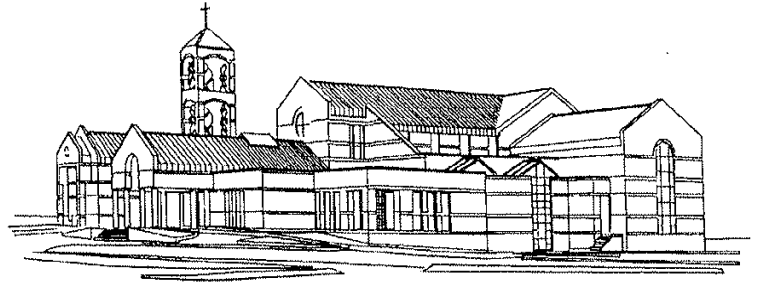


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## NEW YEAR 2024

*Happy New Year!*  
*Felice Anno Nuovo!*

*Wishing you and your families  
a blessed new year.*

*Auguriamo a voi e le vostre famiglie  
un felice anno nuovo.*



~ Fr. Eugene, Fr. Hyginus, Fr. Paul, Fr. Ugo  
and the Parish Staff

### 2024 Calendars

We thank Vescio Funeral Homes Ltd. & DeMarco Funeral Homes for generously providing us with Calendars.

### Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed on Monday January 1, 2024.

*L'ufficio parrocchiale rimarrà chiuso lunedì 1 gennaio, 2024.*

### Welcome, Deacon Raphael Sumabat!



Deacon Raphael Sumabat has been assigned as deacon to Immaculate Conception Parish effective January 7, 2024. Prior to entering St. Augustine Seminary for the Permanent Diaconate formation program in 2010, Deacon Raphael Sumabat was a parishioner, a Lector, a Catechist and a volunteer at Immaculate Conception. He was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in 2014 and has been serving at St. Paschal Baylon Parish in Thornhill. He is joyfully married to Grace for over 30 years and they have 3 sons. Since 2021, he has been leading Immaculate Conception's Marriage Preparation course. He currently works full-time as a professional engineer. Let us welcome Deacon Raphael and keep him in our prayers!

*Il diacono Raphael Sumabat è stato assegnato diacono della parrocchia dell'Immacolata Concezione a partire dal 7 gennaio 2024. Prima di entrare nel seminario per il programma di formazione del diaconato 2010, il diacono Raphael Sumabat è stato parrocchiano, lettore, catechista e volontario presso l'Immacolata Concezione. È stato ordinato diacono e nel 2014 ha prestato servizio presso la parrocchia di St. Paschal Baylon a Thornhill. È felicemente sposato con Grace da oltre 30 anni e hanno 3 figli. Dal 2021 conduce il corso di preparazione al matrimonio dell'Immacolata Concezione. Attualmente lavora a tempo pieno come ingegnere. Diamogli un caloroso benvenuto e ricordiamolo nelle nostre preghiere.*

## This Weekend's Marriages



*Claudia Chiguithon & Tony Alves*

### Thank you!

Heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated flowers to decorate the church for Christmas.

*Un sentito ringraziamento a tutti coloro che hanno donato fiori per decorare la chiesa per il Natale.*

### Thank you from the Parish Outreach Committee

With your help and the help of our parish schools families, we were able to make Christmas better for 136 families. The families we helped appreciated the love, kindness and generosity. Thank you for helping those in need and showing them God's love.

*Con il vostro aiuto e quello delle famiglie delle nostre scuole parrocchiali, siamo riusciti a rendere il Natale migliore per 136 famiglie. Le famiglie che abbiamo aiutato hanno apprezzato l'amore, la gentilezza e la generosità ricevuto. Grazie per aver aiutato i bisognosi e aver mostrato loro l'amore di Dio.*

### Stewardship Reflection

On this First Sunday after Christmas the Church invites all of us to reflect on the beauty of the Holy Family. It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. St. John Paul II says that "the Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families." The Holy Family had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform, yet they did all these ordinary things with extraordinary love. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family members with great love and sacrifice.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday January 1 Mary, Mother of God

8am	<i>Italian Mass</i>
9:30am	English Mass
11am	<i>Italian Mass</i>
12:30pm	English Mass

### Tuesday January 2 St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

7pm	Alfredo DeRose
8pm	Jack Lombardo

### Wednesday January 3

7pm	Anna Maria Bevilacqua
8pm	Filippo Iozzo

### Thursday January 4

7pm

### Friday January 5

7pm	Antonio Pitaro
8pm	Angela Tomei

## A Prayer for the New Year

*O God of ancient blessing,  
your servant Mary  
pondered in her heart  
the treasured words spoken about her son,  
our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Bless us, as we prepare our hearts  
to receive His Spirit,  
that our tongues may confess him Lord,  
every day of this new year,  
and forever and ever.  
Amen.*

