# 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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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)

# REFLECTION

#### Mark 8.27-35

ave you ever had the experience of being "hot" one moment and then "cold" the next? First, everything is going just fine, and your reactions to every situation are dead right. But then, in the next moment, you make a terrible blunder and wind up in trouble.

This seemed to be Peter's situation in today's reading. First, he was hot, telling Jesus, "You are the Christ" (Mark 8:29). He sensed the Holy Spirit revealing something new about Jesus, and he was right. But then, just a few moments later, when Jesus told him that being "Christ" meant suffering and death, Peter turned cold. He gave the wrong answer, and Jesus rebuked him harshly: "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Mark 8:33).

What a roller coaster! First, Peter thinks he's great because of his keen spiritual insight. But then, he is being compared to the father of lies and the accuser of the brethren! What a dramatic illustration of how difficult it can be to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from the whisperings of the devil or the well-intentioned but misled thoughts of his own mind.

Like Peter, we too can ride a kind of roller coaster of faith. Sometimes we are in touch with the Holv Spirit, and sometimes we are dominated by ill will, self-centeredness, or resentment, as if we had absolutely no access to the wisdom or power of God.

As frustrating as this may sound, we can take comfort from the fact that we aren't all that different from the man who ultimately became the leader of the whole church. Over time. Peter did learn how to hear the Spirit, and so can we. Like him, we just need to do our best to stay close to the Lord every day. We need to examine ourselves to see if our thoughts and motivations are God-centered or self-centered. It may take time, but we can rest assured that God is with us, ready to teach us every step of the way.

PRAYER: "Dear Lord, teach me your ways." ~ taken from the 'Word Among Us' ~

#### **FEDERAL ELECTION RESOURCES FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**

With a federal election scheduled for September 20, Catholics are encouraged to learn more about the parties and candidates seeking our vote. Catholic Conscience is Canada's non-partisan Catholic civic and political engagement organization. They have prepared a number of resources that will assist Catholics in voter education and engagement in the days leading up to the federal election. These resources can be accessed at:

www.catholicconscience.org/canada-federal-current.

All those eligible to vote are encouraged to do so on, or before, September 20, 2021.

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Mon.	Sep. 13	12:05 pm	Special intentions of Robert Kanary, requested by the Kanary family
Tue.	Sep. 14	12:05 pm	<b>†</b> Daisy Lorrta, requested by Harise Harisu
Wed.	Sep. 15	12:05 pm	<b>†</b> Michel Morra in remembrance on his 73 <sup>rd</sup> birthday, <i>requested by his</i> <i>wife, Carol &amp; children</i>
Thur.	Sep. 16	12:05 pm	
Fri.	Sep.17	12:05 pm	<b>†</b> Rev. Alberto Macalipay, requested by Carol Morra
Sat.	Sep. 18	9:00 am 5:00 pm	For the Protection of Unborn Children, requested by the Masses of Life Project
Sun.	Sep. 19	9:00 am	<b>†</b> Russell Murphy in remembrance on his 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday, <i>requested by the</i> <i>Caasi family</i>
		11:00 am	In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Roselyn Sevilla on her birthday, <i>requested by the Sevilla family</i>

#### MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12:05 p.m. **SATURDAY 9 am** SATURDAY [Sunday Vigil Mass] 5 pm SUNDAY 9 & 11 am Limited seating available All Masses will be on a first-come, first-served basis

## LIVESTREAMED MASS

can be viewed at www.olghtamilparish.com MONDAY - FRIDAY 12:05 pm **SUNDAY 11 am** 

#### **CONFESSION**

MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:30 to 11:55 am SATURDAY 4:30 pm

The dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist continues.



The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise extreme caution about any outings, including attendance at church.

## **OUR LADY OF SORROWS** Feast day: September 15<sup>th</sup>

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. This suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised



the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, '*This child* [*Jesus*] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35)'. These seven sorrows of our

Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, *'let it be done unto me according to Thy word'*, first uttered at the Annunciation.

Our Holy Father, St. Pope John Paul II, reminded the faithful, Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. 'And thy soul, too, a sword shall pierce.' Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucified One and Paradise to us! (1980). ~ extracted from a write up by Fr. William Saunders ~

## SHARELIFE SUNDAY Living the Gospel by supporting residents of long-term care

The Houses of Providence in Scarborough is a ShareLifefunded agency that provides long-term care for seniors.

"It's been hard during COVID-19," says Mary, one of its residents, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful and are doing a good job. I thank them every time I see them for their hard work." Did you know that you can contribute to ShareLife agencies like the Houses of Providence through Pre-Authorized Giving? Please consider making a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG.



October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at www.sharelife.org

## Thank you for your support!



We are in great need of volunteers to count the collections on Sundays after the 11am Mass. The following are the requirements:

•Counters must be registered in the Parish for at least five years

Spouses are not able to count with their spouse or siblings.

Anyone, who is interested in helping out, should fill out a volunteer form. Please contact the Parish Office. We need a minimum of four groups so that each group - consisting of two people, will only have to count just once a month. Training will be provided. Please consider your gift of time in helping out your parish.

## Ways to support your parish

•Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the PARISH OFFICE. *Kindly do not leave it the mailbox*.

•Pick up a Pre-Authorize Giving form at the Parish Office or in the foyer of the church for more details.

•Visit our Donate Now page by visiting

<u>https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=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 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 development@archtoronto.org.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community!

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