtoronto.org/stewardship ~



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you all for the donations throughout the year that have assisted our neighbours and families in need.

If you would like to make a special donation this Christmas, there are labelled envelopes located at the front of the church. If you have any questions, please ask any of the Vincentians or send an email to ihmScarborough.svdp@gmail.com

“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”

~ Proverbs 19:17 ~



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