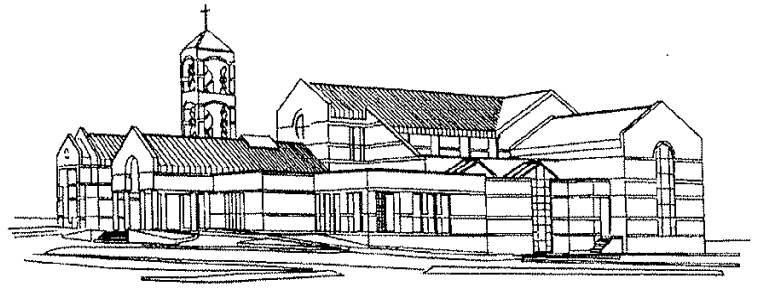


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### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 27, 2022

#### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule *Mercoledì delle Ceneri* March 2, 2022



8 am – *Italiano*  
12 pm – English  
7 pm – English  
8 pm – *Italiano*

#### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm in English and at 8:15 pm in Italian starting Friday, March 4, 2022.

*Tutti i Venerdì di Quaresima alle ore 19,30 di sera in inglese e alle 20,15 in italiano, cominciando da Venerdì 4 marzo, 2022.*

#### Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for the 2021 taxation year may be picked up from the parish office during office hours.

*Le ricevute delle tasse per l'anno 2021 sono pronte e possono essere ritirate in ufficio parrocchiale durante gli orari d'apertura.*

#### Update on COVID-19 Restrictions

We are pleased to share news that as of **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**, capacity limits at our church, including physical distancing requirements, will be removed, thus returning back to 100% seating capacity. **Masks continue to be mandatory in church.** Thank you for your patience and dedication to fostering a safe environment over the past two years.

*Siamo lieti di annunciare che a partire da **martedì 1 marzo 2022**, i limiti di capienza della nostra chiesa, compresi i requisiti di distanziamento fisico, saranno rimossi, tornando così al 100% dei posti a sedere. **Le mascherine continuano ad essere obbligatorie in chiesa.** Grazie per la vostra pazienza e dedizione nel promuovere un ambiente sicuro negli ultimi due anni.*

#### Golf Tournament Save the Date

The 15<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Parish Charity Golf Tournament in support of ShareLife and parish needs will be held on **Thursday June 23, 2022** at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Mark this date in your calendars! More details to follow.

## Upcoming Baptisms

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



*Zepplyn Jaylina Michele Arlotta-Bray*

*Max David Cariati*

*Gabriel Spano Cianchetti*

*Alessia Stephanie Kane*

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

## Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account. There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

### Advantages for you:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish

### Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact the parish office.

## Stewardship Reflection

“Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.” These are the words from the refrain of this Sunday’s responsorial psalm. Thanksgiving is at the core of what it means to be a steward. We cannot offer our gifts to our parish communities if we don’t first acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us these gifts in the first place. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that, “deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability ... We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God.” Not only does gratitude unlock a spirituality of stewardship, but it is also the first step in living a life of greater joy. The opposite of gratitude is indifference. Often times we are indifferent and unaware of all the great gifts in our lives. By adopting an intentional lens of gratitude we can begin to realize how blessed we truly are. St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that “the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God’s love in our lives. As stewards, let us begin to adopt a spirituality of thanksgiving and begin living more joyful lives.

## Synod of Synodality

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God’s will in the world today. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality)