

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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Italian Prayer Group: Adele Cremonese & Rosa Marsella
Italian Pastoral Care Giver: Antonia Ciuffetta
Italian Committee: Antonietta Miniaci

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:

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.

Schools

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Wednesday we began Holy Season of Lent. During that time we are called to Pray, Fast and do acts of charities - Almsgiving. I hope that you have an exact plan how you will spend this time of grace.

As a parish community, pilgrim local church, let's walk through this Lent together. We prepared you an insert in our bulletin so you are aware of what's going on in our Parish. We want to assist you in meeting the Lord during the journey towards Easter Sunday.

I am very excited and looking forward to all the great things that will happen at St. Mary Immaculate Parish this Lent. And I hope you will be a part of it!

My prayers are with you and your families this Lent.

Yours In Christ,
Fr. Pawel



Official
Prayer

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

For information on the World Meeting of Families 2015, visit www.worldmeeting2015.org

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:15 p.m. in English. 7:45 p.m. in Italian.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE Our Parish is having a pilgrimage to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families with the Theme: "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive" and for the coming of our Holy Father Pope Francis to the Festival of Families and the Papal Mass happening in September 22 - 27th. We will have a coach bus with a limited seating of 56 pilgrims. Registration forms can be found at the entrances of the Church. Please submit your registrations as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR
Holy Souls in Purgatory



LENTEN SOUP FRIDAYS starting at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall until 6:15 p.m. for a free will donation. This initiative is to enable our parishioners to have a little something to eat to

make it easier to be able to attend the Stations of the Cross. The donation received will cover our costs and the rest will go to help the poor

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC & POLAND with FR. OMAR! May 24-June 2, 2015 for \$2390. To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116 or speak with Fr. Omar after Mass.

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL with FR. PAWEL! October 11-22, 2015 for \$2790. To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116 or speak with Fr. Pawel after Mass.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up at the main entrance of the Church.

LENTEN WRISTBANDS We have Lenten wristbands with the words "REPENT" available after the Masses this weekend for a free will donation. Obtain one for yourself and / or for those you love as a reminder of our commitment during this Lenten Season. Proceeds to go to help the poor.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Come on out and share your ideas and do your part! Let your voice be heard. Any men interested in knowing more about or becoming a knight can contact either Richard or Roland at smirh.grandknight@yahoo.com.

SHARELIFE Working wonders in our community... We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to lovingly care for those who are in need around us. —Thomas Cardinal Collins

WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT? Maybe it is time to try something different. Don't just give something up for Lent. Do something. Sign up for the BEST LENT EVER email program with Matthew Kelly. It is simple and free. The only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Lent. Sign up at BestLentEver.com.

VOCATION SEEDS If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris at vocations@archtoronto.org or 416-968-0997.

LEGION OF MARY is looking for new members. They meet every Saturday at 9:30 -11 a.m. in the Conference Room.



FEDERATION OF NORTH-AMERICAN EXPLORERS Come and speak with our representatives after Sunday Masses this weekend. For info, please visit www.fneexplorers.com or call Paul Ritchi at 416-435-6593. Meetings are held near Highway 407 & Yonge St.

ANNUAL LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION hosted by the Catholic Women's League will be on **Saturday, February 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with Fr. Omar** as our Spiritual Leader. Theme: The Servant of God & the Mission of the Church. All Parishioners and CWL members are invited to attend this faith-filled day in preparation for the Lenten season. Ticket: \$5.00 (includes bagels, drinks and fruits) Available at the Rectory office and after all Masses this weekend.

1ST SHARELIFE COLLECTION will be next weekend. May God reward your generosity.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY "The Happiness Factor" on **Saturday, March 7th from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St. W., Toronto. Come and celebrate the 23rd annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally featuring Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck. Guest Speaker: Al Kresta. High Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Simultaneous Youth Rally (13-18) right next door (John Basset Theatre)! For tickets, and info, please contact 416-251-4255, 905-270-2510 or LJHR@rogers.com or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

PARISH MISSION The Seven Last Words Jesus Spoke to Us Before He Died and our Love Response this Lent of 2015. Msgr. Ken Leone from Denver Colorado will be conducting a Parish Mission here in our Parish. The mission will begin with homilies at all the Masses on the weekend of March 21/22 and will continue for three consecutive nights from Monday to Wednesday (March 23-25) from 7-8 p.m. in the Church. There will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at each conference.

