

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

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

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**May the  
Spirit of God  
Lead You Through  
the New Year**



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	Dec. 30	7:00pm:
Wed.	Dec. 31	<b>7:00pm: +Jenny Zuluaga</b> req. Patricia Blandon
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>8:30am: +Emma Brydson</b> req. Brydson Family
Sat.	<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>5:30pm: in Honour of St. Joseph</b> req. Ean & Joan Penn
Sun.	<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>8:30am: +Raymond Selvaratnam</b>



The sanctuary light in **Sutton** burns this week  
in loving memory of  
**Jenny Zuluaga**

### KESWICK – MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>10:30am:</b>
Fri.	Jan. 2	<b>8:30am: Good Health and Inner Peace for Fortunato Del Col</b> req. John Del Col
Sat.	<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>4:00pm: +Joanne &amp; Ken Borris</b> req. Dzisiak Family
Sun.	<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>10:30am: Parishioners (Pro Populo)</b>



The sanctuary light in **Keswick** burns this week  
in thanksgiving for  
**Liz Holmes**

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering **Mass intentions**.

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possesses a power that our personal prayers do not.

The important part is to remember that you are not paying for the *graces* from God (which are of infinite value and cannot be paid for), but for the material things that are involved with celebrating that particular Mass.

#### Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Light

Please call the Office if you would like to have a Mass offered (\$20) or Sanctuary Light lit (\$15).

**In Keswick, you can also personally light a special candle for Our Blessed Mother Mary and for St. Anthony (each \$8). Please contact the Office.**

#### *New Year's Mass Schedule*

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**

Sutton: 6:00pm - Adoration  
7:00pm - Mass

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**

Sutton: 8:30am  
Keswick: 10:30am

*Friday, January 2, 2026 (regular Mass) Keswick: 8:30am*

**NO First Friday Adoration in January**

**Weekend Collection (Dec. 13/14)      \$2,258.40**  
**Building Maintenance Fund (Dec. 13/14)      \$119.00**

As we enter the year 2026, let us lift our hearts in prayer, seeking God's guidance, blessings, and renewal for the year ahead.

#### *A Prayer for New Beginnings*

*Heavenly Father,*

*As we step into the new year, we lift our hearts to You with gratitude and hope. Thank You for guiding us through the past and blessing us with the promise of a new beginning. Fill our days with Your light and our hearts with Your peace. Strengthen us to walk in faith, love, and purpose, trusting Your plans for our lives. Bless our families, our work, and all that we undertake this year. May 2026 be a year of renewal, joy, and abundant grace. We dedicate this year to You, O Lord, and place our lives in Your hands. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

Wishing you, your families and all your loved ones a joyful, peaceful and prosperous New Year.



May 2026 be a year of answered prayers, restored peace, and divine breakthroughs and may blessings follow you in every place you step. May you grow in faith and wisdom and may God grant you peace, health and happiness.

**HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR**

*Father Dunstan, Deacon Steve and Christiane.*

### **January 1, World Day of Peace**

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come”. Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.  
*Ordo*

### **January 1, New Year’s Day Mass**

Sutton: 8:30am

Keswick: 10:30am

### **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord  
(Holy Day of Obligation)



On January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This day closes the Octave of Christmas by honouring Mary’s unique role in the mystery of the Incarnation. The Church’s teaching that Mary is the

Mother of God was already present in Revelation and was part of doctrinal teaching before it was officially declared a dogma. The child Mary bore, Jesus Christ, is truly both divine and human. By acknowledging that Mary is the Mother of God, the Church safeguards both the divinity and humanity of Christ.

Mary is rightly called *Mother of God*, a title defended at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. against the Christological error of Nestorianism. This heresy implied that Jesus could be divided into two persons—with Mary as the mother of Christ the Man, but not the mother of a Divine Person who became Man. The Council rejected this notion and declared Mary the *Theotokos*, or God-bearer.

Mary became the Mother of God’s only Son through the power of the Holy Spirit. But her maternal role was not passive. With the words, “I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done unto me according to your word” (Luke 1:38), she gave her consent—and God entered our world through her unconditional cooperation with His plan.

As we embark on a new year, may we entrust ourselves to Our Lady’s maternal care, asking for her intercession to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. May her maternal intercession accompany our pilgrimage of faith this year. *EWTN*

### **\$5,000.00 from ShareLife and Catholic Charities for SSVF**

ShareLife, based on the recommendation of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, has approved and will allocate \$5,000.00 toward **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** food program at Immaculate Conception Parish. Please note that ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and two generous anonymous donors, provided these funds. The ShareLife Advisory Board has made it a priority to establish and provide funds for the purpose of feeding the hungry throughout the Archdiocese, which we are sure you will agree is of significant value to those in need.

### **Plastic Milk Bags for the Homeless in our Community**

Save your clean, three-litre milk bags to help homeless people and reduce plastic in landfill sites. We are asking all our parishioners to start collecting, cleaning and donating their plastic outer-shell milk bags to both our Churches. There will be bins provided and you can leave your milk bags (best folded) in the bins. They must be clean and dry to avoid mold.

Drying Tip: Turn bags inside out – no wiping – air dry. They will be picked up once a month and then turned into mats that will be given to the homeless. It takes 500 bags to make one mat and many hours to complete. The mats are water-resistant and provide insulation from the cold and wet ground. Thank you for your support!

### **Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00pm**

**Venue:** Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Road, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

**Theme:** “*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling.*”

(Ephesians 4:4). Join **Bishop John A. Boissonneau** 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 Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

*“Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart. Following her, you will never lose your way. Praying to her, you will never sink into despair. Contemplating her, you will never go wrong.”* St. Bartholomew

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