

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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CWL meets every 2nd Tuesday after 7:00 p.m. Rosary
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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.

Schools

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Test everything. Retain what is good.

Paul's advice to the church at Thessalonica sounds so easy, but how do you really know how to test the counsel that you receive, and keep what is good? How, for that matter, does an intelligent person read the paper, watch the news, or vote in an election? Is it possible to see through the spin and discern who, if anyone, is telling the truth?

St. Paul is guiding the infant church in Thessalonica, the second largest city in Greece, in the ways to live their lives now that they have put on Christ. Since Paul's letters precede any of the gospels—and since this is, in fact, his earliest letter, written less than twenty years after the resurrection—their questions take on even more urgency. How DO they live their new lives in Christ? How DO they become mature and faithful disciples of Jesus? There are no gospels, no Catechism of the Catholic Church, not even any other Pauline letters circulating around to give guidance to this early Christian community.

They are dependent upon what they learned from Paul himself when he visited two years earlier and founded the church there. They are a newborn creation, but how, then, should they live?

Huh. Somehow, modern Christians can't figure that out either. We feel guilty no matter which way we vote. We feel certain that God is calling us to this job, this house, this friendship, and then things change and we're not so sure.

St. Paul's words give us guidance. Do not quench the Spirit. Refrain from every kind of evil. And surely John the Baptist would add, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

How is your prayer life this Advent?

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THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Lisa Filippelli

PLEASE NOTE that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2014 must be given by Sunday, Dec. 28th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.

2015 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. Parishioners using envelope numbers 1501 and above have been reassigned. Please check the chart for your new number.**

PARISH ENVELOPE USERS are asked to write their names on the envelopes. Thank you.

A GRATEFUL CWL THANKS to Rev. Fr. Pawel for a beautiful Advent Reflection last Saturday, Dec. 6th. A great way to prepare us for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and for us to pursue our commitment to help evangelize and spread the Word of God. Our Church Hall was filled with our men and women Parishioners and CWL members who witnessed Fr. Pawel's genuine love for Jesus, his devotion, his warmth, his faith in the Vicar of Christ - our Holy Father Pope Francis and his generosity of his time, spirituality and wisdom!

VOCATION SEEDS If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris at vocations@archtoronto.org or 416-968-0997.

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC & POLAND with FR. OMAR! **May 24-June 2, 2015** for \$2390. To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116 or speak with Fr. Omar after Mass.

THANK YOU!!! "On the behalf of the Christians in the Holy Land, They very much appreciate your help by purchasing their Olive woodcrafts. Your help have made a difference to many families in Bethlehem and surrounding areas. Words cannot express how thankful they are for the opportunity you gave them to display the religious woodcrafts at St. Mary's Immaculate Parish. Please keep the Christians in the Holy Land in your prayers as you all always in theirs."

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Milberg Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmel Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Rachele (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Luigi Nucci, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Todd, Patricia Rybka, Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Hung Ki Sem, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan



ADVENT SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS: 1 priest will be available to hear confessions on Fridays 6-6:45 p.m. and 2 priests on Saturdays from 4-5 p.m.

FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES Please bring pasta, rice, flour, sugar and non-perishable food items to the Parish Hall stage. Last weekend to bring items will be this weekend. May God reward your generosity.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES are available for purchase from the parish office.

SMI-CWL RELIGIOUS STORE will be open after all Masses this weekend in the Church foyer.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT on Dec. 19th, 26th & Jan. 2nd are cancelled.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES between Christmas and New Year's Day remain the same.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24
6 p.m., 9:00 p.m. (Italian), 12 Midnight (11:30, Carols)

Christmas Day, Thursday, 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 (Wednesday, Dec. 31): 5 p.m.,
Day (Thursday, Jan. 1): 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. Please note that January 1st is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

25TH CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Sunday, Dec. 21st at 4 p.m. at Unionville Alliance Church, Unionville featuring Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short, Toronto Mass Choir, & Young Singers Children's Choir. For tickets or info, call 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Is your marriage or someone you know heading for divorce? **Retrouvaille, a Catholic based programme,** is a program highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the live-in weekend and Post sessions, call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at www.torontoretrouvaille.com

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM The French Immersion schools will be holding a parent information evening by December 2014 regarding applications for September 2015. Please visit www.ycdsb.ca to confirm the information evening date and application process.

