

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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CWL meets every 2nd Tuesday after 7:00 p.m. Rosary
Legion of Mary: Mia Wattimena - Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m.
St. Vincent De Paul: Sal Crimi 905-717-9827
Sunday School: Elizabeth Follows
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Italian Prayer Group: Adele Cremonese & Rosa Marsella
Italian Pastoral Care Giver: Antonia Ciuffetta
Italian Committee: Antonietta Miniaci
Rosary Apostolate: Laura Rizzi

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:

1st Sunday during the 12:30 pm Mass
3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm
Baptismal Class: 1st Thursday at 7:00 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 Pastor's Desk:

I would like to extend a special thank you to Antonietta Miniaci and Ross Calderola for making the Valentine's Dinner Gala a huge success.

Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who came and donated prizes and gifts.

May the Lord bless you All and your Families!

Yours,
Fr. Pawel

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Wednesday Feb 22nd - Feast - Chair of St. Peter, Apostle.

Thursday Feb 23rd - Memorial - St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr.

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1. Visit the website www.formed.org.
2. Click on Register.
3. Enter the parish code in the empty box: **DWMDQ7**
4. Create a personal profile by entering the requested info (e.g. name, address, email address, etc.). **IMPORTANT: Please note that you are required to create your own password in order to login after having created your personal profile.*
5. Check the box next to: "I have read & understood the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy."
6. Click on the button: "Submit Profile".
7. You're signed in! Feel free to browse the various programs on the site!
8. To log out when you're finished, click on "My Account" and then "Sign Out".



February 2017

Living the Gospel by respecting and caring for life at all stages!

We knew there had to be a reason we were not conceiving on our own. We worked with the FertilityCare Toronto doctors and our practitioner for 15 months and I had another surgery shortly thereafter to repair the Fallopian tube. After only

two effective cycles, I was pregnant! I was closely monitored through regular blood work the entire pregnancy. At 38 weeks and 3 days, I delivered our healthy and happy baby boy. Words cannot express how grateful we are to the FertilityCare Toronto and the staff for all their assistance. FertilityCare Toronto treats their patients with the greatest amount of respect and care. I have never felt so in control of my fertility as I do today. Thank you ShareLife and FertilityCare Toronto!

OUR LORD WAITS FOR YOUR VISIT. FRIDAY

ADORATION HOURS: 1-6 p.m. A silent prayerful time with our Lord. All Parishioners are invited to come & pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT: Join the Knights of Columbus for the free viewing of "The Song of Bernadette" to coincide with the Feast of St. Bernadette this **Saturday, February 18th** after the 5:00 pm mass. Complimentary coffee, tea & cookies will be served.

SMI-CWL RELIGIOUS STORE AND FR. PAWEL'S

BOOK CLUB will be open after all masses this weekend, **February 18-19, 2017**, in the church foyer.

YOUTH GROUP: There will be no Youth Group Meeting this weekend, **February 19th**, due to the Family Day Holiday.

25th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front Street W. For tickets, consignments and information, visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca email: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360.

EXHIBIT "FROM MY LIFE TO YOURS"

Exhibit on the life of Father Luigi Giussani, founder of the Catholic lay movement, Communion and Liberation. Is it possible that faith is still relevant? Fr. Luigi Giussani lived his life answering this question. Please join us in the parish hall on **March 5th** after the 8:00 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm Masses. Guided tours in English and Italian after each mass. Free admission. For more information please contact us via email at toronto@clonline.org or visit www.clonline.org

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC with Fr. Victor Boiragi, **June 16 - 19, 2017** Visiting: Montreal - St. Joseph Oratory - Notre Dame Cathedral - Cap-de-la-Madeleine - Quebec City - Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré

Registration deadline is **March 6, 2017**. To register please contact Parish Office.

AID TO WOMEN-BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE: Thank you to all who gave to this great cause. Our parish raised a total of \$9,365.41.

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT: Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

LENTEN REFLECTION ON SPIRITUALITY

OF CAREGIVING: In this year of the centenary of Our Lady of Fatima, our parish calls us together for an evening of reflection on the Spirituality of Caregiving. We reach out to those who are caring for loved ones: an elderly parent, a spouse, a dear friend. Despite a great desire to be of help and comfort, this experience can be challenging. We ask: "How is God with us in this situation?" How can we support one another?" During this evening we will share our experiences, hear from an expert panel, and pray together.

All are most welcome to attend and bring along anyone who may feel a desire to be nourished in this calling.

7:30-9:00 pm on **Monday March 6, 2017.**

THE COME AND SEE WEEKEND March 17-19, 2017 at St. Augustine's Seminary. Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH will be hosting its annual conference for catholic women on **Saturday March 25, 2017.** Cardinal Thomas Collins will be celebrating the opening mass. For more information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905-279-7702.

19 FEBBRAIO 2017 - 7A DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

"La carità è vera quando l'amico è amato in Dio e il nemico a motivo di Dio. Ama infatti a motivo di Dio coloro a cui dà il suo amore, chi sa amare anche coloro da cui non è amato."

