

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Pastor: Rev. Pawel Zborowski
Associate: Rev. Victor Boiragi
Associate: Rev. Francesco Sandrin
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Joseph D'Amico
Pastoral Worker/Office Mgr: Michelle Gregory
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RCIA: Flavia Silano & Murielle Poirier
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Catholic Women's League: Boots Montano
CWL meets every 2nd Tuesday after 7:00 p.m. Rosary
Legion of Mary: Mia Wattimena - Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m.
St. Vincent De Paul: Sal Crimi 905-717-9827
Sunday School: Elizabeth Follows
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Italian Prayer Group: Adele Cremonese & Rosa Marsella
Italian Pastoral Care Giver: Antonia Ciuffetta
Italian Committee: Antonietta Miniaci
Rosary Apostolate: Laura Rizzi

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
9:30 am (Italian)
11:00 am
12:30 pm
4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am
Friday: 7:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am

Confession:

Friday: 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm
or by appointment with a priest

Baptism:

1st Sunday during the 12:30 pm Mass
3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm
Baptismal Class: 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 1:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Italian Prayer Group: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Moving? Please contact the Parish Office to update your information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Let us acquire a spirit of joy as we get closer to Christmas, the birth of our Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ!

Last week's CWL celebration was a great success! Thanks to all the CWL ladies especially the President, Boots Montano for organizing such a great event. We would also like to express our gratitude to the choir, altar servers, Knights of Columbus and Ushers for a fantastic job.

We would also like to thank Joseph Sgro and Tony Zitoli for the donation and installation of our church lights and for Emilio Celotti for fixing the wall damage above the sanctuary and for Pat Galle for supervising the project.

Have a great week! Praying for you and your families!

In Christ,
Fr. Pawel

SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

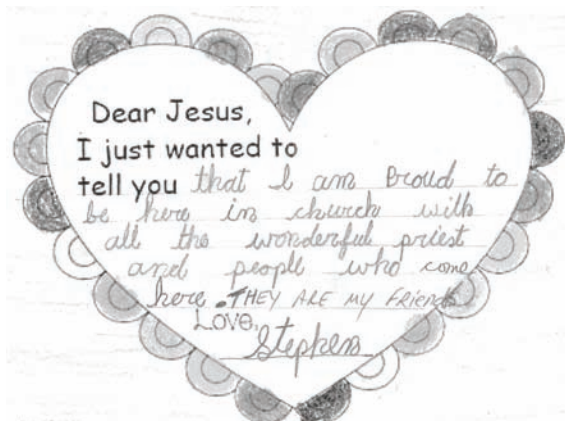
Monday, Dec. 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas On Dec. 9 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to an Indian convert, Juan Diego, and left with him a picture of herself impressed upon his cloak. Devotion to Mary under this title has continually increased and today, she is the Patroness of the Americas.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th, St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr. St. Lucy died at Syracuse, Sicily, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. Her cult spread throughout the Church, and her name was introduced into the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).

Wednesday, Dec. 14th, St. John of the Cross, Priest, Religious, Doctor. St. John of the Cross was born in Spain around 1542. After a number of years as a Carmelite friar, he was persuaded by St. Teresa of Avila in 1568 to lead a reform movement among the brothers of the Order. He died in 1591. His spiritual writings are a source of great wisdom and clarity.

PLEASE NOTE that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2016 must be given by Sunday, Dec. 25th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.

HIGHLIGHT FROM OUR LOVE LETTER TO JESUS
(Dec. 4th weekend)



MARK your CALENDAR



Fr. Pawel invites you to our Valentine's Gala on **February 10th**.

Tickets will be sold soon!

SMI YOUTH GROUP meets after the Sunday 4:30 p.m. Mass this weekend in the conference Room.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES & RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS are available from the parish office. Please support this worthy cause.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Christmas cards, panettone, 2017 Catholic Calendars. They are also accepting donations for Christ is Christmas buttons after all the Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

CWL RELIGIOUS & BOOK STORE will be open after all Masses Dec. 10/11 for your Christmas Shopping!

ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY will take place on Mondays until Dec 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Please pre-register by calling the parish office so that we can have enough materials.

SMI-CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, December 13th starting with Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend and help discern if this Ministry is for you. Refreshments will be served.

SMI - CWL ANNUAL ADVENT RECOLLECTION is on Saturday, December 17th, beginning with 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass with Fr. Pawel Zborowski, Theme is "St. Joseph: A Forgotten Man" Breakfast & Talks in the Parish Hall. All Parishioners & Friends are encouraged to attend. Ticket: \$5:00 (includes bagel, cheese, fruits, coffee and tea). Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend!"

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS will take place on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 8:30 – 10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m.

THE "RCIA GRADUATES" will hold their next meeting on Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 in the CONFERENCE ROOM (regular RCIA room). If you are a graduate and wish to deepen your faith and renew friendships, please join us. You may email Adam at adamgiancola@gmail for the short text we will be discussing.

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK for Advent and Christmas Season is available for purchase from the parish office. The Little Blue Book contains six minute daily reflections on the Infancy Narrative of St. Luke to deepen our faith. It takes a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to us through the words, guiding us to reflection.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT on Friday Dec. 23rd and 30th and on will take place from 6-6:50 p.m.

