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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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From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Brothers and Sisters!

I hope you are having a good Lent. Our Holy Father, pope Francis said:

'Live your faith during Lent, perform works of mercy.' This time of the year should be a spiritual workout for all of us. Please check out our schedule for Lent and see how you can grow in faith, love and hope. We have many things that will happen this Lent: CWL Day of Prayer, Parish Mission, a talk about Perpetual Help Icon, Soups on Fridays with free donations that will go to the poor, stations of the Cross, Bible Study on Monday evenings, Day of Confessions, Adoration on Friday afternoon with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm and many regular things and activities that are happening in our Parish.

I want to invite You to be part of it! Let's be excited about Lent of 2016. Let's be excited about the Year of Mercy and many things that are happening in our Parish during this holy season.

On the other occasion, Pope Francis said that Lent is a favourable time for conversion. May all of us return to the Lord this Lent. Praying for You and Your Families!

Fr. Pawel

OUR LORD WAITS FOR YOUR VISIT. FRIDAY ADORATION HOURS: 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. We need more Eucharistic adorers. The CWL of St Mary Immaculate Parish invites all Parishioners to join them at 3 o'clock pm on Fridays to pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** in observance of the "Year of Mercy." No dues, no meetings. Just a silent hour with Our Lord.

FORMED is a new multimedia platform created by the Augustine Institute that gives Catholics instant access to all kinds of Catholic content, including video, audio and books. It's been affectionately referred to as a Catholic "Netflix." Together with over 1000 parishes worldwide we subscribe the program for spiritual growth for the members of our Parish. Enjoy!!!

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COINS FOR LIFE As our annual Lenten initiative, we encourage everyone to fill a 'Coins for Life' box with their loose change by taking a 'Coins for Life' box. These boxes are at the entrances of the Church. Filled up boxes will be collected after Divine Mercy weekend. Thank you for your contribution on behalf of those who have no voice – the unborn. Above all, please remember to pray for the unborn, and for those who have been affected by abortion. Please visit www.coinsforlife.org

THE TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP For the Jubilee Year of Mercy, 3 mysteries will be prayed each week plus a DIVINE MERCY. Join us every Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m. in the church. You're welcome to leave petitions.





SPRING GALA on Friday, May 13th!

CWL RELIGIOUS STORE & FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB will be open after all masses today in the church foyer.

YOUTH GROUP will <u>meet</u> in the Parish Hall **after the Sunday 4:30 p.m. Mass this weekend.** All the youth of the parish are invited to attend. Next 2 meetings will be on March 6th and 20th.

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to reevangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 5th of our 9-part sessions in our parish hall is on **Wednesday**. **Feb. 24 from 7-8 p.m.** The rest of the sessions will be on March 9, April 13, May 4, and June 8.

LECTOR TRAINING will be held on **Thurs.**, **Feb. 25**th **at 7 p.m.** in the Church. All current lectors and those who would like to be one are asked to attend the session.

ANNUAL LENTEN RECOLLECTION hosted by the Catholic Women's League is on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 8:30 a.m. (Holy Mass) to 12:00 p.m. Fr. Pawel will be our Spiritual Guide with the theme: "We All Need God's Mercy". Breakfast ticket is \$5.00 - available at the Rectory Office and after all Masses this weekend. All Parishioners and all CWL members are encouraged to attend.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, March 12th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass by Fr. Jacek Cydik, CSSR. All are welcome to attend.

2016 LIFT JESUS HIGHER YOUTH RALLY (ages 13-18) on Saturday, March 5th from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. \$15 each. For info or to registerm visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org or call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360.

2016 LIFT JESUS HIGHER ADULT RALLY on Sat., March 5th 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Convention Centre. \$20 each. For tickets and info, visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org, or call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360.

2016 LENTEN CALENDAR

Lenten Scripture Study

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Fridays in Lent

1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Italian
1:30 p.m. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Soup Fridays in the Parish Hall
6:00 p.m. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
6:15 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in English
7:00 p.m. Mass in English

All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence from meat but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to the needs of others, and to save money to give to the poor. Current Church discipline permits one to take a main and two lesser meals which do not equal the main meal. Mandatory fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, on which days one must abstain from meat and eat only one main meal. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence and meat may not be taken on these days. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce children

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

Wednesday, Feb. 24th 7-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Parish Recollection hosted by CWL

Saturday, February 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Parish Mission: "An Ocean of Mercy"

Starting with homilies - weekend of March $5^{th}/6^{th}$ Continuing with 7:00 p.m. Masses on March 7, 8, 9.