(S. Gregorio Magno, Omelia II, 38, 11)

Amore per i nemici: una proposta che non conosce confini, casi, riduzioni e distinzioni. Amore universale senza distinguere razza e religione; si rivolge all'uomo nell'unità e nella uguaglianza della sua natura. E' un amore nuovo per la misura e per l'intensità, per la quantità e per la qualità. La misura del nostro amore verso il prossimo è l'amore stesso che Cristo ha per noi: anzi l'amore stesso che il Padre ha per Cristo perché "Come il Padre ha amato me, così anch'io ho amato voi" (Gv 15,9). Amare esclusivamente, disinteressatamente, senza ombra di compenso, con un amore che cerca il bene di colui

che si ama e non invece il proprio bene, la propria soddisfazione. Quando uno si mette nella prospettiva di perdonare le offese ricevute, di rendere il bene per il male, trova in se stesso la pace. Cristiano non è chi ha realizzato il modello evangelico nella sua vita (e chi può mai dire di averlo fatto!), ma chi è in cammino per tentare di realizzarlo. Davanti a Dio non conta come siamo, ma come sinceramente vorremmo essere, ci sforziamo e ci siamo sforzati di essere. La perfezione cristiana non si raggiunge con atti di culto, parole solenni, rigorismi ascetici, ma con l'amore continuo e totale.

Signore, è già tanto difficile amare coloro che ci amano, salutare coloro che incontriamo ogni giorno, coloro che fanno parte della nostra famiglia e tu ci chiedi di amare i nostri nemici, di porgere il saluto a chi è diverso da noi. Ci chiedi, Signore, di dare un passo verso l'altro, di cambiare sguardo, di porgere la mano, ci chiedi di vedere nell'altro non un nemico, ma un amico, di salutare lo straniero con la lingua universale che è l'amore, addirittura, Signore, ci chiedi di pregare per chi ci perseguita, per chi parla male di noi, per chi ci mette sempre il bastone tra le ruote... Sappi, Signore, che è difficile, è difficile da sempre, ma soprattutto di questi tempi. Crediamo, però, Signore, che se tu ce lo chiedi è perché sai che amando così saremo più felici, è perché sai che amando così possiamo cambiare il mondo, è perché sai che amando così ci sentiremo figli, fratelli gli uni degli altri, è perché sai che amando così saremo come te, vivremo come te, in te, vivremo la pienezza di vita, saremo perfetti come il Padre celeste, punte fragili, ma forti di diamante, capaci di incidere nella società e di cambiare il mondo.

AVVISI.

1. Il nostro ringraziamento va ad Antonia Ciuffetta che, con grandissima generosità, ha coordinato la cura pastorale dei nostril malati per molti anni. Quest'onere è stato assunto, con simile generosità, da Maria Rosa Costa.
2. Celebrando il centenario dell'apparizione della Madonna a Fatima, la parrocchia vi invita ad una serata di riflessione sulla spiritualità dell'accompagnamento. L'esperienza del prendersi cura di un anziano genitore, un consorte, un'amico, fa sorgere domande sulla Provvidenza e sulla nostra relazione con Dio e con gli altri. Venite per una serata di condivisione, consigli di esperti, e preghiera nella nostra sala parrocchiale, lunedì, 6 marzo, 7.30-9.00pm

3. **PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK:** Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Mila Aquino, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Caitlyn, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose Chang, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Monica Cozzolino, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry

Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Donato Di Giorio, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Rafael Garcia, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Marcus Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Noah, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Rita McKinnon-Peel, Rita McLennan, John McNamara, Maria Medeiros, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Bill Myers, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Louise, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Victoria Ramirez, Esther Reyes, Christine Ribbons, Patricia Rybka, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Tiberio Simoes, Vincenzo Sorbara, Bruno Sposato, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Luigi Vittorio, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Terence Whelan, Dante Racioppo, Michael Todkill

MASS INTENTIONS	Feb 18 - Feb 25
Sat. Feb 18- 5:00 p.m.	+Benito & Vincenzo Charavalloti
Sun. Feb 19 - 8:00 a.m.	People of St. Mary Immaculate
9:30 a.m.	+Tony Ponari & Family +Nicola & Maria Carusi +Dante Antonacci +Filomena Trotta +Rosina & Angelo Corvinelli +Fulvio Rosciardi +Cesere Perciballe +Margerita Mazza +Vincenzo & Luisa Iafrate +Maria Coccimiglio
11:00 a.m.	+In thanksgiving for Patrick & Lipski Family
12:30 p.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:30 p.m.	+Consolacion Friales
Mon.Feb 20 - 8:00 a.m.	Int. of Dominic Parol In thanksgiving Espinoza Family
Tue.Feb 21 - 8:00 a.m.	+Juliana & Nicholas Kalaw
Wed.Feb 22- 8:00 a.m.	
Thur.Feb 23 -8:00a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Feb 24 - 8:00 a.m.	+Ana Sudac
7:00 p.m.	Members of the Naughton Family
Sat. Feb 25 - 8:30 a.m.	+Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton +Sabina Moreano +Leonor Vargas +Rocco, Restituta & Pasquale Deciantis

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