3a di Avvento - 14 dicembre 2014

“Voce di chi grida nel deserto, voce di chi rompe il silenzio. Preparate la via significa: Io risuono al fine di introdurre lui nel cuore, ma lui non si degna di venire dove voglio introdurlo, se non gli preparate la via. Che significa: Preparate la via, se non: chiedete come si deve? Che significa: Preparate la via, se non: siate umili di cuore? Prendete esempio dal Battista che, scambiato per il Cristo, dice di non essere colui che gli altri credono sia. Si guarda bene dallo sfruttare l'errore degli altri ai fini di una sua affermazione personale. Eppure se avesse detto di essere il Cristo, sarebbe stato facilmente creduto, poiché lo si credeva tale prima ancora che parlasse. Non lo disse, riconoscendo semplicemente quello che era. Precisò le debite differenze. Si mantenne nell'umiltà. Vide giusto dove trovare la salvezza. Compresse di non essere che una lucerna e temette di venire spenta dal vento della superbia. (Dai «Discorsi» di sant'Agostino, vescovo)”

“Dopo essere stato annunciato dalla voce del Battista, Gesù stesso è diventato voce del Padre, assumendo la carne, pur restando Parola: “La Parola si fece carne e venne ad abitare in mezzo a noi!” La testimonianza storica del Vangelo e della tradizione cristiana acquista, così, un valore primario nella vita del cristiano. “Quanto sarebbe più bello un cristianesimo senza cristiani” è stato detto. Ed è vero, in un certo senso. Ma senza la testimonianza dei cristiani esso si ridurrebbe ad una filosofia, non sarebbe una religione. Certo, predicarlo solo come una dottrina sarebbe più facile. Testimoniarlo con la vita è enormemente più difficile (G. Benedetti, *Il Vangelo della festa*, pg. 277).”

“Ogni uomo è un volto di Dio. Signore, tu sei il Verbo che presiede a tutta la creazione, principio e fine di ogni cosa. Signore, tu sei venuto e ogni creatura ha ripreso a cantare liberata dalla vanità della morte. Signore, tu sei venuto, hai mani e voce come noi, un cuore come il nostro cuore. Signore, tu sei venuto, e hai fissato i tuoi occhi nei nostri occhi. Nessuno ha mai visto Iddio, solo tu ce lo hai rivelato: ora ogni uomo è un volto di lui e noi contempliamo la sua gloria. (D.M. Turollo).”

AVVISI

1. La vigilia di Natale si celebra la S. Messa in italiano alle 9pm.
2. Festa della famiglia, sabato 3 gennaio; chiamate Antonietta Miniaci (905-737-3210) per ulteriori informazioni.

MASS INTENTIONS		Dec. 14-20
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Narciso Marcon +Antonio Fracassi +Walter Seedig
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe e Elena Iacobelli +Benedetto e Matilda Curtis +Caterina e Antonio Sgro +Giovanina e Antonio Aloe +Maria e Domenico Barbuto +Elizabeth e Vincenzo Gironda e famiglia +Nicola e Rosaria Giorgolo e famiglia +Saverino e Antonietta Mercuriano +Giovanni e Giuseppina Monaco Famiglia Monaco Famiglia Maione +Carmine e Francesca Maione
	11:00 a.m.	+Angela Sforza
	12:30 p.m.	+Maria & Luigi Pomponio +Priscilla Bautista
	4:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Maria Gomes & Family
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Augustine Uhm
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Margaret Sexton
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Intentions of the Sharma Family +Mario Morassutti +Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Maria Ferreira +Mary Boutilier +Elena e Giuseppe Iacobelli +Pasquale Iapaolo & Family +Lydia Khlypenko

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Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!
- Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy [...] – Pope Francis

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