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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

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HIGHLIGHT LOVE LETTER TO JESUS – FROM STEPHANO.....

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

I love you Jesus, from
the bottom of my heart
I just wanted to see
you. I will always be
good and try to pray
every day. This way
I can see you
in heaven

With all my love.....

Stephano *Stephano*
(Name)

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, December 12th – Feast – Our Lady of Guadalupe. Patron of the Americas.

Wednesday, December 13th – Memorial – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr.

Thursday, December 14th – Memorial – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor.

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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS & MASS TIMES SCHEDULE:

Is available in the Parish office or on our website at www.smirh.com.

2018 SUNDAY MASS MISSALS 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.

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

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

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.

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.

ITALIAN PARISH MISSION conducted by Fr. Francesco Marrone of St. Clare Church in Toronto. Italian day of Recollection beginning **Sunday, December 10th** with Italian Mass at 9:30 am and continuing Monday and Tuesday with Italian Mass at 11:00 am.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CHILDREN 5 years and older to act out the Christmas Eve Gospel Story. No speaking roles only acting. Also, 12 years and older for the readings at the Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy Mass **December 24th** at 5:00 pm. Sign up forms are available at all the entrances to the Church for those interested.

CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, December 12, 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.

COME FOR 1 HOUR WORSHIP MUSIC AND ADORATION after the 7:00 pm Mass, at 7:30 pm 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 with the Theme: **An Advent Journey with Mary & Joseph**, immediately following the 8:30 am Holy Mass. A light breakfast of bagels, fruit and beverage is included. Tickets are \$5 each and available following all Masses or at the Parish office. The presentation begins at 9:45 am and finishes by 1:00 pm.

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

YOUTH GROUP: Next meeting will be held **Sunday, December 17th.** All youth of the parish are invited.

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for students attending public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin **Thursday, January 11th, 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.

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

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.serrainternational.org or 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.

Give the Green Scapular this Christmas This sacramental is a gift of important and necessary grace for our times. Our Blessed Mother revealed that graces are obtained by the receiver of the scapular whether it is given overtly or covertly and that these graces come from the prayers of the person giving the scapular and saying daily for those who have received the scapular "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death." The moment someone receives the Green Scapular the work of Our Blessed Mother in that life begins. There is no better time than Christmas to confirm the depth of your love for others than with the gift of a scapular. As we prepare to go forward towards Christmas and the New Year, let us prepare ourselves and those we love for the blessings possible through our faith and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother to her Divine Son. The Green Scapulars, blessed by Father Pawel, will be sold by the CWL after every mass until Christmas for \$2.00.

10 dicembre 2017 – 2a di Avvento

Mosè battezzò, ma nell'acqua (cfr Es 17,6); e ancor prima nella nube e nel mare (cfr Es 13,21) Battezzò anche Giovanni e non più alla maniera dei Giudei: infatti non battezzò solamente con l'acqua, ma anche per la conversione; tuttavia il suo battesimo non era ancora completamente spirituale, perché egli non aggiunse che battezzava nello Spirito. Battezzò anche Gesù, ma nello Spirito Conosco anche un quarto battesimo, quello che avviene per mezzo del sangue e della testimonianza, e che fu impartito anche al Cristo stesso, ed è un battesimo molto più venerabile degli altri, in quanto non viene insozzato da altre macchie. Ne conosco anche un quinto, quello delle lacrime; ma è un battesimo più impegnativo, perché è quello che bagna ogni notte di lacrime il proprio letto e il proprio giaciglio (cfr Sal 6,7) (Gregorio di Nazianzo, *Omellie Pasquali* 39,17).

Troppo spesso quando portiamo un messaggio la gente vede noi e percepisce un messaggio che forse arriva attraverso noi, perché non siamo sufficientemente identificati con quello che dobbiamo dire. Per ottenere questa identificazione dobbiamo leggere il Vangelo in modo tale, renderlo così nostro e rendere noi stessi così Vangelo, che quando parliamo come dal di dentro del Vangelo stesso, in suo nome, dovrebbe essere semplicemente il Vangelo che parla indipendentemente dalle parole usate, e non sto parlando di citazioni e noi dovremmo essere come una voce, la voce di Dio. La seconda cosa è che per arrivare allo stadio in cui poteva parlare senza essere notato, in cui la gente aveva di lui l'impressione di un uomo trasformato completamente in un messaggio, in una visione, in una proclamazione, egli doveva essere un uomo che aveva rinunciato a ogni forma di egoismo, di accaparramento, a tutto ciò che era piacevolmente gratificante (Anthony Bloom, *Dio e l'uomo*, 126-128).

Ed è proprio lo Spirito Santo, che nel grembo della Vergine ha formato Gesù, Uomo perfetto, a portare a compimento nella persona umana il mirabile progetto di Dio, trasformando innanzitutto il cuore e, a partire da questo centro, tutto il resto. Avviene così che in ogni singola persona si riassume l'intera opera della creazione e della redenzione, che Dio, Padre e Figlio e Spirito Santo, va compiendo dall'inizio alla fine del cosmo e della storia. E come nella storia dell'umanità vi è al centro il primo avvento di Cristo e alla fine il suo ritorno glorioso, così ogni esistenza personale è chiamata a misurarsi con lui in modo misterioso e multiforme durante il pellegrinaggio terreno, per essere trovata "in lui" al momento del suo ritorno. Ci guidi Maria Santissima, Vergine

fedele, a fare di questo tempo di Avvento e di tutto il nuovo Anno liturgico un cammino di autentica santificazione, a lode e gloria di Dio Padre, Figlio e Spirito Santo (Benedetto XVI, Omelia per i primi vesperi della prima domenica di Avvento, 2005).

AVVISI

1. Adorazione del SS.mo Sacramento: ogni venerdì, dall'1 alle 6.45pm.
2. Missione parrocchiale in Italiano in preparazione per il S. Natale, dal 10 al 12 dicembre, condotta da Don Francesco Marrone, parroco di S. Chiara a Toronto. La Missione inizia con la S. Messa di oggi e continua lunedì e martedì, con una S. Messa in italiano alle 11.

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 INTENTIONS		Dec 11 - 17
Mon. Dec 11	8:00 am	+Tony Ponari
Tues. Dec 12	8:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed. Dec 13	8:00 am	+Giuseppe Giusti
Thur. Dec 14	8:00 am	+Private Intentions
Fri. Dec 15	8:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 pm	+Members of the Naughton Family +Members of the Paxton Family +Antonio Lotto Spec. Int. For the Sharma Family
Sat. Dec 16	8:30 am	+Caterina & Giuseppe & Dora Caterina Millimaci Spec. Int. for Deborah & Gary Harrington
	5:00 pm	+Tommaso DiZio
Sun. Dec 17	8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Antonio Sacco +Paolo Tanel +Giuseppe & Elena Iacobelli +Angelo & Tomasso Curtis +Michele & Angela Palmieri +Liugi & Maria Grazia +Vincenzo & Luisa Iafraite +Paolo Tanel
	11:00 am	+Augustine Uhm
	12:30 pm	+Margaret Kuzyk
	4:30 pm	+Mario Tiano

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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