



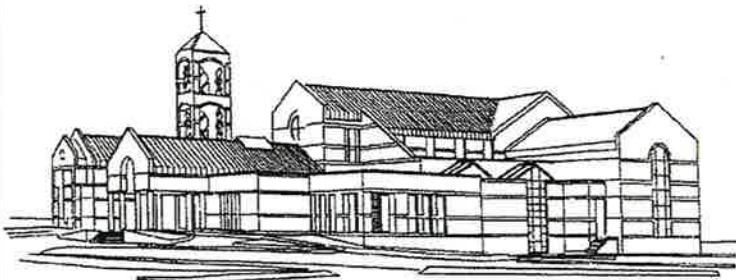
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 2026

Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters, this Sunday, Jesus speaks some very strong words to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan!" Peter loved Jesus and wanted to protect Him, but he wanted Jesus to follow his way rather than accepting God's way. Isn't that sometimes our struggle too? We want to be right. We want to be in control. We want God, our families and even life itself to follow our plans. When things do not go our way, we can become frustrated, anxious, and disappointed. But Jesus says, "Get behind me." He is not telling us to walk away from Him. He is telling us: "Stop trying to lead Me. Follow Me." As a parish family, let us ask ourselves honestly: Am I walking behind Jesus, or am I constantly asking Jesus to walk behind me? When we stop trying to lead Jesus and begin to follow Him, our hearts become open to His grace, our crosses become paths to life and our lives become truly His. Have a blessed and grace-filled Sunday!

Cari fratelli e sorelle, Questa domenica, Gesù rivolge a Pietro parole molto forti: «Va' dietro a me, Satana!» Pietro amava Gesù e voleva proteggerlo, ma desiderava che Gesù seguisse la sua strada invece di accettare la volontà di Dio. Non è forse anche questa, a volte, la nostra difficoltà? Vogliamo avere ragione. Vogliamo avere tutto sotto controllo. Vogliamo che Dio, le nostre famiglie e persino la vita stessa seguano i nostri progetti. Quando le cose non vanno come vorremmo, possiamo diventare frustrati, ansiosi e delusi. Ma Gesù dice: «Va' dietro a me». Non ci sta dicendo di allontanarci da Lui. Ci sta dicendo: «Smetti di cercare di guidare Me. Seguimi». Come famiglia parrocchiale, chiediamoci con sincerità: Sto camminando dietro a Gesù, oppure continuo a chiedere a Gesù di camminare dietro di me? Quando smettiamo di cercare di guidare Gesù e cominciamo a seguirLo, i nostri cuori si aprono alla Sua grazia, le nostre croci diventano sentieri verso la vita e la nostra vita diventa veramente Sua. Vi auguro una buona domenica, colma di benedizioni e di grazia!

~Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel

Fortieth Anniversary Celebration Saturday September 26, 2026

Immaculate Conception Parish will joyfully celebrate its 40th Anniversary on **Saturday, September 26, 2026**. The celebration will begin with **Holy Mass at 5:00pm**, presided by Bishop John Boissonneau, followed by a **dinner and dance reception at 6:30pm at the Borgata Event Centre in Vaughan**. Tickets are available at the parish office for \$120 for adults and \$60 for children. We are also seeking generous sponsors who would like to sponsor a dinner ticket for a member of the clergy who will be joining us for this important occasion. Opportunities are also available for advertisements and anniversary sponsorships. For anniversary tickets, clergy ticket sponsorships, advertising opportunities, or further information, please contact the parish office. Let us come together as one parish family to give thanks for the past, celebrate the present, and look forward with hope to the future.

*La Parrocchia Immacolata Concezione celebrerà il suo 40° Anniversario **sabato 26 settembre 2026**. La celebrazione inizierà con la **Santa Messa alle ore 17:00**, presieduta dal Vescovo John Boissonneau, seguita dal **ricevimento alle ore 18:30 presso il Borgata Event Centre di Vaughan**. I biglietti sono disponibili presso l'ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$120 per gli adulti e \$60 per i bambini. Siamo inoltre alla ricerca di generosi sponsor che desiderino offrire il biglietto per la cena a un membro del clero che parteciperà a questa importante occasione. Sono inoltre disponibili opportunità per pubblicità e sponsorizzazioni. Per pubblicità, sponsorizzazioni, biglietti o ulteriori informazioni, vi preghiamo di contattare l'ufficio parrocchiale. Uniamoci come una sola famiglia parrocchiale per ringraziare Dio per il passato, celebrare con gioia il presente e guardare con speranza al futuro.*

Upcoming Baptisms

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following children to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Leonardo Prezzemoli
Francesca Vita Campoli
Louisa Israel Akpabio
Mia Iannuzziello

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

This Weekend's Marriages



Alexandra Traverso & Antonio Pietrantonio

Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process through which interested unbaptized adults and older children (catechumens) are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and become members of the Catholic Church. The OCIA program is a time of reflection, prayer, study, and discernment leading to the celebration of becoming full members at the Easter Vigil. During the Easter Vigil, catechumens are baptized, confirmed, and participate in the Eucharist for the first time. If you are interested in the OCIA program, please contact the parish office.

2027 First Holy Communion and Confirmation Registration

The 2027 First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates will be released next week and **registration will open on Tuesday, September 8, 2026**. The registration fee is \$50 for First Holy Communion and \$60 for Confirmation (cash or cheque only). A copy of the candidate's Baptismal Certificate is required at the time of registration. For more information, please contact the parish office

HAVE A BLESSED
week ahead

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday August 31

7pm	
8pm	Benito Biasone & Antonio Biasone

Tuesday September 1

7pm	
8pm	Fernando Bisignano

Wednesday September 2

7pm	Maria Nunes
8pm	Franco Caruso

Thursday September 3 St. Gregory the Great

7pm

Friday September 4

7pm	Claudio Suppo
8pm	Angelina DiTomaso

Feast of Blessed Luigi Monti

On **Tuesday September 22, 2026** we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Luigi Maria Monti, founder of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. The celebration will begin with **Holy Mass at 7:00pm**, followed by refreshments. All are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration.

Martedì 22 settembre, 2026 celebreremo la festa del Beato Luigi Monti, fondatore della Congregazione dei Figli dell'Immacolata Concezione. La celebrazione inizierà con la **Santa Messa alle ore 19:00**, seguita da un rinfresco. Tutti sono cordialmente invitati a partecipare a questa speciale celebrazione.

Vocation Seeds

"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If God is calling you contact Fr. Shaiju.

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