

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

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**Rev. Fr. Charles Collins, Administrator**

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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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## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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## **LEGION OF MARY**

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

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)

**Choosing Joy**

**The Testimony of John the Baptist  
John 1.6-8, 19-28**

**“Rejoice always!”** These are the words that St. Paul writes in the second reading this Gaudete Sunday. He exhorts all of us to always rejoice. It is important to note that he doesn’t say to always be happy, but to rejoice always. Happiness, by definition, is utterly circumstantial. We are happy when we are experiencing something good, like eating ice cream on a hot day. However, when the ice cream melts, or it begins to rain our happiness quickly ceases because that good thing we were experiencing is fleeting.

Joy on the other hand is radically different. To experience joy is to remain happy despite the circumstances. This everlasting joy springs solely from



recognizing that we are beloved children of God and being aware that we are living in the smiling gaze of Christ. But how do we live in joy? St. James in his letter says, *“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy,”* To experience joy is to intentionally call to mind God’s love in

the midst of our trials.

As stewards, let us not keep this practice of joy to ourselves. One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives. This slow adjustment of choosing joy in our trials will begin to revitalize our parishes and communities, and the entire world.

**Summary**

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~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



This week  
The Sanctuary Lamp  
is dedicated  
**For the repose of the soul of  
Dalisy Tecson  
on her birthday remembrance**  
requested by  
The Sevilla family



Monday	Dec. 18	12:05 pm	† Claramma Mani Mariyanayagam, requested by the Mariyanayagam family
Tuesday	Dec. 19	12:05 pm	† Noel Costales on his 33rd death commemoration, requested by Costales family
Wednesday	Dec. 20	12:05 pm	† Emily Nephin, requested by Alice & Brian Warford
Thursday	Dec. 21	12:05 pm	
Friday	Dec. 22	12:05 pm	† Vicky Luis, requested by the Luis family
Saturday	Dec. 23	9:00 am	In thanksgiving for all God’s blessings & for the intentions of Letty Denovan, requested by Letty Denovan
		5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Dec. 24	9:00 am	† Jorgina Medeiros, requested by Ida Medeiros
		11:00 am	† Otto & Eulalie Mapp, requested by their son, Anthony Michael Mapp
		5:00 pm	† Delfin Briones on her birthday remembrance, requested by the Briones & Patacsil families
	Christmas Eve	9:30 pm	



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There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)





## MASS SCHEDULE

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m.

**New Year's Eve**

5:00 p.m.

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

[New Year's Day]

10:00 a.m.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



Registration for Sacramental Preparation is now open. Information sheets and registration forms are available in a binder at the entrance of the church; or if you require assistance, kindly check with one

of the ushers.

All completed registration forms must be returned to the Parish office no later than January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any registration received after this date will not be accepted as books and supplies need to be ordered and classes will resume the following week.

## 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Will be available for pick up after all Masses beginning this weekend or at the parish office.

### Tips:

- ◆ Ensure that the box of offertory has your correct name and address.
- ◆ Before using the 2024 envelopes, discard all 2023 envelopes.
- ◆ Fill out all information on the first FOUR envelopes that you use. **Please print clearly.**



## PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

New Parishioners are welcome. Registration forms are available in the literature rack in the foyer of the church or contact the parish office or visit our parish website for a downloadable at the following link:

<https://immaculateheartofmarysc.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/downloadable-forms/>

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are welcome to participate in the Christmas pageant at the 5 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We need a minimum of 6 children to be able to do this. If you are interested in participating, please contact the parish office or Alice Warford @416-453-3965. Let get into the spirit of the season!



## 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.

To enroll, please contact the parish office or visit our parish website for a downloadable form,

<https://immaculateheartofmarysc.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/downloadable-forms/>

## 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!

## DEADLINE FOR 2023 DONATIONS

All 2023 donations must be received no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.



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