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Beloved Brothers & Sisters!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

May God's love light your way and lead you into

a New Year that shines with His special joy!

May the New Year be loaded with blessings for you and your family.

In Christ,

Fr. Pawel

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Friday, December 31

8:00 am Mass – followed by the Rosary & Adoration

New Year's Eve 7:00 pm Vigil Mass for New Year's Eve

Saturday, January 1, 2022

New Year's Day 8:00 am Mass 9:30 am Mass (Italian) (livestream) 11:00 am Mass (livestream) No 12:30 pm Mass No 4:30 pm Mass

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Dec 27	Feast	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
Tues. Dec 28	Feast	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wed. Dec 29		Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr
Thurs. Dec 30		Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
Fri. Dec 31		Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity St. Sylvester I, Pope
Sat. Jan 1	Solemnity	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

READINGS THIS WEEK

26 Luke 2.41-52

27 1 John 1.1-4: John 20.2-8
28 1 John 1.5 - 2.2: Matthew 2.13-18
29 1 John 2.3-11: Luke 2.22-35
30 1 John 2.12-17: Luke 2.36-40

31 1 John 2.18-21: John 1.1-18

1 Numbers 6.22-27: Galatians 4.4-7: Luke 2.16-21

SCHEDULE OF LIVE-STREAM MASSES

(Live-stream Masses are available on YouTube channel, <u>SMI Parish</u>) <u>Sunday Masses</u> 9:30 am in Italian 11:00 am in English

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you those who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, those who donated lights, Christmas trees, poinsettias and flowers. Our Church looked amazing.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2022 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and are located in 3 areas of the Church, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel and at the back of the Church. Envelopes are organized by the first letter of the surname. If you need the envelopes to be delivered to your home, please contact the parish office.

2021 TAX YEAR

The last weekend for donations to be included in the 2021 tax year will be **Sunday**, **December 26**. We ask you to please notify the Parish office if you have changed address or contact information. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Open by appointment only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Closed daily 12:00 pm-1:00 pm for lunch. Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

Monday, December 27 Tuesday, December 28 Wednesday, December 29 Friday, December 31 at noon Monday, January 3 Tuesday, January 4

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

Thank you to all the children who wrote adorable love letters to Baby Jesus.

FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB 2022

All Parishioners and friends are encouraged to read the four selected books and to join Father Pawel Zborowski, Pastor of St. Mary Immaculate Church, for each book review in the parish hall from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 "The Little Manual for Spiritual Growth" by Fr. John Portavella.

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 "Walk Humbly with Your God" by Fr. Andrew Apostoli.

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 "Unleashing the Power of Intercessory Prayer" by Joseph Hollcraft.

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 "What to say and How to say it" by Brandon Vogt. Recommended by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins.

Books will be available for purchase end of December.

SL ShareLife

We are almost there. We still have to the end of December to support ShareLife. Thank you for your support of ShareLife.

"Thank you to the hardworking ShareLife volunteers and parish committee members, who found innovative ways to raise funds in these challenging circumstances. And thank you to each and every person who showed solidarity with those who suffer by making a sacrificial gift." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

To learn more about ShareLife, visit their website sharelife.org

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

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Sacred Conversations

Christmas Day and Feast of the Holy Family

Ah, the shepherds. What a perfect group to experience this huge "GOD EVENT." Abraham was a shepherd (Gen. 13), Moses was a shepherd (Ex. 3;1), David was a shepherd (I Sm. 17), and God, of course, is a shepherd, "The Lord is my shepherd" (Ps. 23:1). How perfect that it was shepherds who were the first to receive the tidings of great joy. They raced to Bethlehem to greet the Child who would be the Great Shepherd, the one who would leave heaven itself to come in search of us.

I have a theory about those angels. I don't think they came from heaven just for that one blessed night. I think that God posted them there, right there in Shepherd's Field, at the beginning of time. I think they were there when God created the heavens and the earth. And, since heaven is not confined by time and space, it may have been just a blink of an eye before the time came for them to reveal themselves.

I hear those angels sometimes, because I know they're hanging out in my neighborhood too. I hear them bursting into Glorias whenever anyone does anything to help bring peace on earth. When, as the Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation says so beautifully, "enemies begin to speak to one another, and those who were estranged join hands in friendship," I think I hear them, shouting Glorias in the highest.

Here's an easy way to hear them, and this is the perfect season. Lay down your estrangements, and your righteous certitudes. Let peace flow like a river. Now that your heart is wide open, unstop your ears and listen. Ah, yes. Glora in excelsis Deo!

Dear readers, I pray for every blessing, every healing in your life. You are always in my heart.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nicholas Tonev We welcome you into the Church! We wish the Parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary!

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

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, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

DEC 27 – JAN 2: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:				
+Dario Iacobelli				
+Pasquale & +Palma D'Angela				
&				
+Gabriele & +Joseph Magnotta				

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 call the parish office at 905-884-1784 or email at stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Sandi Weinholdt

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 02

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Mon. Dec 27	8:00 am	+Thomas Alexander on
		his birthday
Tues. Dec 28	8:00 am	+Adelaide Apaya
Wed. Dec 29	8:00 am	+Virginia Lozano
Thurs. Dec 30	8:00 am	+Gabrielle Magnotta
		+Filomena Santopolo
Fri. Dec 31	8:00 am	+Holy Souls of Purgatory
	7:00 pm	Private Intentions
Sat. Jan 1	8:00 am	+Holy Souls of Purgatory
	9:30 am	Private Intentions
	11:00 am	Spec. Int. for Margareth Gonzaga on her 50 th Birthday
Sun. Jan 2	8:00 am	Private Intentions
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Nicolino Evangelista
	11:00 am	Private Intentions
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary
		Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Pasqualina Staffieri

Wishing you a Blessed & Healthy New Year!

