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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

From the Desk of the Pastor...

I wish you and your Family a very "Mercy Christmas," filled with the joy and wonder of the season. And don't forget to thank God the Father - again and again - for the greatest gift of all: sending Jesus, Mercy Incarnate, to save us from our sins. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Fr. Pawel, Fr. Omar, Fr. Victor, Fr. Francesco, Deacon Joseph
& Parish Staff



Family of Faith

**THE FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN
HAS REACHED ITS CONCLUSION!
TOTAL COLLECTED: \$1,415,020
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE
CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CAMPAIGN!**

SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Friday., Dec. 25th, Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday, Dec. 26th, St. Stephen, Martyr. St. Stephen was head of the seven disciples whom the Apostles appointed deacons. He is the first Christian martyr. His death was the signal for a great Christian persecution in Jerusalem, spurred on by Saul, who had approved his death.

PARISH DEVOTIONS began this Advent. On Fridays, we have our Sacred Heart devotions and on Saturdays, we have our Mother of Perpetual Help devotions. We have printed booklets for these devotions that are for parish use only. For those who would like to purchase a similar booklet for personal use that contain the same prayers, please come to the office.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
on Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st are cancelled.

OFFICE CLOSED on Monday, Dec. 22nd 12 noon-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24 to Monday, Dec. 28th, Thursday, Dec. 31st - Jan. 1st.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES are still available from the parish office. All proceeds go to Campaign Life. Please support this worthy cause.

PLEASE NOTE that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2015 must be given by Sunday, Dec. 27th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.

2016 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please write your name on the registration form next to the envelope boxes. **Please use current year's envelopes only to ensure your donations get credited to you.**

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THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Last Sunday The Society for St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Immaculate Conference held its 9th Annual **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH LUNCHEON** for those in need of assistance within our parish boundaries. We would like to thank all of the parishioners and volunteers who helped setup the luncheon, build the gift baskets, serve the food and do all the various tasks needed to make this important event happen in our community. We thank our sponsors; Treevalley florist, CMED/Catherine Lillywhite, Investors Group, The Canadian Italian Golf Association and Bristol Truck Rental for their assistance at Christmas and all year round for our various events. Thanks to those schools who sponsored gift baskets and gift cards, St. Robert, St. Mary Immaculate, Corpus Christi, St. Theresa of Lisieux, St. Ann, and St. Charles Garnier. A special thank you for the students from Jean Vanier, the Knights of Columbus and our regular SVDP Conference volunteers who came out to help for the event. Their tireless work was greatly appreciated to support our outreach program. **THANK YOU** to those parishioners who donated gifts, gift cards, and personal hygiene products for our event. Our SVDP team was able to provide gift baskets, food vouchers and gift cards to over 140 families in the parish, a remarkable outpouring of God's Love to our neighbours.

Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.

Ask if this were merited; ask for its reason, for its justification, and see whether you will find any other answer but sheer grace. (St. Augustine)

MARK your CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24

5 p.m. (Children's Mass), 9:00 p.m. (Italian), 12 Midnight (11:30, Carols)

Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25

8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

There is NO 4:30 p.m. Mass this day.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31): 5 p.m.,

Day (Friday, Jan. 1): 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. **There are NO 8:00 a.m. and 4:30**

p.m. Mass this day. Please note that January 1st is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

CONFESSIONS On Saturdays of Advent, there will be 2 priests hearing confessions. **Please note that there are no confessions on Friday, Dec. 25, Saturday, Dec. 26, Friday, Jan. 1, and Sat., Jan. 2.**

SMI-CWL RELIGIOUS STORE and FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB will be open after all masses on December 19-20 in the church foyer.

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to re-evangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 4th of our 9-part sessions in our parish hall is on **Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7-8 p.m.** The rest of the sessions will be on February 24, March 9, April 13, May 4, and June 8.

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ITALY with FR. OMAR! May 23 - June 4, 2016 To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Is your marriage or someone you know hurting? **Retrouvaille, a Catholic based programme,** is a program highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For information or to register, call 416-281-6007 or visit at www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness, He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.

