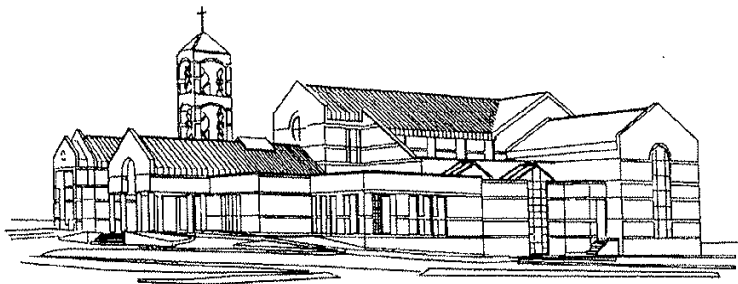


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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 3, 2024

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you!

PRAYING FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Are you mourning the death of a loved one? Are you wondering whether the soul of your loved one is in heaven or in a state of purification in purgatory? According to the rich tradition of the Catholic Church, during the entire month of November we remember and pray for our deceased family members, friends, parishioners and all the dead. Through intercessory prayers, alms, lighting of votive candles, visits to the cemeteries, and Holy Mass, we pray that they may be purified and cleansed from all stain of sin and welcomed into heaven. As Archbishop Francis Leo states, "Indeed, holy Mother Church recommends and encourages that we intercede for the eternal salvation of the faithful departed during the entire month of November. Praying for the deceased should never be seen as something morbid, or as a failure to "move on" with our own life from the death of a loved one. When we pray for those who have passed away before us, we contemplate the mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ; we acknowledge with personal and ecclesial faith that for Christ's faithful "life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven" (Preface I For the Dead, The Roman Missal, 2011); and finally, as members of the communion of saints, we petition the Lord for mercy and forgiveness on behalf of those who have died in the peace of Christ" (Message for All Souls Day – 2 November 2024).



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed rest in peace.*



FIFTEENTH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: *Save the Date!*

"The Lord has done great things for me, holy is his name" (Lk 1:49).

December 19th, 2024 will mark exactly fifteen years since I was ordained a priest and I have been so honoured and blessed to spend almost all of those years in this wonderful community. I am eternally thankful to God for the gift of the priesthood and for this community for your love, prayers and support in my ministry. It is my pleasure to invite you to join me on **Thursday December 19, 2024 at 7pm** to thank God for my life and my priestly vocation. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall. *Please save the date!*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FOR 2025

Dear candidates for the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, we are so proud of you for freely choosing to receive your sacrament here at Immaculate Conception Parish. This is an important step in your spiritual journey and a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understating of Jesus Christ, the gospel, the Catholic faith and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. As part of the preparation for the sacrament, **you are required to make a renewed commitment to attend Holy Mass regularly and to participate fully, actively and consciously in our liturgical celebrations.** We look forward to sharing this wonderful journey of faith formation with you and to celebrating your sacrament here at the parish.

JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE WITH FR. EUGENE CHIANAIN, CFIC

I will be leading a pilgrimage to **ITALY-SWITZERLAND-FRANCE from July 19-30, 2025.** If you are interested, call the parish office or contact Johnson Chakkalal at 647-540-7909 or canada@magiholidays.com

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eugene Chianain

Upcoming Baptisms

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

Anthony Alessandro Cariati
Sebastian Francesco Carnovale
Ava Michela Fimiani
Jacob Francesco Guzzo
Cali-Maria Sancler-Stopay
Ciana Rose Sancler-Stopay
Gia Giovanna Spano
Lena Rose Spano
Samsimbom Ngeh Yongabi

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday November 4 St. Charles Borromeo

7pm	Renaldo D'Aversa
8pm	Jack Lombardo

Tuesday November 5

7pm	Umberto Macri
8pm	Teresa & Domenico Cusato

Wednesday November 6

7pm	John Petrozza
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Thursday November 7

7pm	
8pm	<i>Candlelight Mass in English</i>

Friday November 8

7pm	Agostino Plati
8pm	Defunti del Torrice Club

All Souls Mass Envelopes

During the month of November, every morning at 8:00am and the Sunday Masses will be dedicated for your deceased loved ones. You may write the names of your loved ones on the "All Souls" envelopes found in the lobby and leave them on the Altar.

Durante il mese di novembre, tutte le Sante Messe delle ore 8:00am e tutte quelle della Domenica saranno celebrate per i vostri cari defunti. Potete scrivere i nomi dei defunti sulle buste che si troveranno nell'atrio della Chiesa e posarle sull'altare.

Celebration of Memory and New Life

A Mass with Candlelight Service in memory of our loved ones who have died will be held on: **Thursday November 7, 2024 at 8:00pm in English** and **Thursday November 14, 2024 at 8:00pm in Italian.**

*Una Santa Messa speciale con accensione di lumini per i nostri cari defunti sarà celebrata **giovedì 7 novembre, 2024 alle ore 20 in Inglese e giovedì 14 novembre, 2024 alle ore 20 in Italiano.***

CWL Bazaar

The CWL annual bazaar, shopping event and bake sale is back on **Sunday November 17, 2024 from 8:30am - 2:30 p.m.** featuring local vendors, treasure table, baked goods, porchetta panini, raffle draw and much more... We are looking for vendors to purchase a table and sponsors for Table Prizes.

Lectors Meeting

There will be a Lector's Meeting on **November 8th at 7:30pm in Meeting Room 1.** The meetings will be to review the Archdiocese of Toronto's new guidelines for lectors.

First Holy Communion Rite of Acceptance

All First Holy Communion Candidates are asked to attend **one** of the following masses **Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm**, or **Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 9:30 am, 12:30 pm, or 7:00 pm** to receive the Rite of Acceptance.

COR PROGRAM – Offering Our Hearts to Jesus Through Service

The Knights of Columbus is launching a program, inviting all men of our parish to pray, talk and share ideas in bringing Christ into various stages of our life (youth, married life and fatherhood). This is an excellent opportunity for us to share experiences and listen to tips in handling challenges we experience in our daily lives. The sessions will be from **10:30am – 11:00am** on the following **Sundays** at the chapel.

- **November 17, 2024**
- **December 15, 2024**
- **January 19, 2025**

To sign up:

- Please send an email to gk13164@ontariokofc.ca
- Call or Text Joseph Navera, Grand Knight at (647) 880 1865

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive November 23 & 24, 2024

The Truck of Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be in our Church parking lot from: **Saturday November 23, 2024 at 9:00 am to Sunday November 24, 2024 at 5:00pm.**