

# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm  
Saturday at 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)  
Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday at 11:00 am

## FATIMA DEVOTION

Every 1st Saturday of the month  
following the 9:00 am Mass

## LIVESTREAM MASS [English]

[www.olghtamilparish.com](http://www.olghtamilparish.com)

Sunday at 11:00 am

## CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am | Saturday at 4.30 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Susan Lee, Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

## 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)

**A Season for Evangelization**

**The Proclamation of John the Baptist**

Luke 3.1-6

In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent we hear about the proclamation of John the Baptist. John's vocation in life was to "prepare the way of the Lord, [and] make his paths straight." He played the vital role of closing out the line of prophets that all pointed to Jesus. As stewards, all of us are called in a similar way to imitate John the Baptist and point others to Christ.



Evangelization is an essential aspect of our stewardship. One of the greatest gifts we can ever receive is the knowledge and love of Christ in our lives. A gift as great as this cannot be held for ourselves but must be shared with as many people as possible. This Advent season, let us help share the true meaning of Christmas to our friends and family members, especially those who may have fallen away from their faith.

However, all evangelization must be done in truth and charity. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." This is the crucial image we must keep in mind as we strive to spread the faith. Evangelization requires work. We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. Perhaps one action we can try is to invite someone to Mass with us next week. Let us strive to use this season of Advent to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

**Summary**

In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church.

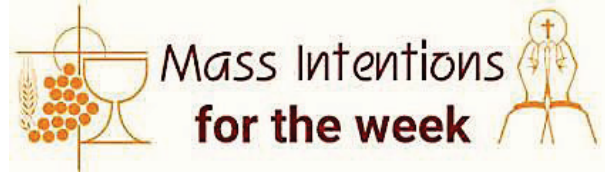
~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



Registration for the sacraments is now opened.  
**Deadline for registration is December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



This week  
**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
 is dedicated  
**In thanksgiving**  
 requested by  
 Darwin & Babeth Bauzon



**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm †** Emma Pucci  
*requested by Rentao & Linda*

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm** In thanksgiving and intentions of Norma Ettienne on her 77<sup>th</sup> birthday  
*requested by Norma*

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm †** Asuncion & Cecilio de Castro Sr.  
*requested by Letty Denovan*

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm †** Satendra Ganjoo on his birthday remembrance  
*requested by Tess Fernandez & family*

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm †** Karen Joan Santos  
*requested by Thelma Potal*

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** In thanksgiving & intentions of Guelmar & Maria Sulay on their 36th wedding anniversary  
*requested by the Sulay family*

**5:00 pm** For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am †** Dorothea Cathy Borja  
*requested by Matt & Madette*

**11:00 am †** Reynaldo Tecson  
*requested by Alice & Brian Warford*

**AN ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION**

All are invited to join us at our parish 'Advent Day of Reflection' on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Michael Corpus, Vice-Rector at the St. Augustine Seminary.

11:00 am Rosary  
 11:15 am Meditation on the Benedictus [Luke 1: 68-79]  
 12:05 pm Mass



## THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

by: *Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR*  
Feast day: **December 12th**

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, miraculously imprinted on St. Juan Diego's cloak, speaks a message about life. First, it shows that Mary is carrying Christ within her.

She is wearing a dark cord with two tassels hanging down from her waist, called a cinta, which was worn only by pregnant women. And photographs of the image, studied



by scientists, reveal a slight protrusion of the abdomen, indicating Our Lady is carrying the Christ Child in her womb.

An interesting symbol of life on the image is a particular four-petaled flower called the "Flower of the Sun," which is placed directly over Mary's womb. To the Aztecs, who worshipped the sun, the appearance of this sun flower heralded the birth of someone great who would inaugurate a new era. Mary's Son would be

the Son of life. In fact, Mary described herself to St. Juan Diego as the mother of all the living.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe communicated a sense of dignity to each person and of the sanctity of human life. This brought an end to the practice of human sacrifice among the Aztecs. Mary told the people about a God who sacrificed his own body and blood so that all people could live. And within ten years of Mary's appearance, nearly nine million Aztec people embraced the Catholic faith.

Through her appearance as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary teaches us respect for the dignity of human life in all its manifestations—for the unborn, for the disabled, for the elderly, and for the terminally ill. That is why we pray to Mary to restore the sacredness of life, especially under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mary truly deserves to be called the mother of life. Let us ask for her prayers so that we may help to restore the God-given dignity of every human life that has been degraded by abortion, euthanasia, or assisted suicide. Furthermore, let us ask her prayers so that all may come to the fullness of life that her Son promised when he said, "I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!**

*[A beautiful framed image can be seen on the wall near the confessional of the church]*

## PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR FRANK CARDINAL LEO

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our



prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new

cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.



## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be hosting our Parish Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm**. There will be hot chocolate, snacks, caroling and activities for the children.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church so we have an idea of how many to accommodate. There will also be a prize for the ugliest Christmas Sweater!

*Come out and share your Christmas cheer and get to know your Parish Community!*

## ATTENTION YOUNG ACTORS!!

We are currently looking for children to participate in our Christmas Pageant this year at the 5pm Mass. Anyone



interested in playing a Part should contact Alice at the parish office, 416-691-6968, on Tuesdays or Fridays. **Practice sessions will be on Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 9 am Mass.**

*Look forward to meeting this year's stars!!!*

## HOLIDAY BASKETS TICKETS SALE

The members of the Catholic Women's League will be selling tickets for 4 amazing holiday baskets.

- #1 A Christmas Cheer Basket (LCBO finest)
- #2 A Family Game Night Basket
- #3 A Spa basket, and
- #4 A Chocolate Lover's Basket.



Tickets will be 3 for \$5.00 or an arm length for \$10.00.

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