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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 19, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

Dear friends, welcome back to Ordinary Time. Today, we celebrate the second Sunday in Ordinary Time and the liturgy invites us to reflect on the wedding feast at Cana as narrated by John, who personally witnessed the event. Jesus was at a wedding feast at Cana and they ran out of wine. A wedding is a joyful celebration of love with lots of entertainment, food, drinks and good music. Unfortunately, at the wedding feast at Cana, there was a shortage of wine, which was a huge embarrassment for the couple. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, recognizes the problem and immediately brings it to the attention of her Son saying, "They have no wine." Mary does not tell Jesus how to fix the problem. She simply articulates the need at hand while trusting that her son will do something. Then she says to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). This gospel narrative tells us that Jesus responded to his mother's plea with a generous gift of the finest wine. He transformed water into wine and brought so much joy and happiness to the wedding couple and their guests. The new wine was so much better than the previous one that the people remarked: "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." This is the first miracle of Jesus and it took place at a wedding feast to show that God gives much importance to the institution of marriage. Jesus was present at the wedding ceremony and he brought great blessings and joy to the newlywed couple by saving them from a huge embarrassment when they ran out of wine. Jesus is also seen here as the Messiah who shows love and mercy to his people especially in their time of need. Lastly, today's gospel reminds us of the vital intercessory role of Mary beside her Son in heaven. When we are in need, we can get to Jesus through Mary who is the mediatrix par excellence. Whatever your needs, whatever challenges you may face, whatever obstacles you may encounter, I invite you to turn to Jesus through Mary. Maybe you are battling with some health challenges, a broken family, a difficult child at home, the pain of childlessness, I urge you to bring that situation to the Blessed Mother and she will present it to her Son Jesus. Mary is our Mother and she cares about our wellbeing and happiness.

PASTA E FAGIOLI BOOKLET

Dear friends, on Saturday March 1, 2025, 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. 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.



ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

My heart overflows with great joy as I see new worshipers join our parish community every Sunday for the celebration of Holy Mass. If you are new to the parish or a returning parishioner, you are heartily welcome. We are so glad to have you in the parish. Immaculate Conception Parish is a vibrant, diverse community that is deeply rooted in faith and love. Our liturgical celebrations are centred on Christ and the Holy Eucharist. We are faithful to the authentic teachings of Christ in the Gospels and the magisterial pronouncements of the Church. I promise, we will make you feel right at home here at this parish. If you will regularly be worshipping with us, please consider registering with the parish by contacting the parish office.

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 social media accounts:



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Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eugene Chianain

This Weekend's Marriage



Sebastian Scrivo & Antonietta DePalma

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.

Regional Jubilee Masses

With 2025 being the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Archdiocese of Toronto has designated some parishes as pilgrimage sites and all are invited to plan a visit in the coming months. There is a **special Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Bishop John A. Boissonneau on Thursday January 30 at 7 pm at St Mary's Parish in Barrie**. All are invited to attend. Confessions will be available before Mass. There is also a **special Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Cardinal Leo on Tuesday February 4 at 7 pm at St Padre Pio's Parish in Woodbridge**. All are invited to attend. Confessions will be available before Mass.

In occasione dell'anno giubilare, l'Arcidiocesi di Toronto ha designato alcune parrocchie come luoghi di pellegrinaggio e saranno celebrate della Messe speciali. Giovedì 30 gennaio alle 19:00 presso la parrocchia di St Mary a Barrie, il vescovo John A. Boissonneau celebrerà una speciale messa giubilare. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare. I sacerdoti saranno disponibili per le confessioni prima della Messa. Ci sarà anche una Santa Messa celebrata dal Cardinale Leo martedì 4 febbraio alle 19:00 presso la Parrocchia di San Padre Pio a Woodbridge. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare. I sacerdoti saranno disponibili per le confessioni prima della Messa.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday January 20

7pm	Joseph Bellissimo
8pm	Esterina Loiero

Tuesday January 21 St. Agnes

7pm	Assunta Pastore
8pm	Anna Antognoni

Wednesday January 22

7pm	Ida & Tonino Maccarone
8pm	Elisabetta Ionadi

Thursday January 23

7pm

Friday January 24 St. Francis de Sales

7pm	Gregorio Grande
8pm	Vittoria Brizzi

Weekly Rosary

Come and immerse yourselves in a beautiful prayer experience **every Monday night at 7:30pm** in the chapel.

Confirmation Sponsor Forms

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

YCDSB Registrations

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2021. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 103 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.

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**.