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From the Pastor's Desk

THANK YOU, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH!

I have just returned from Cameroon and I bring you warm greetings and gratitude from the children in our orphanages in Cameroon whose lives you have touched. Your generous support and donations have been a beacon of hope for these less privileged children. Through your generosity, they have learned that they have not been forgotten but are deeply loved by God and by his people. God bless the wonderful people of Immaculate Conception Parish!

HAPPY MARRIAGE SUNDAY!

Dear friends, today we celebrate Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Cardinal Thomas Collins instituted this Sunday in 2011 to highlight the importance of the sacrament of marriage and affirm couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness. Today, I invite all married couples to renew their commitment to love unconditionally, to be patient with one another, to pray together as a couple, to forgive one another and above all to place God at the centre of their married life. Happy Marriage Sunday!

To read Cardinal Leo's message for Marriage Sunday please visit

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/message-for-marriage-sunday-from-cardinal-leo/>

SPECIAL INVITATION: JOIN THE PASSION PLAY 2025

As we prepare for Holy Week, I would like to invite you to join the **PASSION PLAY** - a powerful reenactment of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to showcase your talents, serve the parish, deepen your faith and bring the story of Christ's love to life. There are a variety of roles: Jesus, Pilate, Mary, High priest, Peter, apostles, Soldiers, Veronica, the crowd etc. **If you are interested, sign up using the sheet in the church lobby or contact the parish office.**

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14-15).

All are invited to a Holy Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on **Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 7pm** in the Church. The Sacrament is intended to strengthen, support, encourage and comfort those who are sick. In this sacrament we encounter Jesus who heals physically and spiritually and restores us to health in mind and body. It offers the sick an opportunity to open themselves to the healing power of Jesus who says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). By participating in this sacrament, the Risen Lord comes to strengthen us in body, mind and spirit.

PASTA E FAGIOLI CARNIVAL DINNER DANCE

Dear friends, on **Saturday March 1, 2025, at the Royalton Hospitality Inc**, we are organizing our annual Pasta e Fagioli Carnival Dinner Dance Fundraiser in support of the Children's Mission of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. Tickets for the event are still available at the cost of \$120 for adults and \$60 for children.

ADVERTISE IN THE PROGRAMME BOOKLET

We are putting together a programme booklet for the occasion and I would like to invite businesses to place an advertisement in the booklet. I also invite parish groups and individuals to consider sending in good will messages or messages in memory of your deceased loved ones. The prices are as follows: \$200 full page, \$150 half page, \$100 business card size. For further information, please contact the parish office.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eugene Chianain



Upcoming Baptisms

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



Luca Paulo Sciacchitano
Gabriel Silva Ursino
Avalina Daniella Ciampa

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

Celebrate Family Day with the Philippine Catholic Community of Vaughan (PCCV)

The **Philippine Catholic Community of Vaughan (PCCV)** warmly invites everyone to join us for an **anticipated Mass in celebration of Family Day** on **Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 6:30pm**. The Mass will be celebrated in **English**, with select hymns in **Tagalog**, reflecting the richness of Filipino culture. Following the Mass, we invite you to a **simple fellowship gathering** in the parish hall, where you can enjoy **coffee** and a **taste of Filipino cuisine**. We look forward to celebrating faith, family, and community with you!

Novena for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be leading the **Holy Rosary Novena** from **February 10th to 18th**:

- **Weekday Masses:** 6:25pm (before the 7pm Mass)
- **Saturday Mass:** 4:25pm (before the 5pm Mass)
- **Sunday Mass:** 6:25pm (before the 7pm Mass)

The intention of this novena is to **defend the right to life** of every human being—from the moment of conception to natural death.

We invite the community to participate in this initiative. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Holy Rosary on a specific day, please:

- Email: gk13164@ontariokofc.ca
- Call or Text: **Joseph Navera, Grand Knight, at (647) 880-1865**

Personal intentions can be included during the prayers. Join us in prayer to promote the sanctity of life.

Pilgrimage to Europe

Fr. Eugene will be leading a pilgrimage to Europe, visiting Italy, France and Switzerland from **July 19-30, 2025**. For more information, contact the parish office.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday February 10 St. Scholastica

7pm	Giorgio D'Alimonte
8pm	Anna Masseri

Tuesday February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

7pm	Mass with Anointing of the Sick
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Wednesday February 12

7pm	Maria Galea
8pm	Alfredo Chianelli

Thursday February 13

7pm	
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Friday February 14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius

7pm	
8pm	Felice Lisena

Happy Birthday, Fr. Paul!

Fr. Paul is celebrating his birthday on **February 14**. Let us wish him a very happy birthday and keep him in our prayers.

P. Paolo celebra il suo compleanno il 14 febbraio. Facciamogli i nostri migliori auguri e ricordiamolo nelle nostre preghiere.

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Gloria Sumabat

Mrs. Gloria Sumabat, the beloved mother of Deacon Raphael passed away on February 3, 2025. On behalf of the Immaculate Conception Parish community, we extend our most heartfelt condolences to the Sumabat family.

Rosary Apostolate

The Rosary Apostolate in the schools is seeking volunteers who have a great devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a week from October to May. Training and screening will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Rose at 905-856-6035.

Giornata Mondiale del Malato

Sarà celebrata una S. Messa **martedì 11 febbraio, 2025 alle ore 7pm**, con l'amministrazione del Sacramento degli infermi per tutti i malati.