

## **Immaculate Conception R.C. Church**

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

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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**KESWICK - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Mon. Dec 25	<b>11:00am: Parishioners</b>
Tues. Dec 26	<b>8:30am: Honour of St. Joseph</b> req. Joan & Ean Penn
Wed. Dec 27	<b>8:30am: Healing for Father Paul Hancko</b>
Sat. Dec 30	<b>5:30pm: Thanksgiving for Rose Sheppard</b>
Sun. Dec 31	<b>8:30am: +Jenny Zuluwaga</b> req. Patricia Blandon <b>7:00pm: Parishioners</b>

Thurs. Dec 28	<b>8:30am: Thanksgiving for Deacon Steve</b>
Fri Dec 29	<b>8:30am: Thanksgiving for Christiane Crawford</b>
Sat. Dec 30	<b>4:00pm: + Concetta Simone</b> req. Kathy Perruzza
Sun. Dec 31	<b>10:30am: +Jenny Zuluwaga</b> req. Patricia Blandon



*New Years Schedule*

**December 31, 2023**

6:00pm Thanksgiving Service Sutton  
(Adoration)  
7:00pm Mass in Sutton

**January 1, 2024**

8:30am Sutton  
10:30am Keswick



**Parish Debt as of November 2023                      \$70,000**

**Weekly collection December 9/10                      \$2961.90**

- December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)**
- December 26: St. Stephen, The first Martyr (Feast)**
- December 27: St. Johns, Apostle, Evangelist (Feast)**
- December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)**
- December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Feast)**



**Keswick Church Parking**

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**Knight of Columbus**

General Meeting Wednesday December 27, 2023 in Keswick at 7:30pm.

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**Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer**

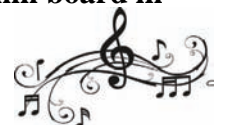


Service 2024 Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m. ET Venue: St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2) Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Join Archbishop Francis

Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches

*Father Dunstan, Deacon Steve and staff give best wishes of joy, peace, love and good health at this time of Christmas May Infant Jesus bless you and all your loved ones.*

**Connor family came like Santa early and left new Advent songs books and a new hymn board in Keswick. Thank you very much.**



### **Vocation Seeds**

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Update**

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include the Indigenous Spirit Fund, a branch of Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, Ontario that will receive \$400,000 over four years to enrich their On the Land culture camp program curriculum.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation)



ShareLife wishes you a blessed Christmas As we shelter from the winter cold, the ShareLife team thanks you for your faithful support. We wish you a warm and safe Christmas season, grateful for the enduring compassion you extend to those less fortunate. You are igniting hope for a better future. If you wish to share your blessings this Christmas, your contribution will double in value. Your year-end gift to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you and Merry Christmas!

### **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass**

#### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

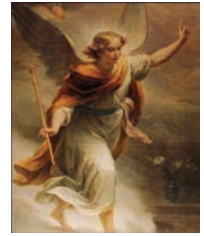
*Psalm 89:4-5,16-17,27,29*

#### **Second Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17,22-25*

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 1:1-25* (or the shorter form, Matthew 1:18-25)



#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's liturgy offers the option to read a longer or shorter form of the Gospel. If we read the longer form, we hear Matthew recount the ancestry of Jesus. This genealogy sets Jesus' birth within the context of the history of Israel, highlighting two of Jesus' ancestors—Abraham, the father of the Hebrew people, and David, the most important king of Israel. Jesus' ancestral lineage reinforces a central theme of Matthew's Gospel: Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies made to the people of Israel.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. During his betrothal to Mary, Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant. Betrothal in first-century Jewish culture was more than an engagement period; it was part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. If adultery was proved, the punishment might be death. Joseph had rights under Mosaic Law, but he chose to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract so as to protect Mary. The way that Joseph and Mary faced these extraordinary circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God.

The message the angel gave to Joseph in a dream reveals many important theological details about the child Mary will bear and about the child's role in God's plan. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "God saves." He will be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. He will be Emmanuel, "God with us." This is the mystery we celebrate at Christmas, the Incarnation. God chose to become a human being in the person of Jesus.

Joseph did as the angel of the Lord directed. He took Mary to be his wife and accepted the child in her womb as his own. When Jesus was born, Joseph followed the directions of the angel and gave the child the name Jesus. We often recall Mary's cooperation in God's plan for our salvation. Today's Gospel reminds us of Joseph's important role, which was also crucial to God's plan for Jesus' birth.



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