

# **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](http://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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## **LEGION OF MARY**

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

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## **OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH**

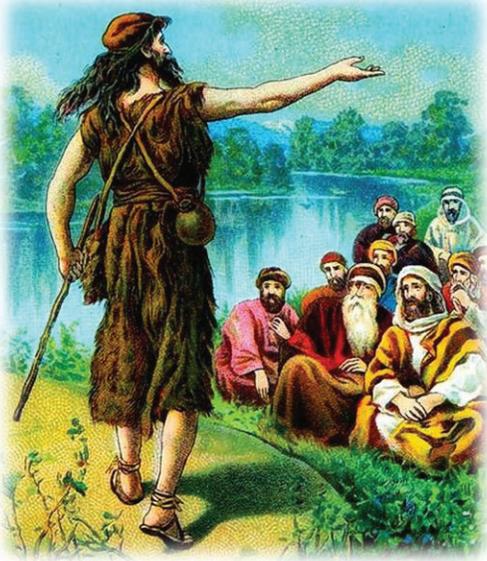
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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

## Reflection

In today's Gospel, we experience Saint John the Baptist urging us to "repent, prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight his paths." Saint Francis de Sales comments on this passage:

**"Make straight the paths of the Lord."** Roads that twist and turn too much, only fatigue and mislead travelers. Our



life contains many tortuous ways that we must make straight for our Lord's coming. First, we must correct our mixed intentions and have only one, that of pleasing God by changing our hearts. Like the mariner who always keeps his eye on the needle of the compass as he steers his boat, we too must always have our eyes open to penitence, that is, a change of heart.

In changing our hearts, we return to God's image and likeness in us. In repentance, we experience tribulation and sorrow for having offended God's goodness. We are no longer slaves to our emotions. Our inclinations, feelings, and emotions are now directed toward the love of God and our neighbor. We see plainly that it is a most reasonable thing to be repentant for our great faults when we consider attentively the benefits of a virtuous life. All acts of repentance are made for the sake of the beauty, honor, dignity and happiness of our own well-being. A change of heart leads to an even disposition.

The perfection of penance is to have a holy love for God that overflows into the love of neighbor. The love of God and self-centered love continually struggle within our hearts and cause us great travail. True self-love serves God. When divine love reigns in our hearts it tames all other loves. It places our natural emotions and desires under the Divine plan and service. Let us, therefore, walk with determination before God like John the Baptist. Let us be a voice crying out that we must prepare the way and make straight the path of the Lord, so that by receiving Him in this life, we may enjoy Him in the next.

*(Adapted from the writings of Saint Francis de Sales – taken from the Oblates website)*

# MASS Intentions

Mon.	Dec. 5	12:05 pm	† Percila [Claire] Solomon-Copland, requested by her daughter, Anne Marie
Tue.	Dec. 6	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Libby & Fred Tillo on their 42 <sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, requested by Mila Villamil
Wed.	Dec. 7	12:05 pm	
Thur.	Dec. 8	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving for Conchita Laranang, requested by the Laranang family
Fri.	Dec. 9	12:05 pm	† Paul Tjioe, requested by Alice & Brian Warford
Sat.	Dec. 10	9:00 am	
		5:00 pm	Intentions of Alana
Sun.	Dec. 11	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		11:00 am	† Asuncion & Cecilio de Castro Sr., requested by Letty Denovan

## DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT 2022

That reconciling of man to God is the purpose of Confession. When we sin, we deprive ourselves of God's grace. And by doing so, we make it even easier to sin some more. The only way out of this downward cycle is to acknowledge our sins, to repent of them, and to ask God's



forgiveness. Then, in the Sacrament of Confession, grace can be restored to our souls, and we can once again resist sin.

Our parish Day of Confession will be held on

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at the following times:

- 11:00 a.m. – noon
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

## sock drive



The Catholic Women's League sock drive to help those in need ends this weekend, December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.

The socks will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Out of the Cold Program for Christmas. Please support this endeavour by dropping off your **NEW** pair of socks in the bins provided at the back of the church. 'Tis the season to give! Thank you!

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast day: Dec 08<sup>th</sup>

**"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."**

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the



Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by

the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill. "The word of the Lord came to me thus: ***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."*** (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

2023 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

Contact [ecumenism@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenism@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

## SVDP CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ through our neighbours in need with love, respect, justice and joy. Our Society is hoping to bring the love and joy this Christmas season to individuals and families who may find themselves in challenging circumstances.

If you or your family are interested in receiving assistance during the Christmas season, please contact SVDP for more information, call us at **647-428-2880** by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

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.

### Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.
- For information on how to enroll, please contact your parish office or email at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

## FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

October 4, 2022 to January 16, 2023

Theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

High School Students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the





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