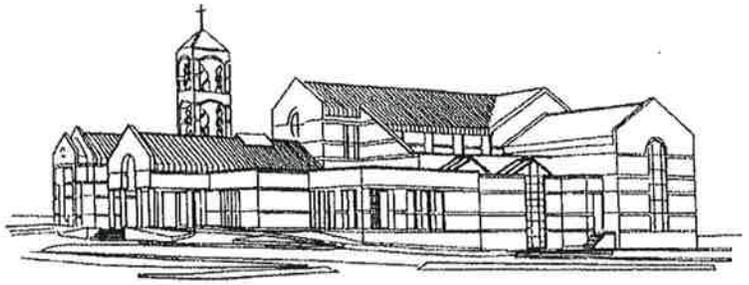


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

300 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 3W4
T: 905 856-2205 F: 905 850-5589
<https://immaculateconceptionwo.archtoronto.org>
icparish@rogers.com



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2026

Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters, the Second Sunday of Lent reminds us that faith is not only lived in the ordinary and familiar but also in moments of encounter with God's light, which strengthens us for the journey ahead. Today, we are invited to recognize Christ's presence in our lives, to let His light shine through our weaknesses, and to follow Him with courage and trust, even in the face of struggle. As we journey through Lent, this Sunday challenges us to pause, to reflect, and to ask ourselves: Are we truly listening to Christ? Are we letting His light transform our hearts, guide our actions, and strengthen us in times of suffering? It is a time to open ourselves to the Spirit, to embrace God's grace, and to rise above fear, knowing that His glory accompanies us through every mountain and valley of life. Therefore, dear friends, let us learn to go beyond our difficulties and allow Christ's light to shine within us and through us, bringing healing, transformation, and renewal.

Cari fratelli e sorelle, la Seconda Domenica di Quaresima ci ricorda che la fede non si vive soltanto nell'ordinario e nel familiare, ma anche nei momenti di incontro con la luce di Dio, che ci rafforza per il cammino che ci attende. Oggi siamo invitati a riconoscere la presenza di Cristo nella nostra vita, a lasciare che la sua luce risplenda nelle nostre debolezze e a seguirlo con coraggio e fiducia, anche di fronte alle prove. Nel nostro cammino quaresimale, questa Domenica ci invita a fermarci, a riflettere e a chiederci: stiamo davvero ascoltando Cristo? Stiamo permettendo alla sua luce di trasformare i nostri cuori, di guidare le nostre azioni e di sostenerci nei momenti di sofferenza? È un tempo per aprirci allo Spirito, accogliere la grazia di Dio e superare la paura, certi che la sua gloria ci accompagna in ogni monte e in ogni valle della vita. Perciò, cari amici, impariamo ad andare oltre le nostre difficoltà e permettiamo alla luce di Cristo di brillare in noi e attraverso di noi, portando guarigione, trasformazione e rinnovamento.

~Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel

Parish Lenten Mission in English

The English Parish Lenten Mission will be preached by **Fr. Shibu Kallarakal** on **Monday March 9, 2026 and Tuesday March 10, 2026 at 7pm**. The theme will be "Grace Blossoms in the Heart of the Desert."

Missione Quaresimale in Italiano

La Missione Quaresimale in Italiano sarà predicata da P. Shibu Kallarakal nei giorni mercoledì 11 marzo, 2026 e giovedì 12 marzo, 2026 alle ore 19.

Confirmation Retreat

All Confirmation candidates **must** attend the Confirmation retreat.

- **Saturday March 7, 2026 from 10am – 12pm**
Immaculate Conception, St. Catherine
- **Saturday March 7, 2026 from 1pm – 3pm**
St. John Bosco, St. Gabriel, Other Schools

"One Hour with Jesus" Eucharistic Adoration

You are all invited to the "One Hour with Jesus" Eucharistic Adoration which will be held on **Thursday March 5, 2026 at 7:30pm**. This Eucharistic adoration is a wonderful opportunity to turn to Jesus with confidence and pour out your heart to him in prayer.

Actors Needed! Good Friday Passion Play

We are seeking additional actors for our upcoming Passion Play. This is a meaningful opportunity to help share the story of Jesus' journey on Good Friday. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Time Change!

Sunday March 8, 2026 at 2:00 a.m. Please remember to turn your clocks one hour ahead!

Domenica 8 marzo, 2026 alle 2:00am. Ricordarsi di portare il proprio orologio un'ora avanti!

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at **7:30pm in English** and at **8:15pm in Italian**.

Tutti i Venerdì di Quaresima alle 19,30 in inglese e alle 20,15 in italiano.

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for the 2025 taxation year may be picked up from the parish office during office hours.

Le ricevute delle tasse per l'anno 2025 possono essere ritirate in ufficio parrocchiale durante gli orari di apertura.



Through ShareLife, you bring hope to those who need it most

David is a senior who faced overwhelming loss and uncertainty. When he turned to his pastor, he was guided to Catholic Family Services of Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife where he was welcomed with open arms. Through ShareLife, you help over 40 Catholic agencies bring hope to those who need it most.

The 2026 Parish ShareLife campaign will launch on **March 22, 2026**, with a second collection. Please give generously.

David e' un anziano che ha dovuto affrontare un grave lutto e grandi incertezze. Quando si rivolse al parroco, questi lo indirizzò alla "Catholic Family Services of Toronto", un'agenzia parte delle "Catholic Charities" che tu sostieni attraverso ShareLife. Attraverso ShareLife, tu assisti oltre 40 agenzie Cattoliche a dare un motivo di speranza a tutti coloro che ne hanno più bisogno.

*La prima Domenica di ShareLife è il **22 marzo, 2026**. Per favore dona generosamente.*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday March 2

7pm	Francesco Zaffino
8pm	Gennaro Mete

Tuesday March 3

7pm	Angela Caravaggio
8pm	Vincenza Oppedisano

Wednesday March 4

7pm	Gino Raponi
8pm	Nick Colombo

Thursday March 5

7pm	
7:30pm	"One Hour with Jesus" Adoration

Friday March 6

7pm	English Mass & Stations of the Cross
8:15pm	Via Crucis

Parent/Child Workshop for First Holy Communion Candidates

All First Holy Communion candidates **must** attend the Parent/Child Workshop. Please bring the *We Share in the Eucharist Book*. Only parents and First Communion candidates should attend.

- **Sunday March 1 2026** from 1:45pm-4pm
Immaculate Conception

Save the Date! 2026 Summer Camp

The **Immaculate Conception Parish Summer Camp** will take place **July 6 -10, 2026!** Open to children ages 4-12, the week will be filled with activities and faith-filled experiences. **Registrations open in mid-March.**

Pilgrimage to Turkey/Greece

Fr. Shaiju will be leading a leading a pilgrimage to Turkey/Greece from October 5 – October 15, 2026, visiting Corinth, Athens, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Gallipoli, Canakkale, Epehsus, Istanbul, Pergamum, Troy and more.

P. Shaiju accompagnerà un pellegrinaggio in Turchia/Grecia dal 5-15 ottobre, 2026 vistando Corinth, Athens, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki, Philippi,