MERCY AND THE KINGDOM with Dr. Scott Hahn & Patrick Sullivan on Saturday, May 2nd from 7:45 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. at Canada Christian College, Toronto. To register or to get more information please contact info@serviamministries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

1a di Quaresima – 22 febbraio 2015

"Cari fratelli e sorelle, la Quaresima è un tempo di rinnovamento per la Chiesa, le comunità e i singoli fedeli. Soprattutto però è un "tempo di grazia" (2 Cor 6,2). Dio non ci chiede nulla che prima non ci abbia donato: "Noi amiamo perché egli ci ha amati per primo" (1 Gv 4,19). Lui non è indifferente a noi. Ognuno di noi gli sta a cuore, ci conosce per nome, ci cura e ci cerca quando lo lasciamo. Ciascuno di noi gli interessa; il suo amore gli impedisce di essere indifferente a quello che ci accade. Però succede che quando noi stiamo bene e ci sentiamo comodi, certamente ci dimentichiamo degli altri (cosa che Dio Padre non fa mai), non ci interessano i loro problemi, le loro sofferenze e le ingiustizie che subiscono... allora il nostro cuore cade nell'indifferenza: mentre io sto relativamente bene e comodo, mi dimentico di quelli che non stanno bene. Questa attitudine egoistica, di indifferenza, ha preso oggi una dimensione mondiale, a tal punto che possiamo parlare di una globalizzazione dell'indifferenza. Si tratta di un disagio che, come cristiani, dobbiamo affrontare. Quando il popolo di Dio si converte al suo amore, trova le risposte a quelle domande che continuamente la storia gli pone. Una delle sfide più urgenti sulla quale voglio soffermarmi in questo Messaggio è quella della globalizzazione dell'indifferenza. L'indifferenza verso il prossimo e verso Dio è una reale tentazione anche per noi cristiani. Abbiamo perciò bisogno di sentire in ogni Quaresima il grido dei profeti che alzano la voce e ci svegliano. Dio non è indifferente al mondo, ma lo ama fino a dare il suo Figlio per la salvezza di ogni uomo. Nell'incarnazione, nella vita terrena, nella morte e risurrezione del Figlio di Dio, si apre definitivamente la porta tra Dio e uomo, tra cielo e terra. E la Chiesa è come la mano che tiene aperta questa porta mediante la proclamazione della Parola, la celebrazione dei Sacramenti, la testimonianza della fede che si rende efficace nella carità (cfr Gal 5,6). Tuttavia, il mondo tende a chiudersi in se stesso e a chiudere quella porta attraverso la quale Dio entra nel mondo e il mondo in Lui. Così la mano, che è la Chiesa, non deve mai sorprendersi se viene respinta, schiacciata e ferita. Il popolo di Dio ha perciò bisogno di rinnovamento, per non diventare indifferente e per non chiudersi in se stesso (Papa Francesco, Messaggio per la Quaresima)."

AVVISI

1. Vi si ricorda le norme della Chiesa sull'astinenza quaresimale: Mercoledì delle Ceneri e Venerdì Santo sono giorni di digiuno ed astinenza; ci si astiene dalla carne e si consuma solo un pasto principale. Tutti i venerdì, e particolarmente quelli di Quaresima, sono giorni di astinenza dalla carne. Le norme sull'astinenza legano tutti coloro che abbiano raggiunto l'età di quattordici anni. Le norme sul digiuno obbligano tutti tra le età di 18 e 59 anni.
2. Durante la Quaresima, tutti i venerdì si prega la Via Crucis in inglese alle 6.15pm, ed in italiano alle 7.45pm.
3. Le ricevute fiscali per le offerte dell'anno scorso possono essere prelevate presso l'entrata principale della chiesa.

MASS INTENTIONS		February 22-28
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Alberto Perricciolo
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Nazzareno Cristini +Benedetto Baccilieri +Walter Gargaro +Benedetto e Matilde Curtis +Adele e Aldo Berdusco
	11:00 a.m.	+Anthony Schweinberger
	12:30 p.m.	Pro populo
	4:30 p.m.	+Andrea Giampietro
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Patrick & Nancy Yeung
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Concepcion Guevarra
	7:00 p.m.	In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Members of the Paxton Family +Members of the Naughton Family +Michele Mariella
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Michael Bucci +Josefina Montano +Patrick Ribbons

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Domenico Capacchione, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Milberg Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Ester Lin, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Rachele (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Luigi Nucci, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE on Saturday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the International Plaza Hotel. Speakers include Cardinal Collins, Dr. Josie Lombardi, Gary Zimak, Ellen Gable Hrkach, Moira Noonan and Dorothy Pilarski. Early bird ticket \$40 (before Feb. 20th). Regular Registration \$45. **CALLING ALL GIRLS A Special evening for Mothers and Daughters** on Fri., March 13 7-10 p.m. To register, visit us at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or email us at dynamicwomenfaith@yahoo.ca or call 905-270-7702.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." - Pope Francis

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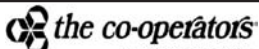
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