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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Wednesday**

8:30 am - 8:00 pm

Closed daily 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

## **MASS TIMES**

Lauds: Monday to Friday 7:30 am

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

7:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am

5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am

12:30 pm

4:30 pm

## **CONFESSION TIMES**

Friday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

or by appointment with a Priest

## **ADORATION & EXPOSITION**

Friday 1:00 pm - 6:45 pm

## **DEVOTIONS**

Rosary - After morning Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday at 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday at 6:45 pm

Perpetual Help - After morning Mass on Saturday

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group - Every

Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

## **BAPTISM**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday during 12:30 pm Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptismal Class: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

Contact the Parish office to register.

## **MARRIAGE**

Contact the Parish Priest one year in advance

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Beloved Parishioners,

Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent. Please take with you the Advent and Christmas schedule provided in the bulletin and put it in a visible place in your home.

Love letters to Jesus will be collected every Sunday during Advent and one letter will be highlighted in the bulletin each week.

Praying for you!

In Christ,

Fr. Pawel

### **THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, Dec 3** – Memorial – St. Francis Xavier, Priest.

**Wednesday, Dec 4** – Memorial – St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor.

**Friday, Dec. 6** – Memorial – St. Nicolas, Bishop.

**First Friday of the month**—We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Saturday, Dec 7** – Memorial – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor.

**First Saturday of the month**—We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS & MASS TIMES**

**SCHEDULE** is included as an insert in this weekend's bulletin and is also available at all the entrances to the Church, in the Parish office or on our website at [www.smirh.com](http://www.smirh.com).

**ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS:** During the season of Advent, children are invited to write a love letter to Jesus. A form letter is available at all the entrances to the Church. The love letters to Jesus will be collected starting this weekend by the Priest at Mass during the collection. One letter will be highlighted in the bulletin each week during Advent.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling Christmas Cards, Panettone, 2020 Catholic Faith Calendars and "Christ Is Christmas" Buttons after all the Masses this weekend in the Church foyer.

**2020 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the Parish hall. Envelopes are organized by the first letter of the surname.

### **SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO THE POOR**

It's that time of year again. Christmas is just around the corner!!! Many parishioners have asked how they can participate directly in our Community Christmas Outreach program. Saint Vincent de Paul members will be accepting contributions for our Christmas Baskets after all the Masses **November 30/December 1, 2019.**

Parishioners can donate **NEW ITEMS ONLY.**

1. Gift Cards, Loblaws / No Frills, Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Dollarama, Value Village.
2. Restaurant Gift Cards - Swiss Chalet, Tim Hortons, Starbuck's, McDonalds, Harvey's, KFC, etc.
3. Personal Care Items - Soap & Body Wash, Shampoo & Conditioner, Razors & Shaving Cream (Men & Women), Toothbrush & Toothpaste, etc.
4. Other Items – Movie Tickets, Box of Chocolates, Tin of Christmas Cookies, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate.

A DROP BOX will be located in the Church foyer for your donations. All GIFT CERTIFICATES should be placed in a St. Vincent de Paul POOR BOX in the foyer. **WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING ANY FOOD DONATIONS OF ANY KIND.** Food can be donated to the Richmond Hill Food Bank at 55 Newkirk weekdays between 9am and 11:30 am. **Please DO NOT leave food at the Church.**

**ADVENT MASSES:** Join us for Advent Masses with the schools. **Tuesday, December 3 at 10:30 am** with Fr. Henri Nouwen and **Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm** with St. Anne.

**HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN FAMILIES** are visiting the parish next weekend, **December 7-8**, to display the Olive Woods from the Holy Land. Crosses, nativities, rosaries and statues will be available for purchase. This is their only source of income and our mission is to help these families. Thank you for your support.

### **SOLEMN MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to **Monday, December 9**. We will have **8:00 am Mass and 7:00 pm Solemn Mass** with Consecration to Our Lady. After Mass you are invited for a pasta dinner in the Parish hall.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Come join Grace Agolia for our third adult faith formation evening, "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!" on **Wednesday, December 11, 7-8pm** in the parish hall. We will discuss the three comings of Christ in Advent: 1) in history, 2) at the end of time, and 3) in the human heart. In what ways do we wait vigilantly for God's coming, keeping our lamps trimmed and burning? How might we live into the "already-not yet" tension of the inbreaking kingdom of God? Why does the apocalyptic newness of God's reign matter for the pilgrim church? All are welcome!

**CWL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2019** beginning with Holy Rosary at 7:00 PM in the Church, followed by a brief General Meeting in the Church Hall. We invite all CWL Members and Ladies of the Parish to join us for some Holiday Cheer.

