

# 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]

<https://www.youtube.com/@olghtamilparish/streams>

Sunday at 11:00 am

## CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11:30 am | Saturday at 4:30 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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(Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

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Sunday Masses at 12:30 & 4:30 pm (in Tamil)

**Being the Hands and Feet of Christ**

This Sunday, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is ripe with spiritual importance and depth. Let us examine how the Lord's ascension affects us as stewards. Firstly, when the apostles watched the Lord ascend into heaven, two angels appeared and asked them, "why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" The apostles were not meant to stay there constantly gazing heavenward. Instead, they, like us, are called to live firmly on this earth with our whole purpose set on reaching heaven and leading as many people with us as possible.

We see this at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel when Jesus gives the great commission to "make disciples of all nations". Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action. A call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. We do this through the strength of Christ within us who says, "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

It is now up to us to cooperate with the Spirit and make disciples of the whole world. Let us end by pondering the beautiful saying of St.

Teresa of Avila. *"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."*

**Summary**

Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action for at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel He gives us the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." This is a call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. Let us strive to do this through the strength of Christ within us who says, "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

*Mass Intentions*  
FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm †** Domingo Caasi on his birthday remembrance  
*requested by Michael Caasi & family*

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm** In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Guelmar Sulay  
*requested by the Sulay family*

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 pm †** Apolinario Tibayan Jr. on his 1<sup>st</sup> death anniversary  
*requested by the Tibayan family*

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**12:05 pm** Healing intentions of Bosco Noronah  
*requested by Blossom Che*

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**12:05 pm †** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
*requested by the Ferreira family*

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 am** Intentions of Sam & Grace Cabioc  
*requested by the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Praesidium*

**5:00 pm †** Buenventura & Narciso Laxamana  
*requested by Espy Laxamana*

**Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am †** Moon Chiremia & Jeong Myung Geon on their death anniversary  
*requested by Sarah Jeong*

**11:00 am** For the Protection of Unborn Children  
*requested by the Masses for Life Project*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and support to our First Communicants who made their First Holy

Communion on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.



**Communicants:** Affton Asha, Kyla D'Angelo, Emmanuel Gamet, Moya Grant, Clarissa Gomes, Avery Guzzo,

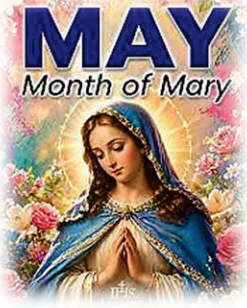
Deon Hillyard, Elizabeth Ho, Orion Leal, Adelina McBratney, Jack Martin, Kiara Nugent, Janilla Rabara, Nicola Rivero, Aria Peshtanaku, Gabriella Sanfrancesco, Mirella Szalai

May they continue to experience the love, grace and presence of Christ in the Eucharist throughout their lives.

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever."*

~ John 6:51~

## HONOURING MOTHER MARY



### Why May is the Month of Mary

The month of May holds a special place in the hearts of Christians. It is a time set aside to honor Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a deeper and more intentional way. This tradition is not just about rituals, but about reflecting on Mary's life, her virtues, and how her example can guide us in our daily journey of faith.

#### 1. Why May is Dedicated to Mary

May symbolizes beauty, new life, and renewal, all of which reflect Mary's purity and role in bringing Jesus into the world. Mary's life represents spiritual blossoming and grace. Over time, the Church embraced this connection, dedicating the entire month to honoring her.

#### 2. Mary's Special Role in Scripture

Mary's importance is clearly seen in the Bible. In *Luke 1:28*, the angel Gabriel greets her with, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you," showing her unique calling. Her humble acceptance in *Luke 1:38*, "Let it be done to me according to your word," reveals complete trust in God. Her "yes" changed the course of history and became a model of faith for all believers.

#### 3. The Magnificat: A Heart of Humility

In *Luke 1:46-48*, Mary proclaims, "My soul magnifies the Lord... for he has looked on the lowliness of his servant." This prayer, known as the Magnificat, reflects her humility and gratitude. It reminds us that God often works through those who are humble and open to His will.

#### 4. Virtues we Learn from Mary

Mary's life teaches obedience, faith, humility, and strength. She trusted God even when the future was uncertain and remained faithful during moments of great sorrow. In *John 19:25*, she stands at the foot of the Cross, showing courage and unwavering love, reminding us to stay strong in difficult times.

#### 5. May Devotions and Traditions

The month of May is marked by beautiful traditions such as the May Crowning, where Mary is honored with a crown of flowers as Queen of Heaven. Many also pray the Rosary and offer flowers as signs of love and devotion. These simple acts help deepen one's spiritual connection.

#### 6. A Real-Life Example of Marian Devotion

Anita, a working mother, often felt overwhelmed by the pressures of daily life. During May, she began a simple routine of spending a few minutes each morning asking Mary for guidance. Slowly, she noticed a change, she became calmer, more patient, and more trusting. She shared, "Mary didn't remove my problems, but she helped me carry them with grace," showing how faith can bring quiet strength.

#### 7. Mary's Presence in Suffering

Mary's presence at Jesus' crucifixion in *John 19:25* reveals her deep strength and compassion. She stood by her Son in His suffering, offering a powerful example of love and faith.

This reminds us that Mary understands human pain and walks with us in our struggles.

#### 8. Meaning of May for our Lives Today

May is an invitation to grow closer to God by learning from Mary. It encourages reflection, prayer, and a renewed commitment to faith. By honoring her, we are led to a deeper relationship with Jesus and inspired to live more faithfully.

#### 9. Simple Ways to Honor Mary

We can honor Mary through small but meaningful actions like daily prayer, reading Scripture, practicing kindness, and being patient with others. These simple steps allow us to live out her virtues in everyday life.

The month of May is more than a tradition; it is a beautiful reminder to nurture our faith and draw closer to God.

Through Mary's example, we learn to trust, to say 'Yes' to God's will, and to live with humility and love. Just as flowers bloom in May, our hearts too can grow in faith when we turn to Mary and follow her path of grace.

<https://www.prayersandpetitions.org/honoring-mother-mary-why-may-is-the-month-of-mary/>

## POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

May 17, 2026

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

Today, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

## BEQUESTS TO YOUR PARISH

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan.

Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values.

Please see our [Estate Planning Guide](#) to help you make your plan and remember about the importance of using the correct legal names: **January 06, 2008** when arranging bequests or other legacy gifts.

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