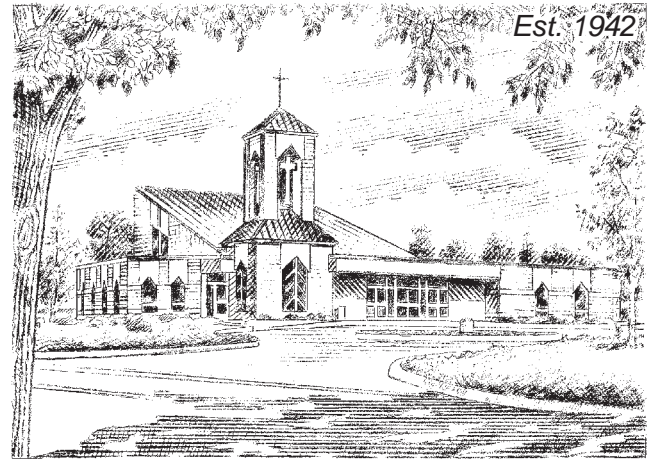


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### Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Paul T. Hancko, Pastor

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### Weekend Masses:

Saturday:	4:00pm	Keswick
	5:30pm	Sutton
Sunday:	8:30am	Sutton
	10:30am	Keswick

### Weekday Masses:

Please consult Sunday's bulletin

**Confessions (Reconciliation):** Before Masses whenever possible - or by appointment.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Consult Weekly Mass Schedule in the Parish bulletin.

**New Parishioners Registration:** For registration, please use the pink visitor envelopes. Income Tax Receipts issued for minimum donation of \$25.

**Papal Blessings:** For special celebrations, please go to [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) for directions.

**Bequests:** In your kindness, please remember Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

### Parish Organizations and Special Groups

**SSVP:** Maria (V.P.) - 905-476-0097 or 416-557-9964

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month.

**Third Order Secular Franciscans:** Rolf - 905-989-0523

Monthly Meetings: 4th Thursday at 7pm in Keswick

### Area Schools

St. Bernadette (Sutton): 905-722-6226

St. Thomas Aquinas (Keswick): 905-476-7784

Prince of Peace (Keswick): 905-476-1551

Our Lady of the Lake College (Keswick): 905-656-9140

**Marriages:** Marriages are celebrated in the Church where the bride or groom is registered at. When a man and a woman plan to marry each other, they should contact a priest one year in advance and always before the wedding date is set, and before arranging for the reception hall. The engaged are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Course.

**Please note:** However, if this man or woman has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted. Questions are often being asked about marriages performed outside the Catholic Church by non-Catholic ministers. These are not valid marriages according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, but many can be rectified by simply consulting with your Parish priest to discuss the available options. Sometimes people make decisions without proper information, so if you wish, please contact your Pastor for details or call the Marriage Tribunal at 416-934-3400 ext 300.

### Marriage Preparation Courses

Queen of Apostles Centre 905-278-5229, Catholic Family Services 416-222-0048, The Paulist Centre 416-534-2326, St. Francis Retreat Centre 519-941-1747, Our Lady of Grace Church 705-424-1551

### Marriage Counselling

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### Baptisms

Baptisms celebrated in Sutton and Keswick: The forms are available online or at the parish office. Forms must be complete and include copies of baptismal certificates for parents and godparents. Parents are required to attend 2 Catechism meetings. First with Father and second with the Deacon. Meetings are set only after completed registration forms with certificates are provided to the parish.

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan 9	<b>8:30am: +Vito John Perri</b> req. Donna Perri
Tues. Jan 10	<b>8:30am: +Jean &amp; Jimmy Owens</b> req. Helen Bromley
Wed. Jan 11	<b>8:30am: +Pauline Dvorak</b> req. the Estate
Sat. Jan 14	<b>5:30pm: +Cardinal Ambrozic</b> req. the Grellette's
Sun. Jan 15	<b>8:30am: Parishioners</b> (ProPopulo)



Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into our Catholic Church. **Jack Graham.** May God bless and guide him through the loving example of his family.

### INVALID MARRIAGES

Whenever a marriage takes place in which one or both parties are Catholic, the Catholic party is bound by the required "form" for marriage. This "form" means that whenever a Catholic person is married, they are required to be married before a priest and two witnesses. This is a precept of the Church and all Catholics have a serious obligation to observe the required form. This is an essential part of being a Catholic Christian. Civil unions are contracts of marriage but are not recognized by the faith community as covenants or sacramental unions. Please contact Father if this is a situation you find yourself in and Father will be very happy to assist you. (For those married outside the church e.g. Las Vegas, garden/backyard or Town halls, during Holy Communion ask for a Blessing.)

