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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 12, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

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Dear friends, today, the church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. At the start of his public ministry, Jesus went to the River Jordan to be baptized by his cousin John. Baptism is a sacrament that frees us from sin, makes us members of the church and sharers in her mission. The question I would like to ask is, did Jesus need baptism for the forgiveness of sins? Pope Benedict XVI says, "of course not. Yet the one who is without sin put himself among sinners to have himself baptized, to make this act of penance. The Holy One of God joined those who recognized they were in need of forgiveness and asked God for the gift of conversion, that is, the grace to return to him with their whole heart, to belong totally to him" (Homily, Sunday, January 13, 2013). Jesus, though he had no sin, chose to receive a baptism of repentance and conversion in order to be in solidarity with the same sinners whom he came to redeem. Jesus immersed himself in our human condition, he identified with us and with our daily efforts to convert. Secondly, at Christ's baptism, God the Father affirmed that HE was his beloved son in whom He is well pleased. God also revealed the mission of Jesus Christ, which is to preach the Good News of salvation and to atone for our sins by his passion and death. The baptism of Jesus allows us to reflect on our own identity as baptized Christians. By baptism, we became sons and daughters of God, members of his family, which is the church. The church into which we were baptized is not perfect. It is sinful and in constant need of God's mercy and grace. But, the church is made up of people striving each day to become perfect by loving our brothers and sisters and forgiving them even when we don't feel as to forgive.

DID YOU KNOW?



The feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings an end to the Christmas season and makes way for the start of ordinary time.

CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Would you like to stay connected to the parish? Why not follow us on social media for parish updates, community events, inspirational messages and more. Let's journey together as a community of faith and share the love of Christ that binds us together as members of Immaculate Conception Parish and disciples of Christ. Please, like and share our parish Facebook, Instagram, Twitter accounts:



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"ONE HOUR WITH JESUS" EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

You are invited to join us for the monthly "One Hour with Jesus" Eucharistic Adoration on **Thursday January 16, 2025 at 7:30pm**. We Catholics strongly believe that the Holy Eucharist is the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ our saviour. It is the true and real presence of Jesus among us. I encourage you to carve out an hour from your super-busy schedule and come spend quality time in the presence of the Eucharistic Jesus to pray, meditate and adore Him. Many of you with the problems and the challenges of life. Probably you are fighting a battle that is bigger than you and you are worried and anxious. You do not know what to do and who to turn to for help. The "One Hour with Jesus" Eucharistic adoration is a wonderful opportunity to turn to Jesus with confidence and pour out your heart to him in prayer.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISM CLASSES

Dear Confirmation candidates, I would like to remind you that catechism classes for confirmation **will begin THIS WEEK** here at the parish. Attendance is mandatory. I ask you to take the classes seriously.

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:



*Che Joseph Iuzzolino-Bujang
Sophia Daniela Bruzzese
Lilia Estrella Zamora Gonzalez
Giulia Gaidoutskaia
Maksim Gaidoutskii
Francesco Peter Onofrio
Stella Maria Campolongo*

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

Weekly Rosary

Come and immerse yourselves in a beautiful prayer experience **every Monday night at 7:30pm** in the chapel. As we enter a new year, let us entrust the power of the holy rosary to bring healing, peace and love to our families, our communities and the whole world.

Confirmation Sponsor Forms

Completed sponsor forms along with proof of Confirmation are to be returned to the Parish office by **Friday January 31, 2025**.

Pasta e Fagioli Carnival Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Our annual *Pasta e Fagioli Carnival Dinner Dance Fundraiser* will be held on **Saturday March 1, 2025** at the Royalton Hospitality Inc. (8201 Weston Road, Woodbridge). All proceeds will go to support the children's mission of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception in places such as India and Africa. Please mark your calendars. Tickets are available in the parish office at the cost of \$120 for adults and \$60 for children (under 12).

Sabato 1 marzo, 2025 presso la Royalton Hospitality (8201 Weston Road, Woodbridge) si festeggerà l'annuale serata con cena e ballo del Carnevale con Pasta e Fagioli. Tutto il ricavato andrà a favore della Missione dei bambini della Congregazione dei Figli dell'Immacolata Concezione in India e in Africa. I biglietti sono in vendita nell'ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$120 per adulti e \$60 per bambini dei 4-12 anni.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday January 13

7pm	Luigi & Liana Mattiusi
8pm	Walter Mior

Tuesday January 14

7pm	Liborio Spano
8pm	Antonio Panacci

Wednesday January 15

7pm	Elvira Filice
8pm	Gaetana Balinzo Macchia

Thursday January 16

7pm

Friday January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

7pm	Giulia Ferrone
8pm	Luigi Patrizi

2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Annual GTA Prayer Service Celebrating the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, Northern Region, and distinguished Christian leaders from various traditions, as we pray together for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ willed for His Church on **Sunday January 19, 2025, at 4pm at North City Church** (377 Woodbridge Ave, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 2V7). This gathering is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

2025 Marriage Sunday

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at **2:30pm on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.