



Immaculate Conception R.C. Church

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Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

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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 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

Retrouville 416-281-6007, Marriage Encounter 905-278-5229, Catholic Family Services 416-222-0048

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec 5	8:30am: In thanksgiving req. the Penn's
Tues. Dec 6	8:30am: Blessings upon the Ewashko Family req. Ewashko's
Wed. Dec 7	8:30am: +Harry Quigg req. the Holmes family
Sat. Dec 10	5:30pm: Blessings & Health upon Elijah Tracy req. Donna Perri
Sun. Dec 11	8:30am: Parishioners (ProPopulo)



Living the Gospel through ShareLife

NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

CHILDREN' CHRISTMAS CHOIR

There will be a rehearsal for a Children's Christmas Choir at **1:30pm on Saturday, December 17th** in Keswick. If there are enough children (at least 5), the children's choir will sing on Christmas Eve at the 5pm Mass in Keswick and on Christmas day at 8:30am in Sutton and 10:30am in Keswick. Children are only expected to attend one of the Masses.

BAMBINELLI BLESSINGS

You are welcome to bring your statues of baby Jesus to Mass on the weekend of **December 17/18** for a special blessing.

2023 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Kindly notify the office if you have moved to ensure receipt of your 2022 Income Tax Receipt.

KESWICK - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thur. Dec 8	<u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</u> 8:30am: Blessings upon Lou & Mary Conte req. Deacon Don & Debra McMillan
Fri. Dec 9	8:30am: +Mark & Elizabeth Stephen req. Lima Uthemavadu
Sat. Dec 10	4:00pm: +Rita Szeler req. Helen Bromley
Sun. Dec 11	10:30am: +Giovanni Ienna req. Margareta Ienna

Weekly Collection: \$2,140.00 Thank you.

PARISH DEBT as of November \$92,000

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:	5pm in Keswick 9:30pm in Sutton
Christmas Day:	8:30am in Sutton 10:30am in Keswick Noon in Keswick
New Year's Eve:	3:30pm Adoration in Keswick 4pm: Holy Mass in Keswick
New Year's Day:	8:30am in Sutton 10:30am in Keswick Noon in Keswick

PARISH DEBT UPDATE

Due to a severe storm in 2017 the roof and interior of the Sutton Church needed major renovations and the roof needed repair in Keswick. Total debt December 2019: **\$ 440,496. Current debt \$ 92,000.**

CWL Christmas Potluck will be on **Wednesday, December 14th** at 7:00 in the parish hall at **Our Lady of the Lake in Keswick**. At this time the outgoing President, Ann Palmer, will inform current members of the procedure for the Election of the new Executive. For this or other information contact Ann.

Musicians needed for the **8:30am Sunday Mass** in Sutton. If you are interested, contact the parish office.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION December 8

We firmly believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception was, by a unique grace and privilege of Almighty God in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Saviour of human race, preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.

This dogma, based on the Bible and the Tradition of the Church, was solemnly defined by Pius IX on December 8th, 1854, by the bull *Ineffabilis Deus*. The incompatibility between Mary and Satan, which was anticipated in the Book of Genesis – 3:15) – was confirmed by the Archangel Gabriel at the annunciation. He said: *Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you* (Luke 1:28). It was reaffirmed by the salutation of Elizabeth: *Most blessed are you among women* (Luke 1:42). In the Middle Ages, the Immaculate Conception of Mary was at the centre of a theological debate. The Dominicans and other illustrious theologians like Bernard and Aquinas were the opinion that Mary was conceived with the original sin. Their view was opposed by the Franciscans, like Duns Socto, who maintained that the Mother of Jesus could not have been stained by any sin. The discussion was closed by Pius IX in 1854, when he declared that the universal redemption of Jesus was anticipated for Mary at the moment of her conception in view of her divine motherhood. The dogmatic definition received heavenly endorsement during the apparitions at Lourdes in 1858. When Bernadette asked her name, Our Lady answered: *I am the Immaculate Conception.*

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

This custom was first practiced in Germany in the 8th century after Christ. St. Boniface, a priest from England, traveled to Germany to try to convert the pagans. He had met some success, but was having a problem because many of the German people still wanted to worship their pagan gods. St. Boniface wondered how he could convince the German people that the sacred oak worshipped by them was not a god. He finally decided that he would go into the forest and cut the sacred oak down. The pagans were very angry. He decided to give them a young evergreen tree as a sign of what Jesus was offering them. Unlike the oak that lost its leaves every year, the evergreen never lost its leaves. This would be a sign of the life that Jesus was offering, a life that would never end. This is a reminder of the gift God offers us in His Son: everlasting life.

ST. NICHOLAS, Bishop – December 6

St. Nicholas, popularly known as Santa Claus, was born in Patara, Asia Minor, during the 3rd century. After his appointment as Bishop of Myra in Turkey, he came to know of a man who lived in extreme poverty. Unable to support his three daughters, who could not find husbands because of their poverty, he was determined to give them over to prostitution. Then Nicholas, under the cover of darkness, took a bag of gold and threw it at the open window of their house. Here was a dowry for the eldest girl, who was soon duly married. At intervals, Nicholas did the same for the second and the third daughter. At the last time, the father, who was on the watch, recognized his benefactor and overwhelmed him with gratitude.

The holy bishop died in 350, but his kindness and generosity became known worldwide. In the 19th century, some Dutch Protestants contracted his name into Santa Claus, and made him the jolly and popular bringer of Christmas gifts. His red suit trimmed with white fur originated in the bishop's miter and cape. His association with reindeer from the North Pole, and the climbing down of chimneys to leave presents under the Christmas tree, were popularized by some American writers. Santa Claus symbolizes the true meaning of Christmas, that of love and generosity for all the poor of the world.

THE JESSE TREE

Advent is a good time to think back on how God prepared the hearts of His people for the birth of His only Son. That way, when we have heard how they grew closer to God all throughout their history, we might be encouraged to draw close to God ourselves.

It would be impossible to look at every single thing that God did for His people before Jesus was born, but maybe we can look at a few of those things. We will be looking at the Jesse tree. This is the name given to the promises that God made throughout the Old Testament concerning the birth of His only Son.

Just like our Christmas tree, the Jesse tree has beautiful decorations. But instead of having stars and lights on it, it has the promises that God made to us and to His people, promises made out of love.

The tree is named after Jesse, the father of David, the great king of Israel. The reason for this is that some of the most important promises of all were made to Jesse and to his son David. They were promised that God's only Son would be born in their family.

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