### TRUSTING GOD

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." *St. Catherine of Siena*  
From The Wisdom of the Saints

*Blessings and thank you to everyone who beautified our churches for Christmas. Thank you for your cards, gifts and well wishes. With appreciation we keep you in our prayers. Fr. Paul, Deacon Steve and Staff.*

### KESWICK - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thur. Jan 12	<b>8:30am: +William &amp; Annie McEleny</b> req. Helen Bromley
Fri. Jan 13	<b>8:30am: +Thomas Quigg</b> req. Holmes Family
Sat. Jan 14	<b>4:00pm: +Franco Decicco</b> req. Rosa Turano
Sun. Jan 15	<b>10:30am: +John Hara</b> req. Carmen Hara

**Christmas Collection: \$10,380.00.**

**PARISH DEBT as of December \$88,000**

**SUNDAY 2023 ENVELOPES** are available for pick up. Use the pink envelopes if you don't have 2023 envelopes. **Please, do not use old envelopes.**

### PRAYER FOR BENEFACTORS

Heavenly Lord, I ask you to pour out your blessings on those who have helped me along my way, whether I am aware of their contribution or not. Bless those who brought me up in life and faith, those who worked to make my life easier, those who befriended me along the way, those who prayed and offered sacrifices for me, and those who gave their lives for my welfare. Grant your blessing to all of them whether they are living or dead, and bring them all into the glorious light of your eternal Kingdom.

### St. Augustine Prayer to Seek God Continually

O Lord my God, I believe in you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Insofar as I can, insofar as you have given me the power, I have sought you. I became weary and I labored. O Lord my God, my sole hope, help me to believe and never to cease seeking you. Grant that I may always and ardently seek out your countenance. Give me the strength to seek you, for you help me to find you and you have more and more given me the hope of finding you. Here I am before you with my firmness and my infirmity. Preserve the first and heal the second. Here I am before you with my strength and my ignorance. Where you have opened the door to me, welcome me at the entrance; where you have closed the door to me, open to my cry; enable me to remember you, to understand you, and to love you. Amen.

**DO FRANKINCENSE and MYRRH CHASE  
AWAY EVIL?**

We all know where we encounter incense, at least sometimes: there are priests, bishops, and cardinals — as well as the Pope — who use frankincense or myrrh or both resins in sacramental censers. Just thinking of it, one can almost smell the lofty aroma.

It certainly brings a certain gravity to Mass (and yet, with that gravity, elevation). Were the herbs so treasured, by wise men, and by royalty, because the plants had spiritual as well as temporal value?

**This goes deep into history.** We can cite Genesis (37:25): “Then they sat down to eat a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, on their way to bring them down to Egypt.”

Myrrh has been used for millennia as incense and medicine: mixed with posca (wine, vinegar, and water) or wine alone, it was common across ancient cultures for general pleasure, probably bartering, and as a painkiller.

You can go back to the fifth dynasty ruler in Egypt (King Sahure): Egyptians brought myrrh in large quantities from the Horn of Africa (especially Somalia). Some believed it had rare properties.

**It makes appearances from the beginning of Jesus’ mission on earth to the end.** Along with Christ, Who came into the world specifically to break the strongholds of evil, perhaps there is symbology in the role of those resins right there at the start, at the manger.

Note (Matthew 2:11) that they fell to their knees, paying homage to Him with their gifts.

**It was there to the end.** At the Crucifixion (Mark 15:23), “They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh” (but He did not take it).

Of course, most famous is Matthew 2:11: “After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

In some translations, John 19:39 says, “Joseph [of Arimathea] and Nicodemus took the body and bound it in linen cloths with the spices (myrrh and aloes).”

**Now, what about frankincense?** “Use myrrh with frankincense to put a whammy on bad spirits and demons,” says a secular site, focusing on the supernatural.

Can we put any trust in that? Aren’t we called through life to purify, as Mary was immaculate, preparing for Heaven?

No smoke clears demons unless it is blessed by a priest, and nothing clears spirits like the Name “Jesus,” smoke or not. *-Spirit Daily*

**CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, Apostle, January 25**

St. Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, was born in Tarsus, Turkey, of observant Jewish parents. He was a Roman citizen from birth. To complete his studies, he went to the school of Gamaliel in Jerusalem and was educated in the strict observance of the Pharisees. His zeal for the Jewish Law led him to support the stoning of St. Stephen and to persecute the Christian Church, holding it to be a heretic sect. Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, Saul departed to Damascus to arrest the Christians and to bring them to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus, about noon, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying: *Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?* He said: *Who are you, Sir?* The reply came: *I am the Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go to the city and you will be told what you must do* (acts 9:4-6). The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, for they heard the voice but could see no one. When he got up he was blind and was brought to the city. Three days later, a certain Ananias entered the house, laid his hands on him, and said: *Brother Saul, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus so that you may recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit* (Acts 9:18). Then he was baptized.

**Prayer to St. Paul the Apostle**

O Glorious St. Paul, after persecuting the Church you became by God’s grace its most zealous Apostle. To carry the knowledge of Jesus, our Divine Savior, to the uttermost parts of the earth, you joyfully endured prison, scourging, stoning, and shipwreck, as well as all manner of persecutions culminating in the shedding of the last drop of your blood for our Lord Jesus Christ. Obtain for us the grace to labor strenuously to bring the faith to others and to accept any trials and tribulations that may come our way. Help us to be inspired by your Epistles and to partake of your indomitable love for Jesus, so that after we have finished our course we may join you in praising Him in Heaven for all eternity. Amen.

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