# 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)

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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)

# Fishing for Christ

#### "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of

**people."** Just as Jesus called his first disciples 2000 years ago, he continues to call us to follow him. As we reflect on this beautiful Gospel account, let us focus on one particular aspect, the fact that Jesus uses the image of being a "fisher." It is most interesting to note that as he is calling actual fishermen, he uses their own language.

There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. While fishing may seem unrelated to being an apostle, Jesus does not downplay their past experience. He invites them to bring all of the gifts and talents that they've received from God, but instead of using it for their own gain, to use it to gain souls for Christ.

So too as stewards, we can sometimes think that God can only use us if we're already perfect disciples, or have degrees in theology or extensive training in ministry. However, the Lord wants us to bring all of our experiences, even our personal and professional backgrounds to serve Him. If we have backgrounds in finance or accounting, we can use that to help assist various parish ministries. Likewise, if we have experience as a teacher, we can utilize those gifts through various catechist or RCIA groups. This is the heart of stewardship. To recognize that we all bring our own particular gifts that can be used to serve Christ. Let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call to become "fishers of people," each in our own way.

#### **Summary**

As Jesus calls the apostles, He uses their own language by inviting them to be "fishers of people." There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. This is the heart of stewardship, so let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call of Christ to become "fishers of people," each in our own way.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



# 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES Ready for pick up

*U* our box of offertory envelopes can be picked up at the parish

office. Please call prior to pick up Thank you for ongoing support of your parish!



This week The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated For the Special Intentions of Kanary family requested by The Kanary family





Mon. Jan. 25	12:05 pm	<b>†</b> Fr. Tony Festin, requested by the Festin family
Tue. Jan. 26	12:05 pm	
Wed. Jan. 27	12:05 pm	
Thu. Jan. 28	12:05 pm	
Fri. Jan. 29	12:05 pm	
Sat. Jan. 30	9:00 am 5:00 pm	
Sun. Jan. 31	9:00 am 11:00 am	For the People of the Parish

Note:

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

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

 $\mathcal{T}$ he parish office is presently closed until further notice.



Please feel free to contact us via email at <u>immaculaechurch@rogers.com or</u> leave a voice message at 416-691-6968. We will respond at our earliest convenience.

### CHURCH SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18, 2021 THE CHURCH IS PRESENTLY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 NOON – 3:00 P.M. \* Private prayer \* Holy Communion Service

### LIVESTREAMED MASS ON SUNDAYS

\* 9:00 a.m. in English www.olghtamilparish.com

## Ways to support your parish

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the PARISH OFFICE [kindly <u>do</u> <u>not</u> leave your donation envelope in the mailbox].
- Visit our Donate Now page by visiting
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   <u>413</u> and select the region for our parish from the
   map. You will be taken to a page that allows you
   to choose your parish, amount of your gift one time or recurring and payment method credit
   card or chequing account.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking – similar to how you may be paying your utility bills. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at <u>campaign@archtoronto.org</u>. In the body of the email, please provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one-time or recurring gift to your offertory. This is the most cost effective way to donate electronically.

If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540 or

<u>development@archtoronto.org</u>. Thank you for your many



#### ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

All are welcome to the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service for the Greater Toronto Area. This annual event will be held online on **Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 4 p.m.** and can be accessed on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch. The theme for this year is: **"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. John 15:5-9).** 

Please join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Sisters of Life and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Lord Jesus Christ for the Church. The homilist is David Wells



(General Superintendent of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada). Our host this year is the Salvation Army.

### FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

 $\mathcal{O}$ t is time once again for the Friars'

Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five-hundred-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2021.

This year's essay theme is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. John 15:5-9).

Contest closing date is Monday, February 15. 2021. WIN GREAT PRIZES! Please see the poster for more contest details: <u>https://bit.ly/FriarsWritingContest</u>

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION WEBINAR

The Eucharist: Food for Missionary Disciples

**O**n Sunday, February 27, 2021 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to join a webinar to examine the important role the Eucharist has in our lives as missionary disciples.



There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required.

Please register at http://bit.ly/EMHCFW-RegisterFeb2021 by **Thursday, February 25, 2021**. Your registration confirmation email will include details on how to join the webinar.

For more information, please see the event poster: <u>http://bit.ly/EMHCFW-Feb2021Poster</u>.

If you have further questions, please call Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

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