

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Pawel Zborowski
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CWL meets every 2nd Tuesday after 7:00 p.m. Rosary
Legion of Mary: Mia Wattimena - meets every Saturday
at 9:30 a.m.
St. Vincent De Paul: Sal Crimi 905-717-9827
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Parish Volunteer Screening: Antoinette Stirling
Italian Prayer Group: Adele Cremonese & Rosa Marsella
Italian Pastoral Care Giver: Antonia Ciuffetta
Italian Committee: Antonietta Miniaci

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:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am
Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Desk of the Pastor...

Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate III Sunday of Advent called '**Gaudete Sunday**.' Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say,
rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

This is a quotation from Philippians 4:4-5, and in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is *gaudete* (Latin) (Latin, "rejoice"; it's also pronounced with three syllables: *gau-de-te*).

Have a joyful time of preparation for Christmas, 'the Lord is near.'

Praying for you and your Families!

Fr. Pawel



Family of Faith

THE FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN IS NEARING ITS CONCLUSION! In Thank you for your support of the Family of

Faith campaign! With your commitments, our parish has met the challenge and has exceeded our campaign goal! Your generosity is amazing! As the campaign moves into its final weeks, please carefully consider the commitment you can make to this historic campaign, if you haven't already made one. A pledge, redeemed over a five year period, will enable our parish to do so much!

You set the terms on what your pledge will be, and how you would like to pay it. A pledge is a non-binding commitment... if you find that your circumstances change in the future, you can adjust your pledge accordingly.

If you have not yet made a pledge, Commitment Weekend cards were distributed at Mass last weekend, or you can contact the parish office for assistance. I would like to publicly acknowledge the dedicated volunteers who have helped our parish with the campaign. On behalf of the parish, thank you for your prayers, time, talent, and treasure! And thank you to each member of our parish family for your continued support of our mission! I am forever grateful, and you are in my prayers daily.

Follow on Twitter: [@family_of_faith](#) or stay in touch with the campaign at www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca

SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, 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.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT on Dec. 18th, 25th & Jan. 1st are cancelled.

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2016 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please write your name on the registration form next to the envelope boxes. **Please use current year's envelopes only to ensure your donations get credited to you.**

PARISH DEVOTIONS begins this Advent. On Fridays, we have our Sacred Heart devotions and on Saturdays, we have our Mother of Perpetual Help devotions. We have printed booklets for these devotions that are for parish use only. For those who would like to purchase a similar booklet for personal use that contain the same prayers, please come to the office.

PLEASE NOTE that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2015 must be given by Sunday, Dec. 27th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.

FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB Books are now available and you can place your order/reservation for any book listed in the 17 Recommended Book List. You can pay and pick up the book of your choice at the Rectory Office. For further queries, please email or call Grace at gracestewart45@gmail.com or 905.884.7871.

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24

5 p.m. (Children's Mass), 9:00 p.m. (Italian), 12 Midnight (11:30, Carols)

Christmas Day, Friday, 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 (Thursday, Dec. 31): 5 p.m.,

Day (Friday, Jan. 1): 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. **There are NO 8:00 a.m. and 4:30**

p.m. Mass this day. Please note that January 1st is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

CONFESSIONS On Saturdays, there will be 2 priests hearing confessions. Confessions will also be heard in our parish on **Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please take this opportunity to go to confession.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Campaign Life Christmas Cakes after all the Masses this weekend. All proceeds go to Campaign Life.

SMI-CWL RELIGIOUS STORE and FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB will be open after all masses on December 19-20 in the church foyer.

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ITALY with FR. OMAR! May 23 – June 4, 2016 To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. Kenneth John Decker, Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Eugene Bomba, Severino Bucci, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Francesca Di Domenico, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Maria Theresa Furlano, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Ester Lin, Gabriella Ludwinski, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Mike Sartor, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan, Louise.

13 dicembre 2015 – 3a di Avvento

Il vento [*ndt.necessario quando si usava il ventilabro*], io credo siano le tentazioni, le quali, nella massa confusa dei credenti, mostrano come alcuni siano paglia e altri buon grano. Infatti, quando la tua anima si è lasciata dominare da qualche tentazione, non è che sia la tentazione che l'ha mutata in paglia; ma è perché tu eri paglia, cioè uomo leggero e incredulo, che la tentazione ha rivelato la tua natura nascosta (Origene, *Commento al vangelo di Luca*).

