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Beloved Parishioners,

On that Night, over two thousand years ago, something special happened.

On that Night, Christ brought us Salvation filled with joy and happiness.

My wish for you is that this Christmas Jesus will again bring you peace, joy and happiness. May He bless you and your family. May he give you strength to live in the atmosphere of that Holy Night!

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With prayers,
Fr. Pawel

HIGHLIGHT LOVE LETTER TO JESUS.....

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

I hope you will be a good baby when you arrive and sleep well so that Mother Mary can sleep well. I got the christmas tree set up for you.♡

With all my love.....

love, Claire ♡♡♠♠

(Name)

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS: Thank you to all the children who wrote adorable love letters to Baby Jesus.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, December 24-Solemnity-Christmas Eve–The Nativity of the Lord.

Tuesday, December 25-Solemnity-Christmas Day–The Nativity of the Lord.

Wednesday, December 26-Feast-St. Stephen, The First Martyr.

Thursday, December 27-Feast-St. John, Apostle, Evangelist.

Friday, December 28-Feast-The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

Saturday, Decemaber 29-Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity. Memorial-St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr.

160th COMMEMORATIVE BOOKS are available for purchase in the Church foyer after all the Masses and in the Parish Office. Get your copy today! It makes a great Christmas gift for anyone that is a parishioner or has fond memories of St. Mary Immaculate Church.

2019 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized in alphabetical order by first letter of the surname. 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. Do not use previous year envelopes. Ensure to print clearly your name, address and amount on every envelope to ensure your donations are properly credited to you.

2018 TAX YEAR The last day for donations to be included in the 2018 tax year will be **Sunday, December 30**. Donations received January 1st and onwards will be included in 2019 tax year. Thank you for your continued support.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve (December 24th)

- 5:00 pm Mass (Children's Liturgy)
- 10:00 pm Mass
- 12:00 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day-The Nativity of the Lord (December 25th)

- 8:00 am Mass
- 9:30 am Mass (Italian)
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:30 pm Mass

(No 4:30 pm Mass)



OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Parish office will be closed

Monday, December 24 at noon.

Tuesday, December 25.

Wednesday, December 26.

Monday, December 31 at noon.

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019.

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

FORMED REGISTER NOW! Go to www.stmary.formed.org and use Parish code **DWMDQ7**.

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.

 **MARK your CALENDAR**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for students attending private or public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin **Monday, January 7, 2019** from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Parish hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM CLASSES for children attending private or public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin **Monday, January 7, 2019** from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Fr. Kolbe room.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM: Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, builds on *The Bible Timeline* and *Matthew* by showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative. Bible study will begin **early February**. To register, contact the Parish office at 905-884-1784 or email office@smirh.com.

23 dicembre 2018 – 4a di Avvento

Se un re affida il suo tesoro a un povero, chi l'ha ricevuto in consegna non lo considera come suo, ma riconosce sempre la sua povertà e non osa dissipare un tesoro altrui. Questi non solo pensa sempre: È un tesoro altrui, ma pensa anche: Me l'ha affidato un re potente e quando vuole me lo richiede. Così devono pensare di se stessi anche quelli che possiedono la grazia di Dio, devono umiliarsi e riconoscere la propria povertà. Se il povero che ha ricevuto in deposito dal re il tesoro, fa assegnamento su un tesoro altrui come se fosse il proprio e se ne vanta, e il suo cuore diviene orgoglioso, il re si riprende il suo tesoro e chi l'aveva in deposito si ritrova povero come prima. Così anche quanti hanno la grazia, se si insuperbiscono e i loro cuori divengono orgogliosi, il Signore sottrae loro la sua grazia ed essi rimangono tali e quali erano prima di ricevere la grazia del Signore (Pseudo Macario, *Spirito e fuoco, Omelia 15,27*).

Non trovate tutto difficile. C'è una regola d'oro: camminate sempre alla presenza di Dio, allora avrete la gioia e la sollecitudine che ebbe la Madonna quando andò da Elisabetta: il Verbo appena entrato nel mondo (in Lei) ha subito bisogno di santificare, e continuerà così per tutta la vita, nella sua morte, nella sua Risurrezione, nella sua Ascensione, e anche ora sta alla presenza del Padre sempre interpellando per noi! (M. Prandi, *Lettera alle novizie* 11.4.81).

Quando giungiamo, nella nostra vita, al punto di vergognarci dinanzi a noi stessi e dinanzi a Dio, quando arriviamo a pensare che è Dio stesso a vergognarsi di noi, quando sentiamo Dio lontano come non mai nella nostra vita, ebbene, proprio allora Dio ci è vicino come non mai; allora vuole irrompere nella nostra vita, allora ci fa percepire in modo tangibile il suo farsi vicino, così che possiamo comprendere il miracolo del suo amore, della sua prossimità, della sua grazia (D. Bonhoeffer, *Memoria e fedeltà*, pp. 57-58).

AVVISI

1. Adorazione del SS.mo Sacramento, ogni venerdì dall'1.00 alle 6.45 p.m.
2. Se desiderate che un ammalato o altre persone in bisogno di preghiere siano nella lista mensile, vi si

prega di lasciare il relativo nome presso l'ufficio parrocchiale o tramite email office@smirh.com

INTENZIONI PER MESSE: La pratica di offrire Messe per i nostri cari in vita o per i nostri defunti è 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 PRAY FOR 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. Names will be removed after the last Sunday of each month unless renewed with the office.

Tanya Di Persio, Jan Dolezel, Sara, Catarina Clyke, Rita McLennan, Maria Giancola, Rosa Maria Santos, Rita Manganaro

MASS INTENTIONS		December 24 - 30
Mon. Dec 24	5:00 pm	Private Intentions
	10:00 pm	+ Ichan Wiguna
	Midnight	+ Antonino Brancato
Tues. Dec 25	8:00 am	+ Mary & Owen McKenna
	9:30 am	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	11:00 am	Private Intentions
Wed. Dec 26	12:30 pm	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	8:00 am	+ Ynocencio Maria Delgado
	8:00 am	+ Thomas Alexander
Thur. Dec 27	8:00 am	+ Andrew McQuade
	7:00 pm	+ Members of the Naughton Family + Members of the Paxton Family Spec. Int. for Sharma Family Spec. Int. for Ahlowalia Family
	8:30 am	+ Members of the Madden & Winton Family
Fri. Dec 28	5:00 pm	Spec. Int. For Mildred Camat
	8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	9:30 am	+ Gabriele & Joseph Magnotta + Benedetto Baccileri + Pasqualina & Domenico D'Agostini + Deceased Members of Pacitto Family + Francesca Maria Sallese + Domenico & Nicoletta Sallese + Angela & Antonio Vittorio
Sat. Dec 29	11:00 am	+ Jocintha Fernandopulle
	12:30 pm	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 pm	Private Intentions

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS are available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, come by the Parish office during office hours.

December 24 - 30: The Sanctuary Lamps Burn For: Gabriele & Joseph Magnotta

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