- Pope St. John Paul II

20 dicembre 2015 - 4a di Avvento

Se un re affida il suo tesoro a un povero, chi l'ha ricevuto in consegna non lo considera come suo, ma riconosce sempre la sua povertà e non osa dissipare un tesoro altrui. Questi non solo pensa sempre: "È un tesoro altrui", ma pensa anche: "Me l'ha affidato un re potente e quando vuole me lo richiede". Così devono pensare di se stessi anche quelli che possiedono la grazia di Dio, devono umiliarsi e riconoscere la propria povertà. Se il povero che ha ricevuto in deposito dal re il tesoro, fa assegnamento su un tesoro altrui come se fosse il proprio e se ne vanta, e il suo cuore diviene orgoglioso, il re si riprende il suo tesoro e chi l'aveva in deposito si ritrova povero come prima. Così anche quanti hanno la grazia, se si insuperbiscono e i loro cuori divengono orgogliosi, il Signore sottrae loro la sua grazia ed essi rimangono tali e quali erano prima di ricevere la grazia del Signore (Pseudo Macario, *Spirito e fuoco*, Omelia 15,27).

Non trovate tutto difficile. C'è una regola d'oro: camminate sempre alla presenza di Dio, allora avrete la gioia e la sollecitudine che ebbe la Madonna quando andò da Elisabetta: il Verbo appena entrato nel mondo (in Lei) ha subito bisogno di santificare, e continuerà così per tutta la vita, nella sua morte, nella sua Risurrezione, nella sua Ascensione, e anche ora sta alla presenza del Padre sempre interpellando per noi! (M. Prandi, *Lettera alle novizie* 11.4.81)."

Quando giungiamo, nella nostra vita, al punto di vergognarci dinanzi a noi stessi e dinanzi a Dio, quando arriviamo a pensare che è Dio stesso a vergognarsi di noi, quando sentiamo Dio lontano come non mai nella nostra vita, ebbene, proprio allora Dio ci è vicino come non mai; allora vuole irrompere nella nostra vita, allora ci fa percepire in modo tangibile il suo farsi vicino, così che possiamo comprendere il miracolo del suo amore, della sua prossimità, della sua grazia (D. Bonhoeffer, *Memoria e fedeltà*, pp. 57-58).

AVVISI

1. Il 24 dicembre si celebra la S. Messa della notte di Natale alle 9pm.
2. Ogni venerdì, adorazione del Ss.mo Sacramento, 1.00-6.50pm Vi si prega di iscriversi sui foglietti all'entrata della chiesa. Si ricorda agli adoratori che il Santissimo non dovrebbe essere lasciato solo durante l'adorazione.
3. Le buste per le offerte per il 2016 sono a vostra disposizione nella sala parrocchiale.
4. Pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa ed in Italia con P. Omar, 23 maggio - 4 giugno 2016. Per maggiori informazioni, chiamate Stan (647-463-9057) o Halina (647-294-4116).

MASS INTENTIONS		Dec. 20-26
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Alphonse Gallant
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Walter Gargaro +Luisa Iafrate & famiglia +Antonio e Rosalina Velia Timperio +Pomponio Luigi & Maria Grazia +Giuseppe e Elvira Macchiusi +Alessandro Maiola +Antonio Suppa +Maria Teresa Furlano
	11:00 a.m.	+Maria Ferreira
	12:30 p.m.	+Antonio Sacco
	4:30 p.m.	+Maria Effler
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Vincenzo Ruscico
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Teresa e Antonio Bastone
WED.	8:00 a.m.	Int.of Christopher Chow
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
FRI.		CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Members of the Paxton Family +Ynocencio Delgado +Francesca Sallese

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. Kenneth John Decker, Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Eugene Bomba, Severino Bucci, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol 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, Maria Theresa Furlano, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Albert Karau, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Ester Lin, Gabriella Ludwinski, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Mike Sartor, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan, Louise.

VOCATION SEEDS If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris at vocations@archtoronto.org or 416-968-0997.

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