



## Immaculate Conception R.C. Church

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

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### Weekend Masses:

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

### Weekday Masses: 8:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday: Sutton

Thursday & Friday: Keswick

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone or dropping in.

### First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Keswick: after the morning mass

Sutton: 5:30pm followed by mass

### Parish Registration:

If you have moved to our parish boundaries and not yet registered as parishioners, you are most welcome to be part of our community. Please register by completing the pink visitor envelope or contact the office.

### Parish Organizations

#### Catholic Woman League (CWL):

Sonya 905-960-4140

#### Knights of Columbus:

Tvrko (GK) 416-451-9149

#### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul:

Maria (VP) 905-476-0097 ext.3  
416-557-9964

#### Third Order Secular Franciscans:

Rolf 905-989-0523

**Altar Servers:** Parents, Contact the office.

**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

### Parish 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

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the office for the application. An interview with the pastor and preparation class attendance by the parents is required. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd weekend of the month.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available 30 minutes before weekend masses and by appointment during the week.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning marriage must meet with Fr. Dunstan a minimum of 6 months before the proposed date. Please book your reception hall only after you've met with the Pastor.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the sick

If you or your loved ones wish to receive this sacrament, please contact our parish office.

### Interested in Becoming a Catholic (RCIA)

Adults wishing to become Catholic are asked to book a meeting with Fr. Dunstan. Tony Snider is the coordinator for the RCIA program.

### Communion for the Sick

If you are unable to attend church, arrangements can be made for you to receive Holy Communion at home. Contact the parish office.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	Dec 5	<b>8:30am: For all the Children</b>
Wed.	Dec 6	<b>8:30am: Tony Reda</b> req. Connors Family
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>5:00pm: Parishioners</b>
Sat.	Dec 9	<b>5:30pm: Healing Mass for Rose Sedore</b> req. Linda Yetman
Sun.	Dec 10	<b>8:30am: +Giovanni Ienna</b> req. his wife, children & grandchildren

### KESWICK - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thurs.	Dec 7	<b>8:30am: +Catherine McAuliffe</b>
Fri.	Dec 8	<b>8:30am: For all mothers</b>
Sat.	Dec 9	<b>4:00pm: Parishioners</b>
Sun.	Dec 10	<b>10:30am: + Ray Champagne</b> req. Takes Family



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Vigil & Midnight Mass

<b>December 24</b>	5:00pm	Sutton
	8:00pm	Keswick
	11:30pm	Keswick
<b>December 25</b>	11:00am	Sutton

### Weekend Collection:

Our Lord Jesus Christ/ King of the Universe  
(Nov.25/26) \$2647.85

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

### CWL gift card fundraiser



Are you planning to purchase any gift cards this Christmas? Or, want to purchase cards for your own use, i.e. groceries, fuel.

If so, why not support CWL? Hundreds of gift cards to choose from. See the full list on the order form. **Deadline to order is Dec. 3** Gift cards will be available for **pickup at the masses on Dec. 16/17**. See CWL member at the back of the churches.

## Parish Feast December 8, 2023



Solemnity of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the feast of our parish that unites all of us in Sutton and Keswick. The feast mass will be celebrated on **Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in Sutton** followed by the procession of the blessed Mary Statue.

### Immaculate Conception

In the liturgical calendar of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, there exists the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary** on December 8. It is a feast that is often confused with the conception of Jesus Christ, which is celebrated with the Solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25 (nine months before Christmas day).



### **What does the “Immaculate Conception” mean?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lays out a basic definition. To become the mother of the Savior, Mary “was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.” The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as “full of grace.” In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God’s grace. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, “full of grace” through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin. (CCC 490-491) It is a difficult teaching to understand, as it centers on the teaching that God applied the merits of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross to the Virgin Mary at the moment of her conception. *Aletheia*

Long term parishioner and one of our ushers of our parish Tony Reda has embraced his heavenly birth on Nov. 18, 2023. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and be united in spirit and prayers with his family and friends.



**Parish Advent Confession Day**

The Confession day for our parish is **December 15:**

**Schools:**

- St. Bernadette: 10am-12pm
- St. Thomas: 9am-12pm
- Prince of Peace: 9am-12pm
- OLL Academy: 9am -12pm



**Sutton: 5:30-7:30pm**

**Keswick: 5:30-8:30pm**

Please prepare yourself to welcome baby Jesus in your hearts in the state of grace.



**School Advent masses:**

- St. Bernadette: Dec. 7 1:30pm
- St. Thomas: Dec. 8 11:00am

**Legion of Mary**



The Legion of Mary, Mystical Rose Praesidium, invites Parishioners to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in their home for two weeks. Please contact Helen 905-535-1861 to arrange. Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be done separately.



Archbishop Leo invites you to join ShareLife's fight against hunger  
**NEW:** Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. "It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right," shares Archbishop Francis Leo. "Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy." Please support the fight against hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for reaching out with the hands of Christ to feed the hungry.

**First Sunday of Advent, December 3 Cycle B**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19*

***A prayer for the Lord's protection***

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 13:33-37*

**December 6 St. Nicholas**

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who provided for the poor and sick and is the basis for the popular character of Santa Claus.

Who Was Saint Nicholas?

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who helped the needy. After his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. Saint Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world.



Saint Nicholas was born circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre.

There are many legends about Saint Nicholas of Myra. One story tells how he helped three poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times, Saint Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one of his daughters could marry. On the third visit, the man saw Saint Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. He also reportedly saved three men who were falsely imprisoned and sentenced to death. Several sources state Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6, 343. Over the years, stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors and was associated with gift-giving. He was a popular saint in Europe until the time of the Reformation in the 1500s, a religious movement that led to the creation of Protestantism, which turned away from the practice of honoring saints. Saint Nicholas, however, remained an important figure in Holland. [/www.biography.com/religious-figures](http://www.biography.com/religious-figures)



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