

ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH EST. 1857

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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Pawel Zborowski **Associate:** Rev. Victor Boiragi **Associate:** Rev. Jimmy Joseph, HGN **Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Joseph D'Amico

PARISH OFFICE TEAM

Business Manager: Joanne Marchese

Secretary: Mary Giambagno

Custodian/Maintenance: Viviana Contreras

Music Director: Douglas Tranquada

PARISH MINISTRIES

RCIA: Flavia Silano & Murielle Poirier

CWL: Boots Montano

Knights of Columbus: Nicholas Galati & Tony Alberga

St. Vincent de Paul: Sal Crimi

SVDP Emergency Hotline 905-717-9827

Family of Faith: Louise Wilson

Mother's Group: mothersgroup@smirh.com

Legion of Mary: Mia Wattimena **Sunday School:** Elizabeth Follows **Children's Liturgy:** Anna Della Rossa

Atrium: Anita Markle Ushers: Roland Leandrosz

Hospital Visitations: Anne Roman

Homebound: Mary Barry

Nursing Homes: Peggy Paterson

Volunteer Screening: Antoniette Stirling

Rosary Apostolate: Laura Rizzi
Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group:

Italian Pastoral Care Giver: Maria Rosa Costa

Italian Committee: Antonietta Miniaci **Italian Ushers:** Salvatore Romano

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Anne	905-883-0311
St. Mary Immaculate	905-884-5381
Corpus Christi	905-770-8713
St. Charles Garnier	905-884-0223
Fr. Henri Nouwen	905-884-8086
St. Theresa of Lisieux HS	905-787-1407

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

BAPTISM

1st Sunday during 12:30 pm Mass

3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptismal Class: 1st Thursday at 7:00pm

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Priest one year in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

HIGHLIGHT LOVE LETTER TO JESUS - FROM DANIELLA...... Dearest Baby Jesus...... Thoch you for everything you have done for me, my family and everyone around the world. I hope you have a blessed Christmas and a very happy hethology. With all my love......

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thursday, December 7th – Memorial – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor.

Friday, December 8th - Solemnity - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

<u>ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.</u> A silent prayerful time with our Lord. Every **Friday from 1:00 pm – 6:45 pm.**

SOLEMNITY MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY in English & Italian on Friday, December 8th at 7:00 pm. Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, for the assistance we need in order to avoid sin. We turn to Mary, "Mother of God and our Mother," that she may intercede for us.

<u>ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS & MASS TIMES SCHEDULE:</u> Is available in the Parish office or on our website at www.smirh.com.

THE LITTLE BLUE ADVENT BOOK is available for purchase in the Church foyer and the Parish office. The Little Blue Book contains six minute reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Matthew. People are often surprised at how easy it is to pray, only six minutes a day from the first Sunday of Advent. It can change your day and your life.

<u>2018 SUNDAY MASS MISSALS</u> are available for purchase in the Parish office.

160TH SOUVENIR ITEMS & COMMEMORATIVE BOOK are available for purchase after all the Masses in the Church foyer.

2018 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized in alphabetical order by surname. Please be considerate and keep the envelopes in alphabetical order. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to have weekly offertory envelopes, contact the parish office. Print clearly your name, address and amount on every envelope to ensure your donations are properly credited to you.

LEGION OF MARY invites you, the ordinary Catholic, to do extra-ordinary things for your parish. Let Mary, Our Blessed Mother, with the help of the Holy Spirit show you the way to God and to help your family, friends and neighbors. Come to a Legion of Mary meeting, **Tuesdays at 8:40 am** in the Meeting Room. You are welcome and there is no obligation.

<u>THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</u> will be selling Christmas Cards, Panettone, Advent Candles, 2018 Calendars and Christ Is Christmas Buttons after all the masses this weekend.

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 by the Priest at Mass following the collection.

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY: Join fellow parishioners today, Sunday December 3rd after the 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses in the Parish Hall for coffee and donuts. All are welcome.

<u>YOUTH GROUP MEETING</u> today, Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 pm in the parish hall with Fr. Jimmy. Food and refreshments will be provided. All youth of the parish are invited. Next meeting will be held Sunday, December 17th.

