

# **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,  
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Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

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## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Please call 647.428.2880

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Alice Warford

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Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

**The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Solemnity: December 8<sup>th</sup>**



**W**e honor the glorious and miraculous Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, an act of God's most profound mercy.

It is fitting that we see the Immaculate Conception as an act of profound mercy. Why is that so? What is it about this solemnity that is so closely linked to mercy?

Mercy is a gratuitous gift of God. By "gratuitous" we

mean that it is not merited or earned. Mercy is not owed to us by God. If it were, it would not be mercy, it would be our right. But we have no right to mercy. It is freely given by God and it is given in abundance.

As for this glorious Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, it's important to look at it as a gratuitous gift from two perspectives. **First**, the "Immaculate Conception" means that when God created the Blessed Virgin Mary, He created her without sin. This was done through what we call a prevenient grace. This grace given her is an act of God's perfect and gratuitous mercy. She did not earn it or merit it; rather, God in His goodness chose to create her without original sin so as to have a suitable instrument by which the Son could come into the world. Mary, for her part, embraced this gift and chose to remain sinless throughout her life by a continual act of her free will.

**Second**, in creating our Blessed Mother immaculately, God did not keep her to Himself. He was not selfish with her. Instead, He chose to make this perfection of His creation our own mother. The Immaculate Mother Mary is now our spiritual mother in the order of God's grace and mercy. This, also, is an act of perfect gratuitous mercy on the part of our loving God. We do not deserve such a spiritual mother and protectress, but we have her and she is always there interceding for us and bestowing many graces from God upon us as a perfect mother would.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold gratuitous gift of God's mercy: 1) He created Mary Immaculate out of mercy, and 2) He gave her to us as our own mother and queen. Seek her motherly care today and throughout the year!

**PRAYER:** Dearest Mother my Queen, I gaze upon the beauty and holiness of you who, though a mere creature, are perfect in every way. You have been granted this singular and gratuitous grace from God with which you perfectly cooperated. May I always rely upon your motherly love and care and may I always allow you to bestow the grace of God upon me in accord with the Father's plan. You, dearest mother, are a gratuitous gift of Mercy to us all! Mother Mary, I love you. Pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

*~ taken from the Catholic Daily Reflection ~*

**ADOPT A FAMILY**

Christmas is a time for laughter, joy and giving. This



Christmas season please consider opening your hearts to families in need in our community. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inviting parishioners to participate in the "Adopt a Family" program aimed at

directly helping families in our community this Christmas. As part of the "Adopt a Family" program, you will be given a short description of a family in need and we ask you to purchase gift cards for them. The gift cards will help families prepare for the Christmas season by giving them a chance to purchase gifts, toys and food for the holidays.



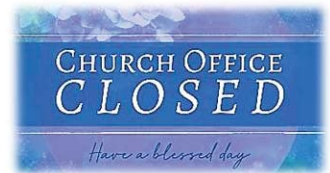
If you are interested in adopting a family this Christmas, please contact the Society of SVdP **before December 7th:**  
**EMAIL:** [ihmscarborough.svdP@gmail.com](mailto:ihmscarborough.svdP@gmail.com)  
**TEL. #:** 647-428-2880

**Thank you and God Bless!**

The parish office is presently closed until further notice. Please feel free to contact us via email at

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

**or** leave a voice message at 416-691-6968. We will respond at our earliest convenience.



**DUE TO LOCKDOWN  
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**CHURCH IS OPENED:**

**Monday – Friday from 11 am to 1 pm**

- For private prayer **only** & Confession is available
- 10 people in attendance **only**

**Sunday from 12 pm to 5 pm**

- For private prayer **only** & Confession is available
- 10 people in attendance **only**

**MASS LIVESTREAMED:**

Sunday at 9 am in ENGLISH

- Can be viewed online at anytime throughout the day at [www.olghtamilparish.com](http://www.olghtamilparish.com)



**This week  
the Sanctuary Lamp is  
dedicated:**  
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Fatima Cabral  
by  
*The Cabral family*



## MASS Intentions

Mon. Dec. 7	12:05 pm	For the intentions of Helen Tan, <i>requested by Geri &amp; Edward</i>
Tue. Dec. 8	12:05 pm	For the intentions of Lucienne Nelson
Wed. Dec. 9	12:05 pm	For the intentions the Canary family
Thu. Dec. 10	12:05 pm	† Gary Bird, <i>requested by the Howatt family</i>
Fri. Dec. 11	12:05 pm	† Joseph Vitello, <i>requested by his wife, Lina Vitello</i>
Sat. Dec. 12	9:00 am	For the Protection of Unborn Children, <i>requested by the Masses for Life Project</i>
	5:00 pm	
Sun. Dec. 13	9:00 am	† Martina & Juan Resulto, <i>requested by the Resulto family</i>
	11:00 am	† Deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, <i>requested by the St. Vincent de Paul members of IHM</i>

**Note:**

*All Mass intentions previously booked will be offered during the private daily Mass celebrated by Fr. Charles.*

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Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community!



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