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

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

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Feast of the Holy Family

Tues.	Dec 31	7:00pm: +Jenny Zuluaga
		req. Patricia Blandon
Wed.	Jan 1	8:30am:
Fri.	Jan 3	7:00pm:
Sat.	Jan 4	5:30pm: +Raymond Selvaratnam
Sun.	Jan 5	8:30am: Parishioners
		(Pro Populo)

Wed.	Jan 1	10:30am:
Thurs.	Jan 2	7:00pm:
Fri.	Jan 3	8:30am: +Mary Stella
		Seevaratnam
		req. Suganthan & Jera
Sat.	Jan 4	4:00pm: +Liberato Bautista
		req. Lota Bautista
Sun.	Jan 5	10:30am: Healing for Martin
		Vieira req. Joan Dawson



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

The sanctuary light in **Keswick** burns this week for healing of **Jeanette Papadakis.** 

 Parish Loan
 \$ 18,500.00

 Weekend Collection (Dec 14/15)
 \$3,832.60

Thanksgiving Celebration in Sutton
December 31, 2024: 6:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Eucharist

## The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God



January 1, 2025: Sutton: 8:30am Keswick: 10:30am

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honour Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we are not only honouring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honouring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honour we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honours Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honours Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.

#### **A Prayer for New Beginnings**

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow. *Pope John XXIII* 

I am grateful for all the memories we have created this year, and I sincerely thank you all for the love, support and blessings that you have brought to our Parish. I wish all of you God's blessings in the new year and may all the endeavours that you take be successful, with God's grace. Happy New Year!

Fr. Dunstan

## First Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament January 3, 2025



Keswick: after 8:30am Mass Sutton: 6:00pm followed by 7:00pm Mass

"The fruits of the earth are not brought to perfection immediately, but by time, rain and care; similarly, the fruits of men ripen through ascetic practise, study, time, perseverance, self- control and patience."

St. Anthony the Great



### The Epiphany of the Lord, January 5, 2025

On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi—also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined

two other manifestations, that which took place at the Lord's Baptism, and that which took place in Cana at the Wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity. Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6, in some countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1 so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2025, the Solemnity of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 5.

Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2



#### **JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

#### What is a Jubilee Year?

- A Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration.
- The word "jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word yobel, which refers to the ram's horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.

#### Old Testament origins

God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves and the forgiveness of debts. "This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, every one to his own family estate". (Lev. 25:10)

Like the sabbath, which took place on the seventh day of each week, the jubilee was a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another.

#### Tradition continues in Christianity

- Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300, granting the full remission of sin for those who confessed their sins and made a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.
- The Church first celebrated jubilee years every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years.

#### Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee 2025 was proclaimed by Pope Francis in the Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* ("Hope does not disappoint").

"The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation." (Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit* 25)

The Jubilee will begin in Rome on the vigil of the Lord's Nativity on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, and in local dioceses on Holy Family Sunday on December 29, 2024. It will conclude in local dioceses the following Holy Family Sunday on December 28, 2025, and in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica.

#### **Regional Masses & Celebrations**

The Archdiocese of Toronto invited a Jubilee church to host a regional celebration to focus our attention on the Jubilee Year as a faith community. These celebrations will take place as follows with receptions after Mass:

#### Western Region

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

#### **Northern Region**

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 7 p.m.

St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg

#### **Eastern Region**

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7 p.m.

St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough

#### **Central Region**

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 7 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

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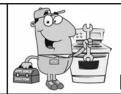


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