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MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

On behalf of myself, Fr. Víctor, Fr. Jímmy, Deacon Joseph and the office staff, we would like to wish you and your family a Happy & Healthy New Year.

All the Best for 2018.

Praying for You,

Fr. Pawel

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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 30th

• Masses at 8:30 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31st – Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 (Italian), 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

Sunday, December 31st - New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday, January 1st 2018 - New Year's Day

• Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Italian), 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 4:30 pm

January 6th – 7th - The Epiphany of the Lord

- Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Italian), 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 4:30 pm
- Chalk Blessing at all the Masses in memory of the 3 Wise Men; Gaspar (or Casper), Balthasar, and Melchior.

THANK YOU to Rivalda Tiles for donating funds towards the Christmas decorations. **THANK YOU** to all those who donated Poinsettias. **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who decorated the Church so beautifully and festive.

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Parish office will be closed January 1st and 2nd, 2018.

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

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.

2017 TAX YEAR The last day for donations to be included in the 2017 tax year will be **Sunday**, **December 31**st. Donations received January 1st and onwards will be included in 2018 tax year. Thank you for your continued support.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING on Saturday, January 6th. ALL MEN are called to join us for breakfast, coffee, and to join the discussion about what God is asking of today's men! Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is calling each of us men to "RAISE OUR GAME!" The parish, our communities, and the Holy Catholic Church needs stronger, more knowledgeable, more fervent MEN to LEAD THE CHARGE!

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY: Join fellow parishioners on **Sunday, January 7th** in the Parish Hall for coffee and donuts after the 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses. All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP: Will be meeting **Sunday**, **January 7**th at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All youth of the parish are invited.

MARK your CALENDAR

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

CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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. The month of January is Membership Drive Month.

BIBLE STUDY: St. Mary Immaculate will be hosting Matthew: The King and His Kingdom Bible study beginning **January 10**, **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.

<u>CONFIRMATION CLASSES</u> for students attending public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin **Thursday**, **January 11**th, **2018** from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Parish hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM CLASSES for children attending public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin Monday, January 15th, 2018 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Parish hall.

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. To register your name, contact Jack Landolt at 905-889-1993.

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 Family 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.

31 dicembre 2017 – Sacra Famiglia

La casa di Nazaret è la scuola dove si è iniziati a comprendere la vita di Gesù, cioè la scuola del Vangelo. Qui si impara ad osservare, ad ascoltare, a meditare, a penetrare il significato così profondo e così misterioso di questa manifestazione del Figlio di Dio tanto semplice, umile e bella. Forse anche impariamo, quasi senza accorgercene, ad imitare. ... In primo luogo essa ci insegna il silenzio. Oh! se rinascesse in noi la stima del silenzio, atmosfera ammirabile ed indispensabile dello spirito: mentre siamo storditi da tanti frastuoni, rumori e voci clamorose nella esagitata e tumultuosa vita del nostro tempo. Oh! silenzio di Nazaret, insegnaci ad essere fermi nei buoni pensieri, intenti alla vita interiore, pronti a ben sentire le segrete ispirazioni di Dio e le esortazioni dei veri maestri. ... Qui comprendiamo il modo di vivere in famiglia. Nazaret ci ricordi cos'è la famiglia, cos'è la comunione di amore, la sua bellezza austera e semplice, il suo carattere sacro ed inviolabile; ci faccia vedere com'è dolce ed insostituibile l'educazione in famiglia, ci insegni la sua funzione naturale nell'ordine sociale. Infine impariamo la lezione del lavoro. Oh! dimora di Nazaret, casa del Figlio del falegname! Qui soprattutto desideriamo comprendere e celebrare la legge, severa certo ma redentrice della fatica umana; qui nobilitare la dignità del lavoro in modo che sia sentita da tutti; ricordare sotto questo tetto che il lavoro non può essere fine a se stesso, ma che riceve la sua libertà ed eccellenza, non solamente da quello che si chiama valore economico, ma anche da ciò che lo volge al suo nobile fine; qui infine vogliamo salutare gli operai di tutto il mondo e mostrar loro il grande modello, il loro divino fratello, il profeta di tutte le giuste cause che li riguardano, cioè Cristo nostro Signore.

(Paolo VI, Discorso tenuto a Nazaret, 5 gennaio 1964)

O Dio, nostro Padre, che nella santa Famiglia ci hai dato un vero modello di vita, fa' che nelle nostre famiglie fioriscano le stesse virtù e lo stesso amore, perché, riuniti insieme nella tua casa, possiamo godere la gioia senza fine. Per il nostro Signore Gesù Cristo, tuo Figlio, che è Dio, e vive e regna con te, nell'unità dello Spirito Santo, per tutti i secoli dei secoli.

AVVISI

- 1. A tutti un augurio per un anno nuovo colmo id ogni grazia.
- 2. Le buste per le offerte per il 2018 sono a disposizione nella sala parrocchiale. Se le vostre buste mancassero, consultate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

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.

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.

MASS INTEN	ITIONS	Jan 1 - 7
Mon. Jan 1	8:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues. Jan 2	8:00 am	+Private Intentions
Wed. Jan 3	8:00 am	+Norverto Gomes
Thur. Jan 4	8:00 am	+Thanksgiving for Thomas Gomes
Fri. Jan 5	8:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 pm	+Members of the Roman & Wood Families +Members of the Naughton Family +Rino Benincasa +Mr. & Mrs. Chow
Sat. Jan 6	8:30 am	+Members of the Madden & Winton Families +Michael Angelo Montano
	5:00 pm	+Tommaso DiZio
Sun. Jan 7	8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	9:30 am	+Eugene & Maria Bomba +Antonietta & Emilio Celotti +Anna Cristinzo +Mario Catenaro +Massimo, Vincenza & Albert Colavecchia +Giuseppe & Rosa Ciavatta +Augusto Brunetta Spec. Int. for Matteo Lombardi +Defunti della Famiglia Fantozzi e Eramo
	11:00 am	+Michele Colozza
	12:30 pm	+Assunta Merenda
	4:30 pm	+Paolo Tanel

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.



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