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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am - 8:00 pm

Closed daily 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

MASS TIMES

Lauds: Monday to Friday 7:30 am

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

7:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am

5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am

12:30 pm

4:30 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Friday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

or by appointment with a Priest

ADORATION & EXPOSITION

Friday 1:00 pm - 6:45 pm

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - After morning Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday at 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday at 6:45 pm

Perpetual Help - After morning Mass on Saturday

BAPTISM

1st Sunday during 12:30 pm Mass

3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Baptismal Class: 1st Thursday at 7:00pm

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Priest one year in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Friday, March 2nd – World Day of Prayer.

First Friday of the month, March 2nd, we honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

First Saturday of the month, March 3rd, we honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2018

Living the Gospel by supporting vocations

"Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life," shares Matthew Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He adds, "The seminary could not run without the generous support of ShareLife donors." By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God's call.

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. In Canada, Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Fasting is obligatory from ages 18-59. However, the law of abstinence binds those who are ages 14 and above.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat only one full meal, and two small snacks that together don't add up to a full meal.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Come together to meditate the Passion of our Lord Jesus every Friday at 1:00 pm in Italian and 6:30 pm in English.



Parish Mission weekend of March 3 – 4 plus Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Conducted by an amazing speaker, Russell Hoyt from Austin, Texas USA. Bring your children, family and friends for a spectacular New Evangelization event in our Parish.

2017 TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the Church foyer.

SACRISTANS needed for weekdays and weekend Masses. If interested, contact the Parish office or email office@smirh.com.

YOUTH OF THE PARISH are invited to participate with the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. If interested, contact the parish office or email at office@smirh.com.

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Pray the 4 rosary mysteries on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the Church. Everyone welcome to join. Prayer petition accepted.

Friday, March 2nd is a special day for Fr. Jimmy as he celebrates his birthday. We are blessed to have Fr. Jimmy here with us at St. Mary Immaculate Church. We wish you a very happy birthday filled with many blessings and graces. God bless you today and always.

Happy Birthday Fr. Jimmy!

SIGN-UP SUNDAYS! FEBRUARY 24/25 & MARCH 3/4. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017. Please visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

COINS FOR LIFE 2018 Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 8 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada**? If so, the coins for life boxes are available at all the entrances to the Church. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 10, 2018. Be

sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. You may even wish to make this a family, school, office project? Spread the good news of the sanctity of every life from conception to natural death which God created as no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death society we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this *'little project' for life*. Boxes are to be returned to the Parish office after the 8 weeks, April 1st, and no later than April 8th. If you wish, leave your name/address/email/cell so CLC can thank you personally for your kindness. For more information call Jenny or Jeff at CLC, 416 204 9749. Volunteers are always needed!

NEW BEGINNINGS: Separated...Divorced?

If you are struggling... you don't have to do this alone. *New Beginnings* is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have endured a loss through separation, divorce and bereavement. This ministry offers a place of discovery, healing and renewed faith.

Peer Support Group

St. Mary Immaculate, Meeting Room, 10295 Yonge St.
Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 3B9

Start Date: **Monday February 26 @7:00 pm**

For more information, please contact: Alex Lopuchuk 416-921-1163 x2230 or lopechuk@cfstoronto.com or Arcangelo Limanni 416-921-1163 x2225 or alimanni@cfstoronto.com.

26th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY – FIRE ON EARTH

Even in the midst of increasing darkness and turmoil in the world, The Holy Spirit comes to restore, invigorate and empower us! Join us at the 2018 Lift Jesus Higher Rally as we explore this year's *theme Fire on Earth* (Luke 12:49) on **Saturday, March 3rd** from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm at Constitution Hall in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For information or tickets visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca, email info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or call 416-251-4255.

YOUTH GROUP will be meeting **Sunday, March 4th** at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All youth of the parish are invited.

MEN'S GROUP Will be meeting **Saturday, March 3rd** at 7:15 am in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are invited.

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY Join fellow parishioners on **Sunday, March 4th** in the Parish Hall for coffee and donuts after the 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses. All are welcome.

MATTERS OF THE HEART Hosted by Christina Doyle under the patronage of the Mother's Group. Next session *"Words are Powerful"* will be held **Tuesday, March 6th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Open to all men and women of the Parish.

MOTHER'S GROUP will be meeting **Tuesday, March 6th** at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT The Office of Vocations is preparing for this upcoming retreat taking place at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Saturday, March 17**. The retreat gives young men an opportunity to experience the seminary and engage with seminarians as well as other active young Catholic men. The retreat will build the day around Mass, Adoration, recreation fellowship and conversation with opportunity for Confession. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Deadline is **Monday, March 12**.

MARIAN CONSECRATION: In preparation for the upcoming feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the Legion of Mary is inviting parishioners to an 8-session retreat for Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to St. Louis de Montfort. This retreat will be conducted by members of the Heralds of the Gospel, an international association of Christ's Faithful of Pontifical Right. Retreat dates are **March 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 & 11**, in the Parish Hall, 7:45 pm- 9:00 pm. Consecration Mass will take place **Saturday May 12, 8:30 am**. Please register at the Parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – St. Patrick's Dinner on **March 17th** has been cancelled.