**CWL ANNUAL ADVENT RECOLLECTION** will be held **Saturday, December 14, 2019** in the Church Hall, following 8:30 AM Holy Mass. Our Spiritual Speaker is Sister Francis Bisland, Missionary Sister of the Precious

Blood, Director of Mission at St. Bernard Convent and Residence. The topic is "**Homelessness & Loneliness.**" Ticket of \$5 includes bagel, fruit, coffee or tea, and may be purchased through the Parish Office during regular weekday hours.

**CWL RELIGIOUS STORE** will be in the Foyer following all Masses **December 14-15**. Beautiful Christmas gift items are available.

**ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS** Confessions will be held **Friday, December 20** 8:30am – 9:30am, 12:30pm – 1:30pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm.



## **FEBRUARY 2020**

### **BIBLE STUDY - THE GREAT ADVENTURE**

#### **ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION BY JEFF CAVINS**

#### **Discover What It Means to "Be Saved"**

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. In *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*, theology professor Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins provide an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans—**salvation**. To register, contact the Parish office.

#### **MESSAGE FROM AB FALCONI, DIRECTOR OF**

**EDUCATION:** On behalf of all of us at the York Catholic District School Board, I would like to extend our warm wishes to you as we head into the Advent season. During this joyous time, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. In our schools, students are busy preparing for the season with musical concerts and Nativity plays, community service projects and, most importantly, through a deepened time of prayer to welcome another blessed year.

Since this season is also about giving thanks, we want to thank you for your support as we continue our goal of providing every one of our students the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe, caring and faith-filled environment. We are so fortunate to collaborate with our families, parishes and community partners.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas, I pray that this season of Advent will be a grace-filled opportunity for you and your family to be with one another. May God bless you and those whom you love.

**SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS:** "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.**

**INTENZIONI PER MESSE** La pratica di offrire Messe per i nostri cari in vita o per i nostri defunti e' parte della nostra vita e tradizione Cattolica. Se volete offrire delle Messe per amici e familiari vi preghiamo di venire all'ufficio parrocchiale durante le ore di apertura. Le intenzioni di messe non possono essere prese al telefono.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS**

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a

caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please contact the parish office or email [office@smirh.com](mailto:office@smirh.com). Names will be removed after the last Sunday of each month unless renewed with the office.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Julie, Gus, Maria Messere, Peter Fernandes, Bernardine Fernandes, Joe Rybka, Lorenzo Addorisio, Maria Petruzzo, Tom Richardson, Nazzareno Lombardi, Marcus Gibbons, Francesco Faga

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS** are available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, come by the Parish office during office hours.

#### **DEC 2 - 8: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:**

+Mary de Ballen

#### **MASS INTENTIONS Dec 2 - 8**

<b>Mon. Dec 2</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Blessing for Kaylee Jasmine Faria
<b>Tues. Dec 3</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+John Forkan
<b>Wed. Dec 4</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Therese & +Philip Vincent
<b>Thur. Dec 5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Filomena & Mario Corbo
<b>Fri. Dec 6</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Mario Soave
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Roman & Wood Families +Antonietta & +Emilio Celotti +Egidio Cervini +Ita Sutikno +Carmelo Morra
<b>Sat. Dec 7</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton +Libera Mastro +Jullianne Gabriel +Mary de Ballen +Maria Carmen Delgado +Leo Moraes Spec. Int. for AC +Francis Ruza In Thanksgiving for blessing received
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	+Aidan Tomkins
<b>Sun. Dec 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	People Of St. Mary Immaculate +Maria Zeppieri
	<b>9:30 am</b>	+Concetta & +Pietro Scalzone +Maria, +Concetta & +Francesco Tastano +Michele Iamurri +Ferdinando Facciolo +Angelina & +Antonio Vittorio +Maria & +Giuseppe Vecchiarelli
	<b>11:00 am</b>	+Americo Frade
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	+Michael Romeo
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	+Benito Chiaravallotti & +Vincenzo Buffone

#### **Congratulations!**

#### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Cruz Hayden Lorenzo, Daniel Adrian Pennant and Vinel Joy Gamata Sina.

*We welcome them into the Church! We wish the parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary!*



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<p>Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours. I now ask for a special favour (mention request). Take this favour, dear Jesus, and place it within your broken heart and when your Father sees it through His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour not mine. Please answer my prayers. Say three consecutive days. Trusting in your mercy. Published in gratitude.</p>	<p><b>Marlowe Restaurant</b> <b>BANQUET FACILITIES</b> Baptisms, Engagements, Rehearsals, Confirmations, Showers, Weddings 905-771-8645 events@themarlowe.ca</p>	<p><b>Boots Montano</b> ABR, SRES Realtor M. 416.832.1608 boots.montano@remaxhallmark.com T. 905.883.4922 9555 Yonge St., Suite 201 Richmond Hill, ON L4C 9M5</p>	<p><b>YORK MOBILE DENTAL HYGIENE</b> YMDH <b>Carolina Gallo RDH</b> Dental Hygienist 416 566 5642 cg@yorkmobile.ca yorkmobile.ca</p>
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