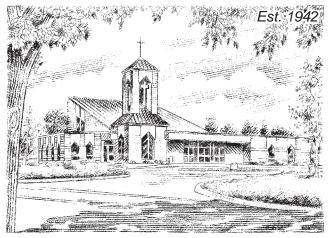


# Immaculate Conception R.C. Church

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**Pastoral Team** Rev. Fr. Paul T. Hancko, Pastor Rev. Deacon Stephen Palmer

EWTN (a great Catholic TV station) Rogers 239

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00pm Keswick 5:30pm Sutton Sunday: <u>7:30am\*</u> Keswick (\*from May long weekend to October long weekend) 8:30am Sutton 10:30am Keswick

#### Weekday Masses:

Please consult Sunday's bulletin

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

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

<u>Keswick:</u> Mass - 8:30am, <u>Holy Hour</u> until 10:30am <u>Sutton:</u> Holy Hour - 5:30pm, <u>Mass</u> at 7:00pm

**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 <u>www.vatican.ca</u> for directions.

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

#### **Parish Organizations**

K of C:	Steven Fry	905-960-3901	
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			

#### **Special Groups**

Edge, Lifeteen, 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**

<u>Baptisms celebrated in Sutton and Keswick:</u> 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.

SUTTON MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS		
Mon.	Jan 20	8:30am: +Family & Friends of Mose & Lydia Fanelli req. Fanelli Family
Tues.	Jan 21	8:30am: +Family & Friends of Mose & Lydia Fanelli req. Fanelli Family
Wed.	Jan 22	6:45pm: <u>Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual</u> <u>Help</u>
		7:00pm: +Harry Knaapen req. Rose Sheppard
Sat.	Jan 25	5:30pm: Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Sun.	Jan 26	8:30am: +Family & Friends of Mose & Lydia Fanelli req. Fanelli Family

# PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Keep in your prayers: Erica Barry, Helen Bromley, Tyler Clements, Ed Davis, Michael D'Paul, Ligia Gallego, Marika Gilligan, Sebastian Henriques, John Hopkins, Alice Krohmer, Grant Madill, Linda Martignani, Mary Meade, Michelle O'Reilly, Mary Rice. Please call the office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

## YOUNG DISCIPLES RETREAT

Youth, male & female, aged 12-17 are invited to attend a Young Disciples Retreat themed Love in Service on Saturday, March 7 from 8:30-2:30 at St. Edward the Confessor parish. The day will include Holy Mass, reflection talks, recreation, and lunch at no cost. Visit vocationstoronto.ca for more information on this wonderful retreat!



Do you feel called to develop a more intimate relationship with God? Are you interested in the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order? For info, phone Joanne @ 905-476-4093.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

To all men of the parish. You are invited to a casual social evening, Wednesday January 29th at 7:30pm in the Fr Christopher Room, Keswick Church. The topic will be 'The Beatitudes' facilitated by Deacon Steve. No charge. Bring a friend.

In all the free time you have, once you have finished your duties of state, you should kneel down and pray the Rosary. Pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament or before a crucifix. *St. Padre Pio* 

KESWICK MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS		
Thurs.		8:30am: +Angela Kalichak req. Matt & Agnes Dziak
Fri.	Jan 24	8:30am: +Angela Kalichak req. Paul & Dolores Mulaire
Sat.	Jan 25	4:00pm: +Salvatore Mancuso req. Rosa Turano
Sun.	Jan 26	10:30am: Special Intentions of the Gribbons Family req. Melinda Garel

Collection: January 12th:	\$ 2,208.00
Repairs Debt: To-date:	\$370,000.00
Interest to be paid:	\$ 3,726.00

**Confirmation Candidates** should hand in their letters on "Why I want to be Confirmed" to the Catechist. The letter should be dated and have your signature.

EVENT CALENDAR		
Wed.	Jan 22	Knights General Meeting 7:30pm
		in Keswick.
Thurs. Jan 23 Adult Faith Formation – 7:00pm Keswick		
Sat.	Feb 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class 4 at after
		5:30pm Mass in Sutton
Tues.,	Feb 11	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class 4 at 7pm in Keswick

### PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO

Father's pilgrimage has been reschedule to November 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining, please contact Deacon Milan Popik at 647-968-1141.

# SPECIAL COLLECTION

If you wish to make a donation in support of the Australia Fires – Disaster Relief, please use the Humanitarian Relief envelopes located in both churches.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020

Theme: "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts. 28:2) Join in an Ecumenical Prayer Service led by Christian Church Leaders. His Eminence Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto will be reflecting on the Word of God. Sun., Jan. 26 at 7pm at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto. Refreshments to follow. For information: email <u>ecumenical@archtoronto.org</u>

# WAS JESUS NICE?

I wish I had a dollar for every time someone has said to me, "That was not very Christ-like." This response usually comes after being honest to the point of making someone upset. The implication is that Jesus was a cuddly little nice guy who was always smiling, always accepting with kind words – in short NICE.

In north America we tend to be pretty nice. In contrast to the rest of the world we tend to be very polite, genteel, gracious and nice. Tour guides in other countries say that we are the nicest people. We transpose our niceness on to Jesus and think he was a lot like us.

## But does LOVE = NICE?

Of course Jesus was loving. He is God after all and God is love. We also know that love does not always equate to NICE. God allowed Paul to have a thorn in the flesh to keep him humble. Three times Paul prayed for it to be removed. God said NO. God was not acting Canadian. He certainly wasn't very nice about it.

*Nice* is defined primarily as "pleasant or commendable, kind or friendly" (Collins English Dictionary). It originally comes from the Latin meaning "simple, silly or ignorant."

There is such a thing as "tough love". It is the kind of love that cares enough to be honest, to confront, to discipline, to cause temporary pain to bring about eternal glory. On the surface, "tough love" does not always appear to be nice. How often has a child, sent to the corner blurt out "You are not very nice!"

### Was Jesus nice?

Like Aslan the Lion in C.S. Lewis' Narnia series, Jesus is approachable and loving, but don't ever consider him "tame" or too cuddly. Jesus is *God* as well as man. He expressed the wrath and anger of God as well as the mercy and love of God.

Imagine coming to the Temple in Jerusalem one day to pray. You hear a great commotion and run over to see an angry man throwing over tables, grabbing the money from the merchants and throwing the money on the ground.

But worse, you see him make a scourge of cords – a whip - and striking people with it. You are shocked that anyone would be so rude and destructive, so inconsiderate and mean to lash people with a whip. People ran in fear! Everyone was upset. Jesus was red in the face and scowling. It certainly wasn't very "Christ-like." How nice was that?

Jesus was always loving, but he was not always nice, as we count niceness. Here is just one example. Jesus spoke very harshly to his fellow jews. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity...You serpents, you brood of vipers, who are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Ouch! It doesn't sound very kind and courteous: not very thoughtful or nice!

So, maybe there is more to WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) than we've been led to believe. Maybe we shouldn't worry so much about being nice, being liked, acting like genteel people. Maybe we ought to be more honest and forthright about the things that really matter. Maybe we should be more willing to hurt some feelings, step on some toes, show tough love to those in sin.

## Maybe we should be more Christ-like.



"The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross. "

St. Anthony of Padua

"You cannot please both God and the world at the same time, They are utterly opposed to each other in their thoughts, their desires, and their actions."

-- St. John Vianney

