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## PARISH SCHOOLS

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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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday during 12:30 pm Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### HIGHLIGHT LOVE LETTER TO JESUS – FROM OBINNA.....

#### Dearest Baby Jesus.....

*I thank you for giving your life for me and forgiving my sins please help me learn more about you so I can praise you more. Please help my sisters get strong so they can be strong for them. I thank you for everything I have this day and for ever. Amen*

#### With all my love.....

*Obinna*  
(Name)

**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:**

##### **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 (Italian), 11:00 am & 12:30 pm (no 4:30 pm Mass)

##### **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

- Mass at 5:00 pm Children's Liturgy
- Mass at 10:00 pm in English/Italian
- Mass at 12:00 Midnight

##### **Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Day-The Nativity of the Lord**

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

Full schedule of events available at all the entrances to the Church or on our website at [www.smirh.com](http://www.smirh.com).

**2018 SUNDAY MASS MISSALS** are available for purchase in the Parish office.

**160<sup>TH</sup> SOUVENIR ITEMS & COMMEMORATIVE BOOK** are available for purchase after all the Masses in the Church foyer. The Commemorative book order form is included in the bulletin. Return completed form with attached payment in the offertory basket or to the office. Thank you for your support and generosity.

#### **CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES & RIGHT TO LIFE**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** will be sold this weekend after all the Masses in the Church foyer.

**THANK YOU TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** and all its members for organizing an incredible outreach luncheon and gift packages for those in need in our community. Also thank you to all the donors and volunteers who helped make it possible.

**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<sup>st</sup>**. Donations received January 1<sup>st</sup> and onwards will be included in 2018 tax year. Thank you for your continued support.

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Will be meeting today, **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All youth of the parish are invited.

**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](mailto:office@smirh.com).

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for students attending public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018** from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Parish hall.

### MARK your CALENDAR

#### **MANDATORY MINISTRY TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 pm in the Church-Altar Servers

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm in the Church-Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (including Homebound, Hospitals & Nursing Homes)

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room-Ushers

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm in the Church-Lectors

#### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

Last Saturday The Society for Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Immaculate Conference held its **11<sup>th</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS OUTREACH LUNCHEON** for those in need of assistance within our parish boundaries. We would like to thank all of the parishioners and volunteers who helped setup the luncheon, build the gift baskets, serve the food and do all the various tasks needed to make this important event happen in our community. **THANK YOU** our corporate sponsors; Bristol Truck Rental, Elite Sweets, Conair, CMED/ Catherine Lillywhite, Investors Group, Walmart Canada, The Canadian Italian Golf Association, Ballan Carpentry, and Aromas World Kitchen for their financial and material assistance at Christmas and all year round for our various events. **THANK YOU** to those schools who sponsored gift baskets and gift cards, St. Robert, St. Mary Immaculate, Corpus Christi, St. Theresa of Lisieux, St. Ann, and St. Charles Garnier. A **special THANK YOU** for the students from Jean Vanier and St. Ann, and the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus, the CWL, The Rosary Apostate, Atrium, and our regular Saint Vincent de Paul Conference member volunteers who came out to help prepare for the event. Their tireless work was greatly appreciated to support our outreach program. **THANK YOU** to those parishioners who donated gifts, gift cards, and personal hygiene products for our event. **THANK YOU** to Fr. Pawel, the entire Pastoral Team and the Parish Office Staff for supporting our event. Our Saint Vincent de Paul team was able to provide a luncheon, gift baskets, food vouchers and gift cards to over 140 families in the parish, a remarkable outpouring of God's Love to our neighbours.

**OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:** The Parish office will be closed Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. December 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

On behalf of Fr. Pawel, Fr. Victor, Fr. Jimmy and the office staff, we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA:** For those who have registered, there will be a meeting on **Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Parish hall to discuss details regarding the trip.

**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](http://www.serrainternational.org) or [www.serracanada.com](http://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.

**17 dicembre 2017 – 3<sup>a</sup> di Avvento**

Voce di chi grida nel deserto, voce di chi rompe il silenzio. Preparate la via significa: lo 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. Compreso di non essere che una lucerna e temette di venire spenta dal vento della superbia. (Dai Discorsi di sant'Agostino, vescovo)

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. Turoldo)

**AVVISI**

1. S. Messa della Vigilia, bilingue, alle 10pm.
2. Le buste per le offerte per il 2018 sono a disposizione nella sala parrocchiale. Se le vostre buste mancassero, consultate l'ufficio parrocchiale.
3. Dolci e cartoline natalizie della "Campaign Life" saranno in vendita dopo tutte le SS. Messe di questa domenica.

**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](mailto:office@smirh.com).

MASS INTENTIONS		Dec 18 - 24
Mon. Dec 18	8:00 am	+Susana Martinez
Tues. Dec 19	8:00 am	+Helen McMurray
Wed. Dec 20	8:00 am	+Maria Ferreira
Thur. Dec 21	8:00 am	+Joan Morrin
Fri. Dec 22	8:00 am	+Spec. Int. for Josephine Mendonea
	7:00 pm	+Members of the Naughton Family +Adelia Marinucci +Maria & Owen McKenna +Antonio Lotto +Eugene & Maria Bomba +Mike Mitchell
Sat. Dec 23	8:30 am	+Armando & Francesco DeLapa and Rosa Barone Spec. Int. for Fr. Terry Kersch
	5:00 pm	+Domenico & Pasqualina D'Agostini +Najebeh Salim Zakhem & Richard Isa
Sun. Dec 24	8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	9:30 am	+Dante Antonacci
	11:00 am	+Ken Stewart
	12:30 pm	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Christmas Eve	5:00 pm	Spec. Int. For Jonathan, Alex & Sara Giambagno
	10:00 pm	+Private Intentions
Midnight	12:00 am	+Matteo Morra

**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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