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Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

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Office Hours: 9am to 4:30pm Tuesday to Friday

Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Paul T. Hancko, Pastor

Rev. Deacon Stephen Palmer

Weekend Masses:

Saturday:	4:00pm	Keswick
	5:30pm	Sutton
Sunday:	7:30am*	Keswick
(*from May long weekend to October long weekend)		
	8:30am	Sutton
	11am	Keswick

Weekday Masses:

Please consult Sunday's bulletin

Confessions (Reconciliation): Before Masses whenever possible - or by appointment.

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Keswick: Mass - 8:30am, Holy Hour until 10:30am

Sutton: Holy Hour - 5:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm

New Parishioners Registration: For registration, please use the pink visitor envelopes.

Papal Blessings: For special celebrations, please go to www.vatican.ca for directions.

Bequests: In your kindness, please remember Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

Parish Organizations

K of C:	Perry Smith	905-476-8279
CWL:	Ann Palmer	905-989-1244
IC Women:	Rose Sheppard	905-722-3623
R.C.I.A.:	Tony Snider	905-476-4765
SVDP:		905-476-0097

Special Groups

Edge, Lifteen, Moms' Group, Heralds of the Gospel, Third Order Secular Franciscans, Legion of Mary

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

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

Celebrated in Sutton and Keswick. Baptism forms are available online or at the parish office. Both parents are required to attend 2 Baptism Catechism Classes. 1st Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in Keswick. 2nd meeting will be with a Priest. Date and time of baptism are confirmed with Pastor's consultation. Baptism certificate (original or copy) is required from Parents and Godparents. Please complete form and return to the office prior to attending first meeting.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUTTON

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon.	Dec 17	9:00am: + Luis & Ann Calderon req. Alzirina Abreu
Tues.	Dec 18	8:30am: + William & Hilda Cummings req. Pat & Joan Fahey
Wed.	Dec 19	6:45pm: Devotion to Our Lady 7:00pm: + Rev. Lloyd Cummings req. Pat & Joan Fahey
Fri.	Dec 21	10:30am: Riverglen Haven Nursing Home Special Intention
Sat.	Dec 22	5:30pm: + Marion McCausland
Sun.	Dec 23	8:30am: Parishioners (Pro Populo)



Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into our Catholic Church. **Jessica and Cassidy Ross.** May God bless and guide these children through the loving examples of their families

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Erica Barry, Tyler Clements, Michael Conlon, Anna Corriveau, Carol Frank, John Hopkins, Grant Madill, Lynda McCarthy, Connie Mirensi, Diane Pereira, Rosemary Rupert, Rosa Maria Santos, Paul Serravalle, Adriana Smith, Jennifer Teeluck

MASS TIME CHANGE IN KESWICK

Beginning on **January 6**, Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Church will be at **10:30am**



The Knight's Christmas Party will be held Sat. Dec. 22 @ 7pm at the Sutton Curling Club, 15 Fairpark Lane. Finger food and Cash Bar. All are welcome. RSVP to Perry Smith by Dec. 10th at perrysmith@rogers.com or 905-476-8279. The next General Meeting is changed to the 2nd Wednesday in Sutton, Dec 12th, following Mass.

CATHOLIC WEBSITES/STATIONS OF INTEREST

<https://spiritdaily.com> <https://churchpop.com>
EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) on Rogers channel 239

"The beginning of faith is feeling the need for salvation: this is the way that prepares us to meet Jesus." - *Pope Francis*

KESWICK

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thurs.	Dec 20	8:30am: Blessings upon those suffering with mental illness and addiction
Fri.	Dec 21	8:30am: + Betty Bromley req. Helen Bromley
Sat.	Dec 22	4:00pm: Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Kranjcec Family
Sun.	Dec 23	11:00am: + Ellen Jablonicky req. Tracy Magee

COLLECTION UPDATE

Weekly Offertory: Dec 8/9: \$3,169.00. Thank you.

