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CWL meets every 2nd Tuesday after 7:00 p.m.Rosary Legion of Mary: Mia Wattimena - meets every Saturday

at 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School: Elizabeth Follows Children's Liturgy: Anna Della Rossa

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Italian Prayer Group: Adele Cremonese & Rosa Marsella

Italian Pastoral Care Giver: Antonia Ciuffetta Italian Committee: Antonietta Miniaci **Sunday Masses:** 

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 8:30 am

Confession:

Friday: 6:00 - 6:45 pm Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm or by appointment with a priest

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 1:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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**Moving?** Please contact the Parish Office to update your information.

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### **JESUS' CALL TO MERCY**

"I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first — by deed, the second — by word, the third — by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy.

Many souls ... are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul.

If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment. Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy" (1317).

Taken from www.divinemercv.org

#### WORKS OF MERCY

Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful. We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but to use it by being merciful to others through our actions, our words, and our prayers; in other words, we are to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works (Acts) of Mercy. The Lord wants us to do these works of mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no use without works.

### **Corporal Works**

- · Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the prisoners
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

### Spiritual Works

- Teach the ignorant
- Pray for the living & dead
- Correct sinners
- Counsel the doubtful
- Console the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive wrongs willingly

### THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

Intentions of Anna Ahlowalia

**COINS FOR LIFE** "Whatever you did to the least of these, you did to Me." Filled up boxes will be collected after Divine Mercy weekend. Thank you for your contribution on behalf of those who have no voice – the unborn. Above all, please remember to pray for the unborn, and for those who have been affected by abortion. Please visit www.coinsforlife.org

**NEW USHERS** (male or female) are needed. If you can help, please call the parish office.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS** (male or female) are needed. If you or your child can help, please call the parish office.

**FOOD DRIVE** We are still accepting non-perishable food items. If you would like to donate, please drop off the food items on the stage in the parish hall.

ASSISTED SUICIDE - PROTECT THE VULNERABLE & THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM! **CANADIANSFORCONSCIENCE.CA** By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use the website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action NOW. Letters are available at the entrances of the Church. All you need to do is fill out the form, sign your name and put it in an envelope and mail the letter. You do not need to put a stamp on the envelope as it is going to the government,

**SHARELIFE** Working wonders in our community... Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with the Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched program St Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's Homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support. Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016. Please give generously. You can work wonders!





SPRING GALA on Friday, May 13th!

The Spring Gala is an opportunity for parishioners to get together at a very lovely banquet hall with a sumptuous dinner to celebrate our parish family. Come join us! \$80/adult. Tickets will be available for sale after all the Masses this weekend. Also available through Antonietta at 905-737-3210, Ross at 905-883-5458 or the parish office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST this weekend in the parish Hall after the Sunday morning Masses (8, 9:30, 11 a.m.). All parishioners are invited to attend. Come and meet fellow parishioners. Proceeds to help the St. Theresa of Lisieux students for their March for Life trip this year.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet in the Parish today **after the Sunday 4:30 p.m..** All the youth of the parish are invited to attend.

**SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED** is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to reevangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 6<sup>th</sup> of our 9-part sessions in our parish hall is on **Wednesday**. **April 13 at 7-8 p.m**. The rest of the sessions will be on May 4, and June 8.

**SMI-CWL GENERAL MEETING** The General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Tuesday, April 12, starting with Holy Rosary at pm p.m. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend and discern if this Ministry is for you. Refreshments will be served.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST - FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY AND LIFE Invites you to attend the *Christian Life Seminar at our parish hall* Experience the life and vibrancy of Christian renewal. Experience the presence of the Lord in your daily life. Experience your faith as it becomes a way of life. Session starts on Sunday, April 10, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM. REGISTRATION IS FREE. Please contact Dennis & Joji at 905-392-8971 or dvcrispo@gmail.com; or Domeng & Rose at dompinsan0804@gmail.com Tel: 416-455-7783

SMI-CWL ANNUAL COMMUNION LUNCH – Sunday, April 17– 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass with Rev. Fr. John Elmer Abad, Celebrant, Homilist, and Guest Speaker. Theme: "The Heart of God the Father, a Reflection on Mercy". Lunch and Speaker Forum will follow in the Parish Hall after Mass. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. Tickets at \$25 each are now Available in the Rectory Office and will also be on Sale after all Masses during the weekend of April 9-10.

**COME & JOIN FR. PAWEL FOR A TOUR OF CHINA** on October 11 – 25 (15 days)! Information can be found on the flyers at the entrances of the Church. To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116.