MOTHERS' GROUP Our parish is starting a Mothers' Group. Do you want to be refreshed? Inspired? Meet other Catholic moms? Then come out to our first meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 17th in the Meeting Room at 7 p.m. Please call the parish office to pre-register

*****PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE ON CHRISTMAS EVE MASS*****

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24

5 p.m., (English); 9:00 p.m. (Italian / English); (11:30, Carols) 12 Midnight (English)

Christmas Day, Sunday, 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 (Saturday, Dec. 31): 5 p.m.,

Day (Sunday, Jan. 1): 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. **Please note that January 1st is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

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1. Visit the website www.formed.org.
2. Enter the parish code in the empty box: **DWMDQZ**
3. Create a personal profile by entering the requested info (e.g. name, address, email address, etc.). **IMPORTANT: Please note that you are required to create your own password in order to login after having created your personal profile.*
4. Check the box next to: "I have read & understood the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy."
5. Click on the button: "Submit Profile".
6. You're signed in! Feel free to browse the various programs on the site!
7. To log out when you're finished, click on "My Account" and then "Sign Out".

11 dicembre 2016 – 3a di Avvento

Il Signore vuole aprire una via dentro di voi, per la quale possa penetrare nelle vostre anime e costruire il suo cammino... Questa è la via per la quale entrò la Parola di Dio, che consiste nella 'capacità' del cuore umano. Grande è il cuore dell'uomo, spazioso e capace, come se fosse un mondo... Vedi come il cuore dell'uomo non sia piccolo, dato che contiene tante cose. Osserva come la sua grandezza non risieda nelle sue dimensioni fisiche, bensì nella forza del suo sentimento, per cui raggiunge tale conoscenza di verità... Prepara la via al Signore con una buona condotta e con azioni irreprensibili spiana il sentiero, perché la Parola del Signore cammini in te senza ostacolo alcuno (Origene, *Comm. a Lc 21, 5-7*).

La Chiesa ha scoperto, all'interno della sua fede, la testimonianza silenziosa della Vergine, ma vi è una testimonianza silenziosa anche del Battista. Testimonianza che stupisce! Il più grande dei profeti è stato trattato, da quel Dio che pure lo amava, come non viene trattato neppure il più piccolo nel regno dei cieli. (...) Profeta dell'attesa e della rinuncia, è stato colmato nella sua rinuncia perché ha udito la voce dello Sposo, ma questa voce non si rivolgeva a lui e lo Sposo viveva per altri... Il rigore e lo spoliamento della vita del Battista, questo deserto implacabile che fu la sua unica dimora, ci spaventano se ne misuriamo l'intensità, l'immensità. Bisognava essere Dio per concepire tale destino e proporlo a un uomo, per osare domandargli tale nascondimento, tale passione prima che il ricordo della passione di Cristo potesse addolcirne le sofferenze e illuminarne la notte... Nessuno, a parte la Vergine, è stato più intimamente associato all'incarnazione del Figlio di Dio, ma la vergine trovava la sua gloria nella sua stessa povertà, mentre il Battista ha trovato solo l'abbandono e la morte (A. Besnard, *Giovanni Battista* pp. 646-7).

"Fratelli: Rallegratevi sempre nel Signore: ve lo ripeto: rallegratevi. La vostra affabilità sia nota a tutti gli uomini: il Signore è vicino. Non siate ansiosi per alcuna cosa, ma in ogni circostanza fate conoscere a Dio i vostri bisogni per mezzo delle vostre preghiere e suppliche con azioni di grazie. E la pace di Dio, che sopravanza ogni intelligenza, custodirà i vostri cuori e le vostre menti in Cristo Gesù nostro Signore (S. Paolo, Fil., 4, 4-7)."

AVVISI.

1. Confessione per l'Avvento: giovedì, 15 dicembre, dalle 8.30 all'3 10 a.m. e dalle 7 alle 9 p.m.
2. La vigilia del S. Natale si celebrerà in italiano alle 9 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS		Dec. 11-17
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Ashley Zimmerman
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Marcello Luigi Lingi +Luisa Iafrate +Maria Bomba +Tommaso Di Zio +Gabriele Magnotta +Michele Iamurri +Rino Carraro +Francesco e Maria Di Monte +Diego Canini +Luigi Biscardi
	11:00 a.m.	+ Luisa & Eugenio De Santo +Bahoshy & Forage Family Members
	12:30 p.m.	+ In Thanksgiving – Gomes & Pinto Families +Alfredo Magnante
	4:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving – Melenda & Rene’s Anniversary
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Teresa & Gerry Di Schiavi
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Giuseppe Giusti
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	Madden & Winton Families Members of the Naughton Family Intentions of the Sharma Family +Adelia Marinucci +Isidoro Mayta +Cecilia Mastropietro +Agostino Marsala
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Milimacci +Caterina Dolia +Amedeo Ruta

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Caitlyn, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose Chang, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Paolo D’Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Francesca Di Domenico, Donato Di Giorio, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Rafael Garcia, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Marcus Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Rita McKinnon-Peel, Rita McLennan, John McNamara, Maria Medeiros, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Bill Myers, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Louise, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Victoria Ramirez, Esther Reyes, Christine Ribbons, Patricia Rybka, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Tiberio Simoes, Vincenzo Sorbara, Bruno Sposato, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Luigi Vittorio, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Terence Whela

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