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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Eucharistic Ministers

Knights of Columbus #8951

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Lectors

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Ushers - Ministers of Hospitality

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Youth Ministry

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 am – Noon

Tuesday 1:00pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday – 9:30am – 3:00pm

Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 11:00am

Tuesday 7:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

Friday 9:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Friday 4:00pm – 5:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:30 am

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office
one year in advance.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I love you, O Lord, my strength.”

Sunday, October 25th

ALL SAINTS DAY

On **November 1st**, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, honouring all the saints in heaven, known and unknown. Their lives of faith, love, and service remind us that holiness is possible for each of us. May their example inspire us to follow Christ more faithfully and to live each day with hearts open to God's grace.

ALL SOULS DAY

On All Souls' Day - **November 2nd**, the Church remembers in prayer all the faithful departed, especially our loved ones who have gone before us. We entrust them to God's loving mercy, trusting in the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Mass will be celebrated here that day at both **11 a.m. and 7 p.m.** Please consider attending one of these Masses.

There are special All Souls Day envelopes in your offertory envelope boxes or at the back table as you enter the church. A book of Remembrance will also be on display during the month of November by the statue of Mary to include the names of deceased loved ones to be prayed for.

RESTORE HIS HOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Restore His House Capital Campaign **October 25th, 2026 Update**

Total Fundraising Goal - \$750,000
Gifted and Pledged to Date - \$377,000

WEEKLY DONATIONS – October 18th, 2026

• Total Donations	\$ 9,432.50
• Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,695.00
• P.A.G. (October 20 th)	\$ 2,430.50
• Maintenance	\$ 530.00
• World Mission	\$ 1,737.00
• Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 40.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 31st/November 1st – Maintenance



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming Events

- General Meeting – October 27th at 7:30 p.m.
- Pancake Breakfast – November 15th after the 9 a.m. Mass in the parish hall

K OF C FAMILY CONCERT FEATURING “RHYTHM AND GRACE”- THE DUKETOW FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to welcome “Rhythm and Grace” – the Duketow Family - for an evening of Celtic music on **Saturday, November 28th from 7-9 p.m.** in our parish hall. Tickets are \$25 each for adults and \$12.50 for children and will be available for purchase after all Masses,

through the office during office hours or online using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-concert-tickets-2002123974704>

Everyone is welcome! Invite your family and friends for a wonderful evening of music and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there!



I.C. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY GROUP

Upcoming Events

- Coffee Sunday – November 15th after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE

Kim Smith, Christopher Dupont, Fred Jennings, John Brock, Veronica Kirk, Patricia Reilly, James Albert, Juan Diego Jimenez Mendez, Joseph Taillon, Becky B., Joyce and Henry Janssen, Paul Philip, Mary Jane G., David Scott, Fr. Christopher Reynolds, Donna Somerville, Marken Brynart, Linda Campbell, Joan Barclay, Alexander Robertson



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following parishioners who celebrated a wedding anniversary during the month of October:

Mac and Pat Sheahan (66 years)
Fred and Bettyann Jennings (62 years)
Gene and Barbara Hofbauer (55 years)
Bill and Marg Bird (53 years)
Bob and Amy Lawrence (35 years)
Joseph and Dilanthi (23 years)
Anthony and Candice Iannone (4 years)

There is a sign-up sheet for November wedding anniversaries located on the bulletin board by the side door entrance.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

There will be a registration and parent meeting on **Saturday, January 16th, 2027 after the 5:00 p.m.** Mass in the sanctuary of the church for those students in Grade Two (and up) who would like to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Registration forms will go home on **Monday, November 23rd** at Good Shepherd Catholic School and also be available at the parish at that time. Classes will begin on **Sunday, January 31st, 2027 following the 11 a.m.** Mass in the Knights of Columbus Room (downstairs) and run for one hour.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Saturday, May 22nd, 2027 at 10:30 a.m.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Sunday, May 30th, 2027 at 3:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION – 2026

A registration and parent meeting for students in Grade 7 (and up) wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Saturday, January 23rd, 2027 following the 5:00 p.m.** Mass in the sanctuary of the church.

Registration forms will be sent home on **Monday, November 23rd** through Good Shepherd Catholic School and will also be available at the parish. Classes will begin on **Sunday,**

February 7th, 2027 following the 11 a.m. Mass in the parish hall and run for one hour.

CONFIRMATION – Saturday, April 24th, 2027 at the 5 p.m.
Mass with Bishop Nguyen

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. Sessions will be offered on **Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m.** The first session will begin on **Thursday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Knights of Columbus Room (downstairs). Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation, are encouraged to also take part.