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS</u>: We are looking for 2 or 3 string players, ideally 2 violins and a cello, for Midnight Mass. Anyone interested, please contact the office.

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 of December 2/3, 2017. Parishioners can donate NEW ITEMS ONLY.

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

A DROP BOX is located in the church foyer for your donations. All GIFT CERTIFICATES should be placed in a St. Vincent de Paul envelope and either put in the collection basket or placed in the 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. Those who wish to volunteer to assist in
preparing the Christmas Baskets and preparations for the Christmas
Luncheon are invited to come to the parish hall on <u>Wednesday</u>
December 6th after 4pm. Student volunteer hours are available. Please
call (905)-717-9827 or email us at sydprhsmi@gmail.com if you have any
questions. We are also looking for corporate sponsors who are interested
in helping the poor. We thank all our Catholic schools who participate in

time of the year.

RELIGIOUS STORE & FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB will be open after all Masses December 9 & 10 in the Church foyer.

this Christmas Outreach Program year after year. Thank You, we can all

work together as a parish community to help those in need at this special

<u>CWL GENERAL MEETING</u> will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 12</u>, **2017** beginning with Holy Rosary at 7:00 pm. All Members are encouraged to attend and we welcome all ladies interested in learning more about CWL Membership.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE-DAY OF CONFESSIONS ADVENT 2017 Confessions will be held Wednesday, December 13th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Saturday, December 16th from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

PAST RCIA "GRADUATES" have expressed a strong interest in meeting on a regular, perhaps monthly, basis. Their desire is to continue the friendships that were formed and to nourish the commitments of this new faith. If you are a past RCIA member in our parish and wish to "come and see," please meet: Thursday, December 14, 7:30 pm Meeting Room.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH MUSIC AND WORSHIP: Join us after the 7:00 pm Mass on Friday, December 15th. It's a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for Christmas during this busy time.

ANNUAL ADVENT RECOLLECTION will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 in the Parish Hall. Reverend Jimmy Joseph, will be our Spiritual Leader. Immediately following the 8:30 am Holy Mass, a light breakfast of bagels, fruit and beverage will be served. Tickets are \$5 each. The presentation begins at 9:45 am and finishes by 1:00 pm.

<u>CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES & RIGHT TO LIFE</u>
<u>CHRISTMAS CARDS</u> will be sold during the **Dec 16-17** weekend after all the Masses.

BIBLE STUDY: St. Mary Immaculate will be hosting Matthew: The King and His Kingdom Bible study beginning in **January 2018**, every Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. To register for the study, contact the Parish office at 905-884-1784 or email office@smirh.com.



MANDATORY MINISTRY TRAINING WORKSHOPS

January 10th 7:00 pm in the Church-Altar Servers

January 11th 6:30 pm in the Church-Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (including Homebound, Hospitals & Nursing Homes)

January 11th 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room-Ushers

January 18th 6:30 pm in the Church-Lectors

TRAVELLING CHALICE With strong support from Father Pawel and his pastoral team, Serra Club of Toronto Central, is implementing the Travelling Chalice program at St. Mary Immaculate in January, 2018. This program enables individual parishioners or families to take home for a one week period a dedicated **Chalice** to pray for vocations. A sign-up schedule will be available in the Church foyer following each Mass on the 2nd & 3rd of December, 2017.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL, a lay organization recognized by the Vatican as the global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church, as its main purpose the fostering and affirming of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Serra Club of Toronto Central meets monthly in Woodbridge at noon and is recruiting new members who recognize and are concerned about the need for more priestly vocations to deliver the sacraments. An information brochure is in the front entrance display rack. Visit our websites for more info

at www.serracanada.com or contact: Jack Landolt @ 905-889-1993.

FAMILY OF FAITH: Thank you for your commitment to our parish's Faimily of Faith campaign. The efforts that we make together will further the Pastoral Plan and mission of our Church. Please remember to honour the pledge that you made. Thank you for your support.