#### 3 Aprile 2016 - Divina Misericordia

Resurrectio Domini, spes nostra! La risurrezione di Cristo è la nostra speranza! Questo la Chiesa proclama oggi con gioia: annuncia la speranza, che Dio ha reso salda e invincibile risuscitando Gesù Cristo dai morti; comunica la speranza, che essa porta nel cuore e vuole condividere con tutti, in ogni luogo, specialmente là dove i cristiani soffrono persecuzione a causa della loro fede e del loro impegno per la giustizia e la pace; invoca la speranza capace di suscitare il coraggio del bene anche e soprattutto quando costa. Oggi la Chiesa canta "il giorno che ha fatto il Signore" ed invita alla gioia. Oggi la Chiesa prega, invoca Maria, Stella della Speranza, perché guidi l'umanità verso il porto sicuro della salvezza che è il cuore di Cristo, la Vittima pasquale, l'Agnello che "ha redento il mondo", l'Innocente che "ha riconciliato noi peccatori col Padre". A Lui, Re vittorioso, a Lui crocifisso e risorto, noi gridiamo con gioia il nostro Alleluia!" (S.S. Benedetto XVI, Urbi et Orbi, S. Pasqua 2009)

Gesù non soltanto perdona i nostri peccati ma ci vuole e ci rende apostoli della sua misericordia. Così è stato per suor Faustina che nel suo Diario scrive: "Provo un dolore tremendo, quando osservo le sofferenze del prossimo. Porto nel mio cuore le loro angosce, in modo tale che mi annientano anche fisicamente. Desidererei che tutti i dolori ricadessero su di me, per portare sollievo al prossimo" (p. 365). Ci aiuti santa Faustina a confidare sempre nella Divina Misericordia così da essere anche noi, in ogni ambiente della nostra vita, diffusori di questo messaggio. Possa ogni uomo comprendere che l'intera umanità non avrà futuro certo e duraturo senza quell'intima e comune ricerca di un amore più grande che oltrepassa i limiti umani e i confini della storia personale e mondiale. In questa ricerca dell'amore più grande sta la nostra salvezza. L'incontro con la Divina Misericordia ci apra gli occhi del cuore perché possiamo riconoscere il volto di un Dio che attraverso il sacrificio del suo Figlio, ricapitola, attrae a sé l'intera umanità. Solo l'amore di Dio salverà il mondo!" (Card. Tarcisio Bertone, Omelia a S. Spirito in Sassia, 2008)

### AVVISI

- Oggi pomeriggio, alle 2.30, si celebra la Divina Misericordia: esposizione del Ss. Sacramento, Benedizione, benedizione di oggetti religiosi.
- 2. Ogni primo lunedì del mese, 1.30-4pm, si recitano i quattro rosari in chiesa. Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate Rosa Marsella (905-731-9175).
- Ogni sabato pomeriggio, 1.30-3pm, ci si incontra per I 20 sabati della Madonna di Pompei del Beato Bartolomeo Longo. Per ulteriori informazioni chiamate Marisa (905-884-2670).
- Ogni mercoledì sera si incontra il gruppo di preghiera. Per informazioni chiamate Adele (905-884-6210).
- 13 maggio: La Gala di Primavera è un'occasione per incontrare altri parrocchiani per celebrare insieme la nostra comunità. \$80 per adulto. Per biglietti, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210), Ross (905-883-5458) o l'ufficio parrocchiale.

MASS IN	TENTIONS	April 3-9
SAT.	5:30 p.m.	+Ashley Zimmerman
JAI.	3.30 p.m.	+Carmela Dicosola
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Ricardo Bisol
JUN.	9.30 a.m.	+Nunziata e Antonio Palombo
		+Carmela e Antonio
		Torracchio
		+Aristodemo Nello Fabbri
		+Lina Magiaco
		+Francesco e Angelina
		Naccarato
		+Cesira Perciballi
		+Francesco e Marianna
		Varano
	11:00 a.m.	+Howard & Eileen Vaughan
	12:30 p.m.	+Costabir & Rodrigues
		Families
	4:30 p.m.	+Miguel Bautista
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Severino Bucci
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Joseph Pustijanac
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Armando & Francesco Delpa
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Fred Van Heezik
FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	+Nicholas May
	7:00 p.m.	+Members of the Naughton
		Family
		Members of the Winton &
		Madden Families
		+Michael Kerr
		+Drago Perko
		+Giovanni Paradiso
		+Tonino Andreucci
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Gabriele Magnotta
		+Teofilio Lindayen

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado,

Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose Chang, Alan Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Francesca Di Domenico, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Roberto Garcias,

Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Gabriella Ludwinski, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Maria

Medeiros, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Louise, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Giovanna Nonni, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther

Christine Ribbons, Patricia Rybka, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Leonor Vargas, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz,

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