## 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

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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)

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Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544 Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

## Conquering all through the Love of Christ

## The Transfiguration Mark 9.2-10

Pollowing Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards, we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers.



All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, "If God is for us, who is against us?" He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say,

"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

#### Summary

In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me.".

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



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12:05 pm

Tuesday, February 27th

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#### Wednesday, February 28th

**12:05 pm** For the healing and intentions of Kristy Ann Frias *requested by Nereza Frias* 

#### Thursday, February 29th

12:05 pm

#### Friday, March 1st – First Friday

**12:05 pm †** Mary & Manuel Rodrigues requested by Annie D'Cunha & family

6:30 pm

#### Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Saturday

9:00 am † Gregory Cardoza
requested by Dominic Cardoza

**5:00 pm †** Victoria Pineda requested by Mutuc family

#### Sunday, March 3rd

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † Satendra Ganjoo requested by Laurie Llarenas

### LENTEN REFLECTION RETREAT with Fr. Michael Corpus

Vice-Rector, St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto

**THEME:** Going Deeper into Forgiveness



This time of Lent is a gift that calls us deeper into prayer and reflection. On this daily retreat, let us reflect together on the notion of forgiveness. Forgiveness is a freely given gift from God for us, bought by His own Blood. This same gift is meant to be shared with others, and it also has a cost.

#### Join us at our parish on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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11:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
	followed by the recitation of the rosary			
11:30 am	Lenten reflection followed by Benediction			
12:05 pm	Mass			

#### Q & A

### What is the Stations of the Cross and why is it important to Christians?

During Lent, Catholics often undertake the Stations of the Cross. It is a walk that allows for reflection and reenactment of Jesus' final journey, when he carried his cross to Golgotha, the place of his crucifixion.

What are the benefits of the Stations of the Cross? The reason for praying the Stations of the Cross is to enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself for us – to experience his means of transforming suffering through love. We do this "through, with, and in him," step by step, learning how this plan of love can be carried out by us today.

What can you learn from the Stations of the Cross? Meditating on the Stations of the Cross exposes Christ's suffering heart — "sorrowful even to death" (Mk 14:34). In his condemnation to death, Christ teaches that we have the freedom to accept life's sorrows. He does not let condemnation be levied upon him, but rather he chooses it out of love.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**B**eginning Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and every Friday throughout Lent, there will be the Stations of the Cross immediately following the 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm Masses. **Join us!** 

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Period is Now Open!

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto are now accepting applications for our full array of Scholarships and nominations for our Community Service Awards.

In 2023, we created five new scholarships and established the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. Each scholarship will be granted in an amount of up to \$5,000 and is open to applicants living, studying or working within the Archdiocese of Toronto. Each Community Service Award will recognize achievement in the human services sector and meaningful service to a local community within the Archdiocese of Toronto, with a \$1,000 award. More details on all scholarships and awards, including the eligibility criteria, can be found on our website.

Submission deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30, 2024.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the Immaculate Heart of Mary would like to thank all the parishioners who have kindly

supported us in 2023, whether it is during Christmas, the food drives, Bundle up Sunday, or donating to the poor box. Please note that tax receipts have been mailed out so please contact us if you have not received one by the end of February. With your support, our members have been able to dedicate over 850 volunteer

hours and completed 236 visits to our Neighbours in Need, which include 97 adults and 27 children. Through your generosity and kindness, we are able to put our faith into action and strive to be

the face, hands and voice of Christ to people in need.

#### **SVDP LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**



Help feed our neighbours in need this Lenten season. The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is collecting nonperishable food items to support the Good Shepherd Ministries food

bank. "A small donation can go a long way for a family or neighbour in need." Donation bins will be available in the church foyer for the duration of the drive. Most needed items are: canned tuna, soup, vegetables, granola bars, cereal, beans, chickpeas, peanut butter & jam. Collection dates for the weekends of March 2nd & 3rd, 9th & 10th and 16th & 17th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Please support us on Sunday March 17th, 2024 after the 9am and 11am Mass for a pancake breakfast hosted by the CWL of the parish.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family of 4 (which is two adults and two children under 12yrs)

Come! Join us for some fellowship with your parish community over a delicious breakfast of hot pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there!





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