

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

LIVESTREAM MASS [English]

www.olghtamilparish.com

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Sunday at 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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Alice Warford 416.453.3965

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Sharing the Love of Christ

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

Luke 4: 21-30

This Sunday we hear St. Paul's famous discourse on love from his first letter to the Corinthians. God is Love. Therefore, love is at the very core of who we are as a Christian people. In order to be faithful disciples of Christ and authentic stewards, we must fully embody what it means to love. Let us take some time to reflect on why love is so important and then on how we can let love infuse every act of our stewardship.

St. Paul says that even if we were to serve Christ and do many good works, if we didn't have love we would "be nothing." Love is what makes our stewardship have significance. Without love, our good works can be seen as a form of social volunteerism. However, when we truly love those whom we serve, we do a great service for them because we point them to the Love of Christ. Above all of our material needs, we all have a great need to be satisfied with a love that never fails which can only be found in Christ. That is why it is so important to serve others with love.

But how can we infuse our all acts with love? The simple principle remains that we cannot give what we do not have. In order to love others with God's love, we must first be filled with that same love through our practice of prayer. Let us take a few minutes each day to realize just how deeply Christ loves each and every one of us. We can then go out and set the world on fire with His love.

Summary

In today's second reading, St. Paul says that even if we were to serve Christ and do many good works, if we didn't have love we would "be nothing." When we truly love those whom we serve, we do a great service for them because we point them to the Love of Christ. Let us strive to love others through our stewardship by first being filled with God's love through our practice of prayer.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
is dedicated
for the repose of the soul of
LEONIDES GIANAN
requested by
George & Gloria Miculob



Mass Intentions

Mon.	Jan. 31	12:05 pm	† Quintas Collins, requested by Gina, Dominic Colapietro & family
Tue.	Feb. 1	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving & for the recovery of Jane Rocha, requested by her children, family & friends
Wed.	Feb. 2	12:05 pm	
Thur.	Feb. 3	12:05 pm	† Rey Garcia, requested by Alta Santos
Fri.	Feb. 4	12:05 pm	† Quintas Collins, requested by Alice & Brian Warford
Sat.	Feb. 5	9:00 am	† Alberto D. Sr., & Alberto S. Jr., requested the Galase family
		5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun.	Feb. 6	9:00 am	† Joan Halloran, requested by Alice & Brian Warford
		11:00 am	† Joan Halloran, requested by the Clergy, Staff & Parish Community

Parish Update

Due to the highly contagious Omicron variant, effective Wednesday, January 5th:

- Public office hours are reduced. Please contact us via telephone at 416-691-6968 or e-mail at ImmaculateHeartofMarySC@archtoronto.org instead of in-person wherever possible.
- Those feeling unwell should not attend Mass at this time.
- Those attending services should not congregate in large groups before or after Mass, wherever possible.
- Livestream Masses:
Monday – Friday at 12:05 p.m.
Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFESSION & CONFIRMATION



Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now available at the back of the church. Registration fees are



\$30.00 and a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate is also required. Confirmations is for students in grade 7 and up and First Holy Communion is for those in Grade 2 and up. For more information please email:

awarford@archtoronto.org

ST. BLAISE

Feast Day: Thursday, February 3rd

St. Blaise was born to rich and noble parents, and received a Christian education. He was a physician before being consecrated a bishop at a young age.

During the persecution of Licinius, St. Blaise, receiving some divine command, moved from the town, and lived as a hermit in a cave. Wild animals visited, and he healed any that were sick and wounded. One day, a group of hunters gathering wild beasts for the ame in the amphitheater discovered St. Blaise and seized him. As he was being taken to the governor Agricolaus, the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia, St. Blaise encountered a woman whose pig was being seized by a wolf; St. Blaise commanded the wolf to release the pig, and it was freed unhurt.

While in prison, he miraculously cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. Also, the woman whose pig had been saved brought St. Blaise candles so that his cell would have light and he could read the sacred Scriptures.

Eventually, Agricolaus condemned St. Blaise for upholding his Christian faith rather than apostatizing. He was tortured with the iron comb (an instrument designed for combing wool but was used here for shredding the skin) and finally beheaded.

By the sixth century, St. Blaise's intercession was invoked for diseases of the throat in the East.

One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing. In our present *Roman Ritual*, the priest prays, "*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*" This practice continues in many parishes on St. Blaise's feast day.

While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask is protection against any spiritual ailment — profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip. Therefore, may St. Blaise protect us from all evil, physical and spiritual, which may attack the throat.

~ Fr. William Saunders ~

**A BLESSING OF THE THROATS
WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CONGREGATION
AT THE 12:05 PM MASS
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Ministries of Care and Ministry with Maturing Adults are



hosting a special bereavement support group series on **Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Grieving with Great HOPE is a Catholic faith-based program that consists of a five-week grief support

workshop using a video on-demand format available on FORMED. It offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, CPS, Pastoral Assistant at St. Peter's Parish, Toronto, will facilitate these sessions with the assistance of the seminarians from St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto.

There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required. Please register at:

<https://bit.ly/BS-RegisterMar2022> by **February 22, 2022.**

CONTACT: Sally Amaral, samaral@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 518.

Want to donate on-line?

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<https://immaculateheartofmarysc.archtoronto.org/>

Click the **DONATE** button and follow the instructions.

Thank you for supporting your parish!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for you:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish. January 7, 2021 Page 3 of 9

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

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