

# **THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

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# **ADVENT**

**Reflection**  
Matthew 1:18-24

Today's Gospel reminds us that like Saint Joseph, we must have confidence in God's plan for us. God has a plan for us that is greater than our own. Saint Francis de Sales notes:

In today's Gospel, Joseph sees that Mary is with child. Knowing that it was not his child, he was ready to divorce her. But, the angel revealed to Joseph that the Holy Child was to be Our Savior. With great peace and serenity of mind, Joseph accepted the unexpected event that befell him. Our confidence in God ought to be like Saint Joseph's.

The foundation of our trust is not in our own self but in God. While we may change, God remains always gentle and merciful when we are weak and imperfect, as well as when

we are strong and perfect. When we have absolute trust in Our Lord, we are like an infant on the breast of its mother. The child just lets itself be carried and led wherever the mother wants to take it. Similarly, we ought to have such confidence in letting ourselves be carried when we love God's will in all that happens to us.

Holy confidence in the goodness of God is the life of the human spirit. As we grow in love with God, we may experience the contractions and pangs of spiritual

childbirth. Yet, in the midst of our troubles, Our Savior will guide us on our way no matter how difficult it may be. Let us think of the words of our gentle Savior, "When a woman gives birth she is in great distress but after the birth she forgets the suffering of the past because a child is born to her." Our souls ought to give birth to the dearest Child that one could wish for. It is Jesus whom we must form and bring to birth in ourselves. The Child is well worth whatever we endure. How happy we would be if we devoted all our efforts to accomplishing God's will for us. **We would obtain from God's goodness all that we could possibly desire and need, a new invigorating life. A holy rebirth in Christ!**

*~ taken from the Oblates website~*



This week  
The Sanctuary Lamp  
is dedicated for  
the Holy Souls in Purgatory



requested by  
Maria & David Hogg

**MASS Intentions**

Mon.	Dec. 19	12:05 pm	† Donbosco Monterro, requested by The Che family
Tue.	Dec. 20	12:05 pm	† Clare & Manus Patten, requested by David
Wed.	Dec. 21	12:05 pm	Special intention of Mike Shetty, requested by William Rocha
Thur.	Dec. 22	12:05 pm	† Teodulo Hipolito, requested by Llarenas family
Fri.	Dec. 23	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving for all God's blessings & for the intentions of Letty Denovan, requested by Letty Denovan
Sat.	Dec. 24	5:00 pm	† Delfin Briones on her birthday remembrance, requested the Briones & Patacsil families
		9:30 pm	† Emily Nephin, requested by Alice & Brian Warford
Sun.	Dec. 25	10:00 am	For the People of the Parish

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

For 2023, all offertory envelopes box numbers will be reassigned. Please pick up a **NEW** box of offertory envelopes at all Masses this weekend – please see one of the volunteers at the back of the church.

**Please use these envelopes for 2023 ONLY.**

If you do not have envelopes for **2022** and wish to donate, VISITOR ENVELOPES are available in the literature rack for your convenience.

Thank you for supporting the parish!

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**

The office will be closed from Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 and will reopen on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**MUG FUNDRAISER EVENT**

We have a limited quantity of mugs [\$10 each] with the inscription 'Put Christ back in Christmas'. Speak with one of the volunteers after all Sunday Masses or contact the parish office.



We are still taking orders. **Reserve your mug!**

## Christmas Social Invitation

Join us for refreshments and songs after all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. We will gather **AFTER** the following Masses:

- **5pm Mass - Sat. December 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Meeting room located beneath the parish offices
- **9 am & 11 am Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - Church hall.

Please join us for some fellowship.  
All are welcome!



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

**Christmas Eve**  
5:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
10:00 a.m.



**New Year's Eve**  
5:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day**

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



## 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).

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH



In addition to the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, another way of supporting your parish is via

'Donate Now' by visiting your parish website, <https://immaculateheartofmarysc.archtoronto.org/> then click the 'DONATE' button located on the far right of the screen. Thank you for supporting your parish!

## Stained Glass Preservation

We are still accepting donations for the preservation of the Stained Glass windows which has now been completed. Kindly contact the parish office for more information:

- If you are interested in donating to one of the windows for a special intention **or** in memory of a loved one.
- If you would like to make a donation. To those have already donated, thank you.

**Please support the parish in this project!**



## CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

**Celebrant:** Bishop Nguyen

**Date & time:** Sunday, February 12 – 2:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond St., Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023.

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be



honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will

be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration opens on December 9, 2022. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.



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