Dice: *Chi ha due tuniche ne dia una a chi non ne ha; e chi ha da mangiare faccia altrettanto*. Per il fatto che la tunica ci è più necessaria del mantello, dobbiamo dire che per produrre un frutto degno di penitenza non basta dividere con i poveri soltanto cose esterne e non necessarie, ma anche quelle che sono molto necessarie, come il cibo che ci serve a vivere e la tunica che ci riveste (Gregorio Magno, *Omelia 20*).

Siamo stati battezzati nella tua morte, Signore Gesù, per esserlo anche nella tua resurrezione. Sorgente inesauribile di vita, potenza misteriosa impressa in noi come sigillo divino, la grazia dell'acqua della nuova creazione ci unisce a te nella tua Chiesa perché possiamo vivere la nostra vita alla tua sequela e compiere la volontà del Padre su ciascuno di noi. Aiutaci a camminare nella vita nuova, di cui ci hai fatto dono: e se la stanchezza ci prende e la paura blocca la generosità del cuore, se ci frena la resistenza del peccato e più forte si fa sentire il peso della morte, facci avvertire che nel battesimo siamo divenuti prigionieri di te, catturati dal tuo amore misericordioso e fedele, immersi con te nell'abbandono, ma con te risorti alla vita per edificare nella forza del tuo Spirito e nell'unità del tuo popolo il regno di Dio Padre: regno di giustizia e di pace, regno di vita e di amore, Patria desiderata e attesa della gioia, che non conosce tramonto (B. Forte, *Piccola Introduzione ai Sacramenti*, 44-45).

Egli fu annunziato da tutti i profeti, la Vergine Madre l'attese e lo portò in grembo con ineffabile amore, Giovanni proclamò la sua venuta e lo indicò presente nel mondo. Lo stesso Signore che ci invita a preparare il suo Natale ci trovi vigilanti nella preghiera, esultanti nella lode" (prefazio II di Avvento).

AVVISI

1. Ogni venerdì, adorazione del Ss.mo Sacramento, 1.00-6.50pm Vi si prega di iscrivervi sui foglietti all'entrata della chiesa. Si ricorda agli adoratori che il Santissimo non dovrebbe essere lasciato solo durante l'adorazione.
2. Le buste per le offerte per il 2016 sono a vostra disposizione nella sala parrocchiale.
3. Pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa ed in Italia con P. Omar, 23 maggio – 4 giugno 2016. Per maggiori informazioni, chiamate Stan (647-463-9057) o Halina (647-294-4116).

| MASS INTENTIONS | | Dec. 13-19 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| SAT. | 5:00 p.m. | Intentions of Edith Chan +Eugenio Bozzo |
| SUN. | 9:30 a.m. | +Pietro cristillo +Giuseppe Giusti +Marcello Luigi Lingi +Elena e Giuseppe Iacobelli +Giuseppe Costa +Luisa Iafrate e gamiglia +Carmela Zeppieri & deceased family members +Deceased of the Recine Family +Cesira Perciballi & deceased family members +Italo e Domenica Colatosti & deceased family members +Giustino e Pasqualina Sacchetti +Dina Paoletti +Domenico Barbuto |
| | 11:00 a.m. | +James Ramsbotham |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Rosa Massarelli |
| | 4:30 p.m. | +Maria Privitera |
| MON. | 8:00 a.m. | In thanksgiving to St. Lucy |
| TUE. | 8:00 a.m. | +Salud Beza |
| WED. | 8:00 a.m. | In Thanksgiving |
| THURS. | 8:00 a.m. | +Augustine Uhm |
| FRI. | 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | +Caterina e Rosa Bastone +Naughton Family members +Madden & Winton Families +James Ramsbotham +Apolonia & Waclaw Monik +Sia Kim +Adelia Marinucci +Len & Shirley Weekes +Larry Weekes +Isidoro Mayta +Maria Bettencourt +Jose Avila |
| SAT. | 8:30 a.m. | In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary +Emilio & Antonietta Celotti +Rino Carraro +Christopher & Peter Zulauf +Yolande Michaud |

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to re-evangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 4th of our 9-part sessions in our parish hall is on **Wednesday, January 13 from 7-8 p.m.** The rest of the sessions will be on February 24, March 9, April 13, May 4, and June 8.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Is your marriage or someone you know hurting? **Retrouvaille, a Catholic based programme,** is a program highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For information or to register, call 416-281-6007 or visit at www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

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