Archdiocesan Day of Confessions

Wed., March 9th 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mother of Perpetual Help Workshop

Begins with Mass on Saturday, March $12^{\rm th}$ at 8:30 a.m. followed with workshop in the Parish Hall.

Passion of the Christ Movie Night

Saturday, March 12th after the 5 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Saturday, March 19th

Blessing of Easter Food

Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 a.m.

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On March 19th, join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries 1st Annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at the Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special Father/son rates available. All info and tickets: or call 1-888-522-2070, info@ServiamMinistries.com.

21 febbraio 2016 - 2ª di Quaresima

Siamo invitati a salire il monte della Trasfigurazione per riuscire a intravedere qualcosa della gloria del Signore risorto, per avere il coraggio e la forza di percorrere il cammino quaresimale con decisione, anche nei momenti di tribolazione e di sofferenza, quando il cammino conduce verso il Calvario e la croce. Il cammino della quaresima che ci viene proposto è il dell'amore. Dobbiamo imparare trasformare la nostra vita in obbedienza a Dio o - che è lo stesso – dobbiamo imparare a trasformarla in amore. Ma guai a chi si illude che la trasformazione della vita in amore sia una cosa facile o gradevole. In certi momenti è certamente gradevole: ci sono per fortuna delle consolazioni del Signore; ma la trasformazione della nostra vita in amore si chiama croce. È nel momento della croce che Gesù Cristo ha donato tutto e quindi ha trasformato tutto in amore. Questo lo dobbiamo mettere in conto; non dobbiamo lasciarci spaventare da quello che nella croce c'è di pesante, faticoso e di spaventoso per noi. L'unico modo per non essere spaventati è riuscire un poco a intravedere la gloria di Cristo, la bellezza del Signore anche dentro alla sua sofferenza.

È bello per noi stare qui". Succede anche a me: quando leggo le Scritture e arrivo a capire spiritualmente qualcosa di grande, non voglio più distaccarmene, non ho più voglia di scendere verso cose più basse; la mia volontà è fare del mio cuore un tabernacolo per Cristo, la Legge e i Profeti. Eppure Gesù, che è venuto apposta in questo mondo per salvare ciò che era perduto, che è venuto a salvare non i santi, ma le persone in difficoltà. Gesù sa che anche se l'umanità se ne sta sul monte, non potrà salvarsi a meno che ridiscenda in basso" (Girolamo, *Omelia su Marco* 6).

Che meraviglia che la sua faccia sia diventata come il sole, se egli è il Sole? Era il Sole, ma nascosto sotto una nube: rimossa la nube, ecco che splende. Che cos'è questa nube che viene rimossa? Non proprio la carne, ma la debolezza della carne che viene rimossa per un istante. Nube che cela lo splendore divino, leggera, sollevata anch'essa agli eterni splendori. Oggi, sebbene coperta da questa nube di carne, la luce che illumina ogni uomo ha manifestato il suo splendore, glorificando anche la sua carne e mostrandola deificata agli apostoli e, attraverso gli apostoli, a tutto il mondo (Pietro il Venerabile, *Sermone 1*).

AVVISI

- 1. Ogni venerdì di Quaresima, si prega la Via Crucis in chiesa, all'1.00pm in italiano.
- 2. Vi si invita all'adorazione eucaristica ogni venerdì dall'1.30 alle 6.150pm, seguita da Benedizione Ecaristica e Via Crucis in inglese.
- 3. Le buste per le offerte per il 2016 sono a vostra dis posizione nella sala parrocchiale.
- 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 IN	TENTIONS	February 21-27
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Rosa Bastone
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe & Letizia Tersigni
		+Aldo tersigni
		+Vincenzo Di Pede
		+Arnaldo Bernabei
		+Panfilo Corvette
		Severino Del Gobbo
		+Vincenza Figuccio
	11:00 a.m.	+Carol Cook
	12:30 p.m.	+Ronald Stong & dec. family
	4:30 p.m.	+Antonio Sacco
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jim &
		Micheline Gilbert
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Anthony Schweinberger
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+James TK Wong
THURS.	8:00	+James TK Wong
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FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Maria Wan
	7:00 p.m.	+Members of the Paxton
	•	Family
		+Members of the Naughton
		Family
		+Anna Bucci
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Robert Veltheer

Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose

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+Theresa McLuskie

Chang, Alan 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,

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