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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 6, 2026

Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters, the Gospel this Sunday reminds us: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." When we gather as families and as a parish community, Christ is truly in our midst. His presence calls us to live our faith not alone, but in communion with one another. As we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we rejoice in Mary's humble "yes" to God. Her humble yes in obedience opened the way to Christ and became a blessing for the whole world. May she teach us to listen to God's Word, trust His plan and respond with a faithful "yes" each day. As our children begin a new school year, may this be more than a return to our daily routines be a return to God. Let us also keep in our prayers all First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates and their parents. May the loving presence of Mary, our Mother, bless our children, guide our teachers, strengthen our families, and lead our parish ever closer to Christ and the joy of the Gospel. Have a blessed and wonderful week ahead!

Cari fratelli e sorelle, il Vangelo di questa domenica ci ricorda: «Dove sono due o tre riuniti nel mio nome, lì sono io in mezzo a loro». Quando ci riuniamo come famiglie e come comunità parrocchiale, Cristo è veramente presente tra noi e ci invita a vivere la nostra fede in comunione gli uni con gli altri. Celebrando la Natività della Beata Vergine Maria, rendiamo grazie per il suo umile e fiducioso "sì" a Dio, che ha aperto la strada alla venuta di Cristo ed è diventato una benedizione per il mondo intero. All'inizio di questo nuovo anno scolastico, auguriamo ai nostri bambini e ragazzi che non sia soltanto un ritorno alla routine quotidiana, ma anche un'occasione per avvicinarsi sempre più a Dio. Ricordiamo nelle nostre preghiere anche tutti i bambini e i ragazzi che si preparano alla Prima Comunione e alla Cresima, insieme ai loro genitori. Maria, nostra Madre, benedica i nostri bambini e ragazzi, accompagni gli insegnanti, rafforzi le nostre famiglie e conduca tutta la nostra comunità parrocchiale sempre più vicino a Cristo e alla gioia del Vangelo.
~Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel

2027 First Holy Communion Dates

- Saturday April 17, 2027 at 11:00am –
St. Gabriel
- Saturday April 17, 2027 at 2:00pm –
St. Catherine & Others
- Saturday April 24, 2027 at 11:00am –
St. John Bosco
- Saturday April 24, 2027 at 2:00pm –
Immaculate Conception

Registrations will open on September 8. A fee of **\$50.00 (cash or cheque only)** will be applied to cover the expenses. A copy of the Baptismal certificate of the candidate is required at the time of registration. Forms can be returned to the parish office during office hours.

2027 Confirmation Dates

- Thursday April 15, 2027 at 7:00pm –
St. Catherine & Others
- Friday April 16, 2027 at 7:00pm –
St. Gabriel
- Thursday April 22, 2027 at 7:00pm –
Immaculate Conception
- Friday April 23, 2027 at 7:00pm –
St. John Bosco

Registrations will open on September 8. A fee of **\$60.00 (cash or cheque only)** will be applied to cover the expenses. A copy of the Baptismal certificate of the candidate is required at the time of registration. Forms can be returned to the parish office during office hours.

Welcome Back to School!

Wishing all students, staff and families from Immaculate Conception, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary Schools and Father Bressani Catholic High School a successful new school year!

This Weekend's Marriages



Brianna Celetti & Filippo Montanaro

Installation of the New Pastor

On **Saturday September 26, 2026, at 5pm** during the parish's 40th Anniversary celebration, His Excellency Most. Rev. John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto will preside the celebration of the **installation of our new Pastor**, Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel.

Sabato 26 settembre, 2026, alle ore 17, durante le celebrazioni del 40mo anniversario della parrocchia, Sua Eccellenza Rev.mo. John Boissonneau, Vescovo Ausiliare dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto presiderà **l'insediamento del nostro nuovo parroco**, P. Shaiju Ponmalakkunel.

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on **Monday September 7, 2026** for the Labour Day holiday.

*L'ufficio parrocchiale rimarrà chiuso **lunedì 7 settembre, 2026** per il Labour Day.*

Feast of Blessed Luigi Monti

On **Tuesday September 22, 2026** we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Luigi Maria Monti, founder of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception with **Holy Mass at 7:00pm**, followed by refreshments.

Martedì 22 settembre, 2026 celebreremo la festa del Beato Luigi Monti, fondatore della Congregazione dei Figli dell'Immacolata Concezione con la **Santa Messa alle ore 19:00**, seguita da un rinfresco.

Humanitarian Relief Nepal and Colombia

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through trusted Catholic partners. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: *Immaculate Conception Parish – Humanitarian Relief – Nepal Mudslides or Humanitarian Relief – Colombia Earthquake*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday September 7

7pm

Tuesday September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7pm

Maria Spinosa

8pm

Giuliana Raso

Wednesday September 9

7pm

Maria Di Iulio Chiacchia

8pm

Angelo Di Maria

Thursday September 10

7pm

Friday September 11

7pm

Ines Pizzardi

8pm

Maria Dina & Giuseppe Villani

Fortieth Anniversary Celebration Saturday September 26, 2026

Immaculate Conception Parish will joyfully celebrate its 40th Anniversary on **Saturday, September 26, 2026**. The celebration will begin with **Holy Mass at 5:00pm**, presided by Bishop John Boissonneau, followed by a **dinner and dance reception at 6:30pm at the Borgata Event Centre in Vaughan**. Tickets are available at the parish office for \$120 for adults and \$60 for children. We are also seeking generous sponsors who would like to sponsor a dinner ticket for a member of the clergy who will be joining us for this important occasion.

*La Parrocchia Immacolata Concezione celebrerà il suo 40° Anniversario **sabato 26 settembre 2026**. La celebrazione inizierà con la **Santa Messa alle ore 17:00**, presieduta dal Vescovo John Boissonneau, seguita dal **ricevimento alle ore 18:30 presso il Borgata Event Centre di Vaughan**. I biglietti sono disponibili presso l'ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$120 per gli adulti e \$60 per i bambini. Siamo inoltre alla ricerca di generosi sponsor che desiderino offrire il biglietto per la cena a un membro del clero che parteciperà a questa importante occasione.*

Friends of Father Monti Meeting

The Friends of Father Monti invite members to the monthly meeting on **Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 7:30pm**. New members welcome.