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Our Youth Ministry Program will resume on **Wednesday, October 28th from 5-7 p.m.** in the parish hall for students in grades 7-12. If your child would like to join, please email the parish office at immaculateconceptionpo@archtoronto.org.

PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTER FOR TEACHERS

Teachers seeking pastoral reference letters for employment with a Catholic school board are reminded that you must be a practicing Catholic. Any requests need to be made to Fr. Silva one year in advance.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Have you misplaced something at our church?

Our **Lost and Found** items are currently on display in the narthex for the next few weeks. Please take a moment to look through the items to see if anything belongs to you.

Any unclaimed items will be donated after November 1st. Thank you for your assistance.

COME & SEE WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, November 6th (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 8th (2 p.m.).** This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood at our seminary.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2026 – CAST YOUR VOTE!

A municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 26th, 2026.** All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Leo has given permission for these candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 3rd/4th through October 24th/25th. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role.

To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

DONATION ENVELOPES

Please remember to include the amount of your contribution on the front of your donation envelope where indicated. This will greatly assist our collection counters. Thank you.

ELECTRONIC PARISH BULLETIN

Please consider having our parish bulletin sent directly to your email each week if you have not already done so. This will help us greatly reduce our printing costs. To sign up, please follow the link below:

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

Instructions:

<https://immaculateconceptionpo.archtoronto.org/siteassets/bulletins/parish-e-bulletin-sign-up-instructions.pdf>

PARISH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday – 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ROSARY TO PRECEDE EVERY MASS BY 30 MINUTES.

Weekday Masses

Monday – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Adoration – 9:30 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 October 25th

Monday, October 26th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, October 27th

7:00 p.m. Mass – Intentions of Alexander Robertson

Req. by David Robertson

Wednesday, October 28th

9:00 a.m. Mass - +Rev. Fr. Ronald Mahon

Thursday, October 29th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 30th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, October 31st

9:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Sunday, November 1st

9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

11:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception



Message for the Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care
24-25 October 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of our annual *Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care*, it is significant that this observance falls on the last Sunday of October, just prior to the Great Solemnity of All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), when we remember the Church's beautiful proclamation that "with death, life is changed not ended" (*Roman Missal*, Preface I For the Dead). This proximity is fitting, because palliative care is ultimately about life not death, transition not termination.

I would suggest that palliative care represents one of the most humane developments in modern healthcare. At its heart, it seeks to improve quality of life by addressing the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of individuals living with serious illness—needs that the Gospel has always insisted belong together (cf. CCC 362-365). While often associated with the final stages of life, palliative care can be offered earlier as well, helping people live as fully and meaningfully as possible throughout the course of an illness. It focuses not simply on illness, but on the whole person, including their transcendent and spiritual dimensions.

Furthermore, the importance of palliative care extends far beyond hospitals and hospices. It reminds society, our contemporaries, that healthcare is not only about curing disease but about honouring the dignity of every person created by God in his image and likeness and saved by Christ. By helping persons manage symptoms, maintain independence, and participate in family and community life, palliative care enables people to continue pursuing what gives their lives purpose and joy and provide the space for God's grace to intervene. By encouraging meaningful conversations and fostering a culture of attentiveness to one another's needs, families often discover new opportunities for gratitude, reconciliation, and mutual support as they navigate the challenges of illness together.



At a time when many people are concerned about suffering, loss of independence, and difficult end-of-life decisions, palliative care offers a positive and compassionate path forward. Rather than focusing solely on the limitations imposed by illness, it seeks to maximize comfort—neither hastening death nor prolonging dying—and help individuals live each day as a gift from our loving God, as fully as possible, so that they can face serious illness with confidence, peace, and hope, not to mention openness to supernatural faith and the reality of eternity on the other side of the death experience.

As faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto, we proclaim our conviction that every human life possesses an enduring dignity that neither illness, frailty, nor age can diminish (cf. CCC 2276). By placing human dignity, personal well-being, and meaningful relationships at the centre of healthcare, palliative care helps build communities marked by hope, solidarity, and genuine care for one another. Please join me in praying for all those touched by palliative care—recipients, families, friends, medical personnel, Christian communities and those who shape law and policy—that we may together be witnesses to Christ’s redeeming love, life-giving care, and limitless compassion (cf. Mt 25:36). In doing so, we will renew our communities with a faith-filled and supernatural vision that builds up and never tears down.

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