THE GREEN SCAPULAR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY On June 13 1917, during the second apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, Our Blessed Mother said to Lucia: "you, Lucia are to stay for some time longer. Jesus wants to use you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart. To those who accept this, I promise the salvation of their souls...I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Previously in 1840 Our Blessed Mother had also appeared to Sister Justin Bisqueyburu, of the Daughters of Charity in Paris France entrusting to her the Green Scapular. Its' particular power is to bring her Son into the hearts of all people. This powerful tool of prayer in honor of Mary's Immaculate Heart assists persons who need healing, whose religious faith is weak or negligible to bring them back to the faith and it is also for protection from the forces of darkness. The CWL will soon be selling green scapulars after every mass. Our lives are so precious and in constant need of healing, renewal and conversion. Purchase green scapulars (\$2.00) for all members of your family and friends during this Christmas Season! This will be the best gift you have ever given or received. Buy one for yourself too! "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death."

3 dicembre 2017 - 1° di Avvento

"Veglia chi tiene aperti gli occhi dello spirito per guardare la vera luce; veglia chi conserva bene operando ciò in cui crede; veglia chi respinge da sé le tenebre del torpore e della negligenza. Per questo Paolo dice: "Vegliate, giusti, e non peccate" e aggiunge "È ormai il momento di destarci dal sonno" (cf. 1 Cor. 15,34; Rm. 13,11) (Beda il Venerabile, In Evang. Marc., 4,13, 33-37)."

"Quando i discepoli gli domandarono in merito all'ultimo giorno, giustamente allora, secondo il corpo carnale il Signore disse: Neppure il Figlio, per insegnare che lui, come uomo, non sapeva. Infatti è proprio dell'uomo non sapere. In verità, dato che egli è il Verbo, egli stesso verrà, come giudice e come sposo: quindi sapeva quando e a che ora verrà. Come uomo, con gli uomini non seppe. Ma essendo nel Padre Verbo e sapienza, secondo la divinità sapeva ogni cosa. Così il Verbo celò a noi la fine di tutte le cose, e dato che quel giorno è incerto e viviamo nell'aspettativa di esso, noi cammineremo, tutti protesi verso quelle cose che per noi sono più importanti e dimenticando le cose secondarie (Atanasio, Discorsi contro gli ariani)."

"L'invocazione che sale dalla notte dei tempi è ancor oggi la nostra: "Se tu strappassi i cieli e scendessi" (Is 63, 19b). Accogliamo l'appello insistente a

vegliare, perché "non sapete quando verrà il momento" (Mc 13, 33); accogliamo la certezza che nulla mancherà a chi attende il Signore: "Egli vi confermerà fino alla fine" (1 Cor 1, 8). Vivere nella speranza, il cuore aperto a colui che viene, vegliare nella pazienza fino al ritorno del Signore, ministri di vigilanza per il mondo: i cristiani sono uomini dell'aurora. (...) Vivere in stato di Avvento significa portare dentro di sé la speranza di un frutto concepito da un Altro sul quale si riversano i motivi della nostra speranza. E allora si può anche assediare con i nostri perché quel Dio che si dichiara nostro Padre e nostro Redentore, pur lasciando apparentemente il suo popolo nell'angoscia (cf. Is 63, 17 - 64, 7). Tali domande non hanno nulla di blasfemo, non mettono in discussione la capacità divina di strappare sempre più i cieli e di far crescere nel nostro mondo i nascenti bagliori di cieli nuovi e terra nuova dove abiterà la giustizia. Di notte è bello credere alla luce (Un monaco benedettino, Jours du Seigneur. Année liturgique 1, 60-61)."

<u>AVVISI</u>

- Adorazione del SS.mo Sacramento: ogni venerdi, dall'1 alle
- La Legione di Maria si incontra ogni martedì mattina alle 8.40 nella saletta parrocchiale. Vi si invita a partecipare.

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. Non si accettano richieste per telefono.

MISSIONE PARROCCHIALE ITALIANA: Dal 10-12 Dicembre 2017. Tema: Emmanuele. Condotta da Don Francesco Marrone, Parroco della parrocchia di S. Chiara a Toronto.

PLEASE REMEMBER 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS: The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. To request a Mass for your friends and family please come by the Parish office during office hours. Mass intentions may not be taken over the phone.



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