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Feast of the Holy Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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!

With prayers,

Fr. Pawel, Fr. Victor, Fr. Jimmy, Deacon Joseph and Parish staff.

HIGHLIGHT LOVE LETTER TO JESUS – FROM YUNA.....

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

I love you with all my heart. You died for us on the cross. Jesus you forgive everyone if they did something bad. You love us more than we can imagine. Happy birthday Jesus.

With all my love.....

Yuna
(Name)

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR: Gabriele Magnotta

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 24th – 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 24th – 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 25th–Christmas Day-The Nativity of the Lord

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

Saturday, December 30th

- Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31st – Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

Sunday, December 31st – New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

- Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday, January 1st 2018 - New Year's Day

- Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Italian), 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 4:30 pm

January 6th – 7th - The Epiphany of the Lord

- Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Italian), 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 4:30 pm
- Chalk Blessing at all the Masses in memory of the 3 Wise Men; Gaspar (or Casper), Balthasar, and Melchior.

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Parish office will be closed December 25th, 26th & 27th.

January 1st and 2nd, 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.

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

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 31st**. Donations received January 1st 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.

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

YOUTH GROUP: Will be meeting **Sunday, January 7th** at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All youth of the parish are invited.

MARK your CALENDAR

MANDATORY MINISTRY TRAINING WORKSHOPS

January 10th 7:00 pm in the Church-Altar Servers

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

January 11th 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room-Ushers

January 18th 6:30 pm in the Church-Lectors

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for students attending public schools that have registered with St. Mary Immaculate will begin **Thursday, January 11th, 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

DECEMBER 24, 2017

Immaculate will begin **Monday, January 15th, 2018** from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Parish hall.

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 or 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.

24 dicembre 2017 – 4^a di Avvento

Dio e l'uomo si servono da modello a vicenda: Dio si fa simile all'uomo, per amore dell'uomo, e così l'uomo può farsi simile a Dio (Massimo il Confessore, in *PG* 91, 1113).

Ascoltate il profeta che dice: *Rialzerò a David la tenda che è caduta* (Am 9.11). In verità, la nostra natura era decaduta irrimediabilmente ed aveva bisogno solo di quella mano potente. Non si sarebbe potuta rialzare in altro modo, se chi in principio l'aveva plasmata non le avesse teso la sua mano e non l'avesse ripasmata in maniera soprannaturale, per mezzo della rigenerazione dell'acqua e dello Spirito santo. Considerate insieme a me questo tremendo mistero: egli abita sempre in questa dimora, si riveste della nostra carne, non per lasciarla dopo poco, ma per tenercela con sé tutta l'eternità. Se non fosse così, non si sarebbe degnato di levarla al trono regale e non verrebbe adorato, rivestito com'è di essa, da tutto l'esercito celeste, dagli angeli, dagli arcangeli, dai Troni, dai Principati e dalle Potestà (G. Crisostomo, *Comm. a Gv* 11).

Il più eccelso degli Angeli fu mandato dal Cielo per dir "Ave" alla Madre di Dio.

Al suo incorporeo saluto vedendoti in Lei fatto uomo, Signore, in estasi stette, acclamando la Madre così:

Ave, per Te la gioia risplende;

Ave, per Te il dolore s'estingue.

Ave, salvezza di Adamo caduto;

Ave, riscatto del pianto di Eva.

Ave, Tu vetta sublime a umano intelletto;

Ave, Tu abisso profondo agli occhi degli Angeli.

Ave, in Te fu elevato il trono del Re;

Ave, Tu porti Colui che il tutto sostiene.

Ave, o stella che il Sole precorri;

Ave, o grembo del Dio che s'incarna.

Ave, per Te si rinnova il creato;

Ave, per Te il Creatore è bambino.

Ave, Sposa non sposata!

AVVISI

1. A tutti un augurio per un gioioso S. Natale.
2. Le buste per le offerte per il 2018 sono a disposizione nella sala parrocchiale. Se le vostre buste mancassero, consultate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS		Dec 25 - 31
Mon. Dec 25	8:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9:30 am	+Private Intentions
	11:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12:30 pm	+Angelo Occhiogrosso
Tues. Dec 26	8:00 am	+Thomas Alexander
Wed. Dec 27	8:00 am	+Gertrude Lee Ho
Thur. Dec 28	8:00 am	+Gertrude Lee Ho +Michael Vincent Sy
Fri. Dec 29	8:00 am	+Anthony Tamburrini
	7:00 pm	+Members of the Paxton Family +Spec. Int. For Zbigniew P. Reiter
Sat. Dec 30	8:30 am	+Members of the Madden & Winton Families +Gabriele Magnotta Spec. Int. for Sheilagh & Gene Schenk
	5:00 pm	+Teresa Morra & Antonio Morra
Sun. Dec 31	8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	9:30 am	+Gabriele Magnotta +Deceased members of the Pacitto Family +Francesca Sallese
	11:00 am	+Deceased members of the Spadone Family
	12:30 pm	+Virginia Lozano
New Year Vigil	4:30 pm	+Deceased members of the Ventrella Family

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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