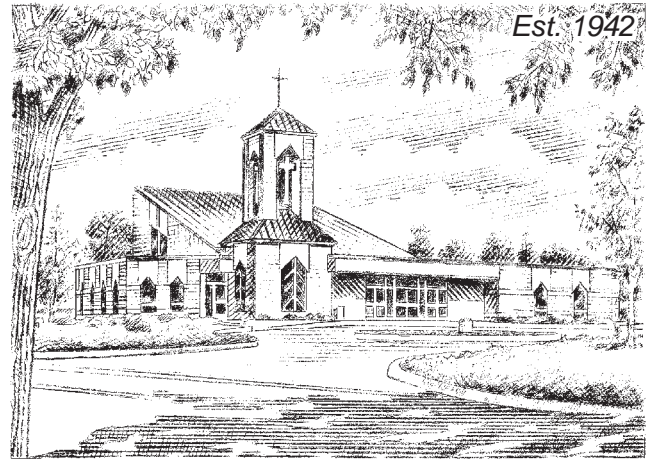


## Immaculate Conception R.C. Church

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## Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

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### Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Paul T. Hancko, Pastor

Rev. Deacon Stephen Palmer

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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

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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### UTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec 12	<u>Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> <b>8:30am: +Julius &amp; Elizabeth Hancko</b>
Tues. Dec 13	<b>8:30am:</b> In thanksgiving to All the Saints req. the Penn's
Wed. Dec 14	<b>8:30am: Blessings upon Lou Conte</b> req. Deacon Don & Debra McMillan
Sat. Dec 17	<b>5:30pm: +Josephine Iacono</b> req. Donna Perri
Sun. Dec 18	<b>8:30am: Parishioners</b> (Pro Populo)



Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into our Catholic Church **Paige & Rylee Smith**. May God bless and guide these children through the loving examples of their families



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.

Did you know that, through your support, no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? One of these agencies whose work you make possible is Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS).

"The pandemic has affected the newcomer and refugee communities we serve greatly," the agency reports. Thanks to you, CCS continued its settlement and mental health services for this marginalized population without interruption

### CHILDREN' CHRISTMAS CHOIR

There will be a rehearsal for a Children's Christmas Choir at **1:30pm on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**During Christmas the parish office will be closed from December 19 to January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### KESWICK - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thur. Dec 15	<b>8:30am: +Angela DePalma</b> req. Anna Masciarelli
Fri. Dec 16	<b>8:30am: +Daniel Haze</b>
Sat. Dec 17	<b>4:00pm: +Arduino Perruzza</b> req. Kathy Perruzza
Sun. Dec 18	<b>10:30am: +Paul Serravalle</b> req. Sue Latvanen

**Weekly Collection: \$3,675.00 Thank you.**

**PARISH DEBT as of November \$91,000**

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

**CWL Christmas Potluck** will be on **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** 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. **Also, you can place your ballots in sealed envelopes in the donation box and mark CWL.**

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

### 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.

## HOW GOD GAVE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AS PROTECTION IN 'END TIMES'

One of the most amazing phenomena of Catholic devotion is the rapid and massive popularization of the Miraculous Medal. It is the medal of the Immaculate Conception. And the symbol of Grace that Our Lady grants to whoever asks for it.

In 1830, with the apparition of the Miraculous Medal to Saint Catherine Labouré, the first modern apparition of the Blessed Virgin took place in Paris. What Pius XII called the “era of Mary” begins, a stage of her repeated heavenly visits to Earth to prepare us for the tribulations to come. Over the course of 46 years, Mary revealed herself in five instances in France, and all of these apparitions have been approved by the Church.

In 1846, in southern France, she appears to two children, Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, as Our Lady of La Salette. In Lourdes in 1858, she appeared to Saint Bernadette Soubirous, already as the Immaculate Conception, a dogma promulgated in 1854, and an apparition in which the Virgin appeared to her as shown in the Miraculous Medal. In 1871 she appears to a twelve-year-old boy, Eugene Barbedette, near the town of Pontmain in Brittany.

### **And how did Our Lady manage to spread the Miraculous Medal?**

A few weeks after beginning her novitiate, on July 18, 1830, Our Lady appeared to Catherine in great splendor and dignity. She anticipated the future by saying, “the Cross will be trampled on, blood will run through the streets, the world will sink into sadness, but grace will be poured out on all who ask for it with faith and fervor.” She confided in Catherine secrets and gave her specific orders. Catherine never revealed these secrets directly to the outside world, and her confessor at first paid no attention to the young nun’s accounts, but was later persuaded that it was necessary. Her convent sisters would never know that Catherine had received a visit from the Virgin.

Shortly after Catherine Labouré’s death in 1877, she was given the title of “Venerable.” In 1933 she was beatified and in 1947 canonized. And when her body was exhumed in 1933, almost fifty years after her death, it was found in perfect condition.

In the **first apparition** to Catherine, on the night of July 18-19, 1830, a child, perhaps her guardian angel, woke her up and summoned her to the chapel.

There she met the Virgin Mary and spoke with her for several hours. During the conversation, Mary told her, “My daughter, I am going to give you a mission.” The **second apparition** was on November 27, 1830, the date on which the feast of this apparition would later be established. The visionary saw Mary standing on what appeared to be a globe, holding a golden globe in her hands, as if offering it to Heaven. On the globe was the word “France” and Our Lady explained that the globe represented the entire world, but especially France. Coming out of the fingers were many rays of light and Mary explained that the rays symbolize the graces that she obtains for those who ask for them. And in the **third apparition** Saint Catherine saw Our Lady standing on a globe of the earth, with her arms now outstretched and with the dazzling rays of light still coming from her fingers. And around the figure was an inscription: “*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.*” This advanced the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which would be promulgated by the Church 24 years later. Then Our Lady showed her a medal, with the instruction that it be minted. In the front, Mary is standing on a globe, crushing the head of a snake under her foot. It depicts the scene from Genesis 3:15, where God prophesies that a Woman and her offspring will crush the head of Satan, who had tricked Adam and Eve into committing Original Sin. The Lady has a crown on her head and rays come out of her hands representing graces, but not all of her fingers radiate rays, because some represent the graces that God offers but we reject.

Later Our Lady showed Catherine the design on the reverse of the medal. Twelve stars, representing the faith of the 12 apostles, surrounded a large “M” from which a Cross emerged. Below were two hearts with flames, one of them surrounded by thorns, that of Jesus Christ, and the other pierced by a sword, that of Mary. The “M” stands for Mary, and the conjunction of her initial and the cross shows Mary’s close relationship with Jesus. The cross can also symbolize our redemption, with the bar below the cross as a sign of the earth or the altar. Mary told Catherine, “Have a medal minted on this model, those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around their necks.” The first medals were made in 1832 and distributed in Paris. Almost immediately, the blessings that Mary had promised began to rain down on those who carried her Medal. The devotion spread like wildfire and people called it the Miraculous Medal.

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