BUNDLE – UP COLLECTION WEEK-END The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household goods to support our neighbours in need and our residential programs the weekend of **March 17th and 18th**. A Saint Vincent de Paul

container will be in the church parking on those dates so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will distribute or sell these donated items to support our outreach efforts to the poor throughout the GTA. Please be aware, NO BABY OR REGULAR FURNITURE, NO MATTRESSES, NO BOOKS, NO DISHES AND NO ELECTRONICS will be accepted. The container will be open all day Saturday and all day Sunday. When placing your donation in the container please try to stack all items as far back as possible so that we can use all the container space. Thank you for your support.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND – Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), 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. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact the Parish office or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH: Calling all Girls. A special evening for Mothers and Daughters with short high powered talks, meet new people, learn the truth, talk about it, discover who you are, avoid mistakes, improve your relationships. **Friday, March 23** from 7:00 pm-10:00 pm at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Mississauga. For more information or to register visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH: Catholic Women's Conference, **Saturday, March 24** from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Mississauga. For more information or to register visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com.

ShareLife **SECONDA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA-25 febbraio 2018**

Il Vangelo si vive provvedendo per le vocazioni al sacerdozio
 "Vivere e studiare al seminario di St. Augustine è fonte di grandi benedizioni per la mia vita," ci spiega Matthew Gunnarson, uno degli 80 seminaristi che frequentano i corsi di formazione sacerdotale presso il St. Augustine's Seminary ed il Redemptoris Mater Seminary. Ed aggiunge, "questi seminaristi non potrebbero andare avanti senza il sostegno generoso di tutti coloro che donano a ShareLife. Sostenendo ShareLife, aiuti i nostri futuri sacerdoti a rispondere positivamente alla chiamata del Signore.

**Domenica, 18 marzo 2018 è una domenica di ShareLife.
 Per favore, dona generosamente.**

25 febbraio 2018 – 2ª di Quaresima

Per mostrare [quale sarà] la trasformazione dei mortali * assunti nella tua gloria, o Salvatore, * al momento del tuo secondo e tremendo avvento, * sul monte Tabor ti sei trasfigurato. * Elia e Mosè parlavano con te; * tu chiamasti tre dei tuoi discepoli, * ed essi vedendo, o Sovrano, la tua gloria, * per il tuo fulgore restarono sbigottiti. * O tu che un tempo su costoro * hai fatto brillare la tua luce, * illumina le anime nostre (Liturgia Bizantina).

Ascoltate, lui che i misteri della Legge hanno annunciato, che la voce dei profeti ha cantato. *Ascoltate*, lui che ha riscattato il mondo con il suo sangue, che ha incatenato il diavolo e gli ha rapito le spoglie (cfr Mt 12,29), che ha lacerato il documento scritto del debito (cfr Col 2,14) e il patto della prevaricazione. *Ascoltate*, lui che apre la via del cielo e, con il supplizio della croce, vi prepara la scalinata per salire al Regno. Perché avete paura di essere riscattati? Perché temete di essere sciolti dalle vostre catene? Buttate via il timore carnale e armatevi della costanza che la fede ispira; è indegno di voi, infatti, temere, nella Passione del Salvatore, ciò che, per il suo aiuto, non temerete nella vostra morte. Si tratti allora di praticare i comandamenti o si tratti di sopportare le avversità della vita, la voce del Padre che si è fatta udire deve sempre risuonare alle nostre orecchie: *Questi è il mio Figlio diletto, nel quale mi sono compiaciuto: ascoltate* (Leone Magno Sermone 38).

La trasfigurazione, e non la sfigurazione, è il punto di arrivo dell'uomo e dell'universo. Il nostro volto non è quello disfatto dallo sfacelo della morte, ma quello trasfigurato della risurrezione (Lino Pedron).

AVVISI

1. Adorazione del SS.mo Sacramento: ogni venerdì, tenete compagnia al Signore, 1-6.45p.m.
2. Ogni venerdì di Quaresima, all'1pm. Via Crucis in italiano in chiesa.
3. Le ricevute fiscali per le vostre offerte sono disponibili all'ingresso della chiesa.
4. Pellegrinaggio in Austria, Repubblica Ceca, Polonia, Ungheria, Medjugorje con P. Jimmy, 30 settembre-12 ottobre 2018. Per informazioni, visitate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

INTENZIONI PER MESSE: La pratica di offrire Messe per i nostri cari in vita o per i nostri defunti e' 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:

Mary Petruni, Tanya Di Persio

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS		Feb 26 – Mar 4
Mon. Feb 26	8:00 am	+Gail Meadows
Tues. Feb 27	8:00 am	+Joseph & Maria Bae
Wed. Feb 28	8:00 am	+Celiati Susilo
Thur. Mar 1	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Carlos Manuel Uy
Fri. Mar 2	8:00 am	+Helen Samson
	7:00 pm	+Members of the Paxton Family +Deceased Members of the Myers & Donnelly Families
Sat. Mar 3	8:30 am	+Mary J. Paxton & deceased Members of Ryan Family
	5:00 pm	Spec. Int. for Graziella & Giuseppe Mazzobol
Sun. Mar 4	8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	9:30 am	+Mario Catenaro +Giovanni Riina +Andrea & Concetta Sangoi +Maria Sangoi & Rosa Cumbo +Annunziata Miele +Sigismondo Posa +Francesco & Rosa Romita
	11:00 am	+Michele Colozza
	12:30 pm	Spec. Int. For Qhueenie & Mira Camat
	4:30 pm	+Rosa Di Caro

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.

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