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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday 1:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday & Friday

9:30am - 3:00pm

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday, Thursday

Friday and Saturday 9:00am

Tuesday 7:00pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday from 9:30 – 10:30

Fridays from 9:30am - 4:00pm

## EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Fridays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am

## BAPTISM

To arrange for a Baptism  
please contact the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Holy Communion for the Sick  
and shut-in; please contact  
the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish  
Office at least one year in  
advance.

## PARISH SCHOOL

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<https://goodshepherd.dcdsb.ca/en/index.aspx>

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

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Welcome Committee

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

*Loving God,  
as we await the birth of Your Son,  
prepare our hearts to welcome Him with love and faith.  
May Christ find us ready to receive His grace  
and to share His love with the world.  
Amen.*

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. NEOYMAL SILVA

Dear Parishioners,

After much preparation during the season of Advent, we are going to celebrate our Lord's historical coming to save us, embracing our humanity in all things but sin. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, filled with baby Jesus' joy and peace.

It is significant to remember all our ministry leaders, their dedicated members and all God's people who have been instrumental in organizing our Christmas and New Year liturgies and Christmas gatherings.

In a special way, my gratitude goes to all of you for being faithful parishioners, your love for the church of Christ and your generous contribution.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and your families. May the baby Jesus bring peace to your lives and Mother Mary surround you with her maternal love!

God bless you all!

Fr. Silva

### CHRISTMAS & SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S) HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION – HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Holy Masses on December 24th (CHRISTMAS EVE)**  
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.

**Holy Masses on December 25<sup>th</sup> (CHRISTMAS DAY)**  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S)**  
**Holy Mass on December 31st (New Year's Eve) –**  
7:00 p.m.

**Holy Masses on January 1st –**  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### CLOSING MASS FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Cardinal Leo invites the faithful to attend the closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. Local pilgrimage churches will observe the closing of the Jubilee Year on December 28 at one of their Sunday Masses.

### RESTORE HIS HOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MOMENTUM CONTINUES

Restore His House – Campaign Update

We are pleased to report that after eight weeks, our Restore His House Capital Campaign has reached nearly 30 percent of its fundraising goal, with more than \$221,000 received in donations and pledges. Your generosity and commitment to the well-being of our parish continue to inspire and encourage this important work. If you would like to make a campaign contribution before the end of the tax year, please use one of the grey envelopes available at the back of the church or in the lobby.

When asked what inspired their gift, one of our major capital campaign contributors shared the following: "Our donation to the Restore His House Capital Campaign was given with sincere gratitude for our parish community and for the blessing of being able to gather in faith. When Jesus Christ is kept front and center in our lives, families and societies flourish. Mindful that the privilege of attending church is not universal, we offer this gift in thanksgiving and in support of Immaculate Conception Parish. We hope others may feel inspired, as they are able, to support this important effort so that our parish community can continue to grow and thrive."

As we move into the new year, our Capital Campaign Committee is busy organizing several fundraising and fellowship events with the support of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League. If you would like to help, or if you have items or professional services to donate for our silent auctions, please contact Event Coordinator Philip Moniz through the parish office. God bless you, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and God-filled New Year.

### WEEKLY DONATIONS – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

• <b>Total Donations -</b>	<b>\$ 5,127.00</b>
• Total Offertory	\$ 5,037.00
• Maintenance	\$ 50.00
• The Shepherds' Trust	\$ 20.00
• Pope's Pastoral Works/Papal	\$ 20.00

### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – Maintenance Fund



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Executive Meeting – January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- General Meeting – January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS AND MISSALS

The Knights of Columbus are once again selling religious Christmas Cards at all weekend Masses. Each box is \$15. We have a number of 2026 St. Joseph Missals for \$7 each. We will also be selling Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets for \$5. All proceeds will go to the church building fund.

### CANCELLED - NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

Unfortunately, due to low ticket sales the planned New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance event scheduled for December 31st has been cancelled. Please watch for upcoming parish fundraising events in the new year.

### 2025 DIFFERENCE MAKER

KofC Council 8951 is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2025 Difference Maker award is Anne Marie Taillon. This award is nominated by parishioners and selected by the Past Grand Knights of the Council. Congratulations to Anne Marie and thank-you to all the parishioners who nominated worthy candidates that make a difference in our parish community.

### PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE

Kim Smith, Teresa Louvelle, Christopher Dupont, Fred Jennings, Veronica Kirk, Rudy Hart, Patricia Reilly, James Albert, Juan Diego Jimenez Mendez, Jade Biffin, John Brock, Joyce and Henry Janssen



### FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2026

There will be a registration and parent meeting on **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass** at the church for those students in Grade Two (and up) who would like to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion. Registration forms will go home in January at Good Shepherd Catholic School and also be available at the parish at that time.

Please note that you will need to bring the completed registration form, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate as well as \$50 (cash or cheque) to cover the cost of books and materials.

### O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or someone you know in our community would like to enter the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office. Registration forms are now available. The O.C.I.A. (previously named R.C.I.A.) program will be offered on Thursdays from **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** The first session will begin on **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation, may also take part.

### DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2026 Donation Envelopes are now available for pick-up in front of the office window. Envelopes have been grouped according to the first letter of your last name. Please check that your address is up-to-date and notify the office of any changes.

There is an "Initial Offering 2026" envelope to help offset the costs of this year's Offering envelopes. Also please write your full name and address on the first three envelopes used in 2026. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### ELECTRONIC PARISH BULLETIN

We now have the facility to have the weekly parish bulletin sent directly to your email. Help us reduce our printing costs and redirect the money to a worthy cause.

Please follow the link below:

<https://immaculateconceptionpo.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>

### PARISH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Office Open** – Monday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday – **10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**\*PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>. THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026.\***

**ROSARY TO PRECEDE EVERY MASS BY 30 MINUTES.**

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.

Adoration – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE - 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.**

Thursday – **CHRISTMAS DAY - 9:00 and 11 a.m.**

Friday – 11:00 a.m.

Adoration – Friday - 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Holy Hour - Friday - 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday – 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena – Saturday 9:25 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Saturday 9:30 a.m.

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Saturday 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS – Week of December 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Mass - +Don LeBlanc

Req. by Robert and Ellie LeBlanc

#### **Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Mass – +Clement Morin and +Marie Morin

Req. by Morin Family

10:00 a.m. Mass - +Parents of Mary Lou and Bernie

Req. by Mary Lou and Bernie

#### **Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of John and Mary Quesnelle

Req. by Emilie Lemieux

#### **Christmas Eve**

**5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 12:00 a.m.** - Intentions of the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

#### **Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)**

**9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** - Intentions of the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

#### **Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. Mass

#### **Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of Loretta Escote and the

Intentions of Terri Mountjoy

Req. by Teresa Louvelle

**5:00 p.m. Mass** – In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

Req. by A.M. and B. Tuzi

#### **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Mass – +Shirley Harvey

Req. by Teresa Louvelle

11:00 a.m. Mass – +Samantha Kurcsis

Req. by Fr. Keith Wallace



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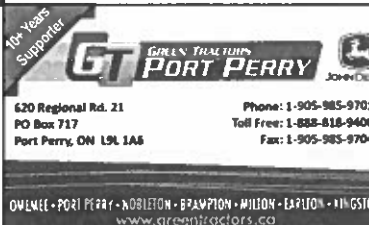


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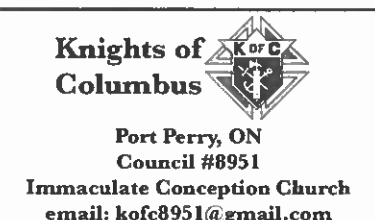


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