OVERFLOW PARKING IN KESWICK CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please check our parking lot and the parking lot at St. Thomas Aquinas first. If you must park on the road you may only park on the east side of Metro Road, north of Old Homestead Road.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sutton - Immaculate Conception Church

December 24 th	5:00pm and 10:00pm
December 25 th	8:30am

Keswick - Our Lady of the Lake Church

December 24 th	8:00pm
December 25 th	10:30am

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Sutton

December 31 st	4:00pm – Holy Hour 5:00pm
January 1 st	8:30am

Keswick

January 1 st	10:30am
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ADVENT WREATH – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Set a wreath in a place of honour in your home such as a dining table. Each Sunday, gather around and pray together as a family. Light two purple candles and the pink candle this **3rd Sunday of Advent** (Gaudete Sunday) and say a simple prayer such as: *Jesus, You are the light of the world. May your light shine brightly so we can see You everywhere. Help us spread Your light and joy by helping the needy around us. Amen.*

"Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." – *St. Mother Teresa*

FOR GOOD CATHOLIC PARENTS TO CONSIDER

You should strive to have your baby baptized within the first few months of his/her life. You should truly consider giving one name of a saint to your child.

10 TIPS FOR RAISING CATHOLIC CHILDREN

1. **Watch** programming about saints with your kids to help establish a love of the saints from an early age.
2. **Take** your children to different parishes, especially on occasions when you might be in other communities for sporting events or visiting family and friends.
3. **Pray** with your children and for your children. To ensure your kids say their morning and evening prayers, pray with them. Also, keep holy water in the house for blessing them everyday.
4. **Discuss** spiritual books you are reading with your children. Talking to your children about books you might be reading sets the example that you are also continuing to learn more about your faith.
5. **When travelling**, make a Catholic Church one of your very first stops. Taking children to a church as a first stop establishes in their minds the universality of the Church, showing them the Mass at home is the same Mass in other countries.
6. **Creatively** establish that saints, the Church and being Catholic is cool. If a faith seems too remote from the life of children they cannot relate to it. So it is important to customize certain aspects of faith to an age-appropriate level. For example, telling a child in Grade 2 that they have their own angel or telling an 8th Grader about martyrdom of some saints.
7. **Establish** relationships with families that practice their faith. Children need peer-faith relationships. Children are exposed to so many choices and lifestyles. It is important that children see other children (friends) are serious about their faith. Going to Catholic mother groups, Bible camps, etc. are good options.
8. **Place** a religious article, statue, crucifix etc. in every room in your house. These things can help remind us we are Catholic.
9. **Have** your house blessed. Invite a priest over when you are having a party, a wedding, lunch.
10. **Maintain** parental authority. When it comes to Sunday Mass, there is no choice.

- *From: I Love my Catholic Moms Group Update (condensed)*

THE STORY OF THE CANDY CANE

A Candymaker wanted to make a candy that would be a witness, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and the firmness of the promises of God.

He made the candy in the form of a “J” to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Saviour. It could also represent the staff of the “Good Shepherd” with which he reached down to the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs, who like all sheep have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, he stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.

Unfortunately, the candy became known as a Candy Cane – a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. However, the meaning is still there for those who “have eyes to see and ears to hear.” I pray that this symbol will again be used to witness to the Wonder of Jesus and His Great Love that came down at Christmas and remains the ultimate and dominant force in the universe today.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A custom Christians borrowed from the pagans is the Christmas tree. This custom was first practiced in Germany in the eighth century after Christ.

St. Boniface, a priest from England, had traveled to Germany to try to convert the pagans. He had some success, but he 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 worshiped 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 with what St. Boniface had done. Now St. Boniface had to worry about how he would be able to calm them down.

Finally, 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, the evergreen did not lose its leaves. This would be a sign of the life that Jesus was offering, a life that would never end. A reminder of the gift God offers us in His Son: everlasting life.

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