

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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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

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From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

I hope you had a good week. Today we celebrate the fifth Sunday in Ordinary time. As you know, we are in the Year of Mercy. Last Wednesday Pope Francis said "Also we, in this year of mercy, we can be mediators of mercy with the works of mercy," Francis said. "To grow close, to give relief, to create unity. It's possible to do many good things."

During the Year of Mercy we are asked to practice corporal works of mercy, which are:

- (1) Feed the hungry.
- (2) Give drink to the thirsty.
- (3) Clothe the naked.
- (4) Shelter the homeless.
- (5) Visit those in prison.
- (6) Comfort the sick.
- (7) Bury the dead.

Within our Families, let's decide how can we become Apostles of Mercy.

Have a good and blessed week. Praying for you!
Fr. Pawel

OUR LORD WAITS FOR YOUR VISIT. FRIDAY ADORATION HOURS: 1:00 – 6:50 p.m. We need more Eucharistic adorers. All are also welcome to the Divine Mercy devotions prayed at 3 pm. No dues, no meetings. Just a silent hour with Our Lord.

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 2nd, Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. Today's feast recalls the day that Jesus was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph and presented to God in accordance with the law. It was Simeon who acknowledged Jesus as the light to all the nations. ***On this Feast, candles are blessed. For those who would like to have their own candles blessed, the blessing will take place after Holy Mass.***

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr. St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. ***The traditional blessing of throats will take place after Holy Mass.***

Thursday, Feb. 4th. First Thursday of the Month. We honour our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.

Friday, Feb. 5th, St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr. St. Agatha was martyred in Catania, Sicily in the year 251. Her name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.

First Friday of the Month We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday, Feb. 6th St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs. The Japanese Martyrs were killed for the Faith in Nagasaki in 1597. St. Paul Miki was the first Japanese priest, a Jesuit.

First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

INTENTIONS FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMPS are available for \$20 donation for each lamp. Please call the parish office for information.

FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB Books are available and you can place your order/reservation for any book listed in the **17 Recommended Book List**. You can pay and pick up the book of your choice at the Rectory Office. For order/queries, please email or call Grace at gracestewart45@gmail.com or 905.884.7871.

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.



MARK your CALENDAR



SPRING GALA
on Friday, May 13th!

YOUTH GROUP will meet 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 February 7th & 21st.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT - Join the Knights of Columbus for a free viewing of the "Book of Ruth" on **Saturday, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m.** They will be selling snacks and beverages.

LENTEN WRISTBANDS with the words “REPENT” available after the Masses **February 6/7 and 13/14** 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 help the poor.

CWL ANNUAL BAKE SALE The Catholic Women's League will be holding its Annual Bake Sale in the Parish Hall, after all masses during the weekend of **February 6-7**. We are requesting all CWL members to please bake cookies, pastries, cakes, or pies for this event. We are also requesting Parishioners to donate baked goods towards our Annual Bake Sale. All proceeds will go towards our Outreach Ministry. Please bring your baked items to the Parish Hall on Friday night, February 5, between 5:00 & 9:00 p.m. A number of our CWL members will be present to receive, wrap, and price the baked goods.

SYMBOLON LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY will be held on Mondays in Lent in the Meeting Room. **Please call the office to pre-register by Wednesday** as we need to ensure there are enough materials for each session.

LEGION OF MARY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS! We invite you to join the Legion of Mary and to let Mary, the Mother of God, show you how to do extraordinary things for the glory of God. On **Saturday, February 13th at 8:30 a.m., Fr. Joseph Moncada**, the Spiritual Director for the Legion of Mary North Toronto Curia, will offer Mass and give a presentation on the Legion of Mary in the Parish Hall after Mass. All are invited to attend and discern if this ministry is for you. Refreshments will be served.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TRAINING will be on **Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m.** All those in the ministry are asked to attend.

USHERS' TRAINING will be held on **Saturday, February 20th at 11 a.m.** in the Church. All those who currently serve as ushers and those who would like to be one are asked to attend. Refreshments to be served after the training session in the Parish Hall. Please call the office or send us an email to indicate your attendance.

LECTOR TRAINING will be held on **Wed., Feb. 24th at 7 p.m.** in the Church. All current lectors and those who would like to be one are asked to attend the session.

PARISH MISSION An Ocean of Mercy on **March 5-9** by Fr. Tomasz Wikarski. More info to follow.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. Upcoming Weekend: February 19-21, (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga). For info and to register, go to www.wwme.org or: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to re-evangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 4th 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.

31 gennaio 2016 - 4^a del tempo ordinario

Non c'è dubbio, dove la salvezza è donata, nasce e fiorisce nel cuore dell'uomo la gioia; e fiorisce lo stupore, la meraviglia. Ma nel leggere S. Luca ci si accorge che questa meraviglia ha qualche cosa d'ambiguo. Può essere buona, anzi è uno degli atteggiamenti fondamentali nella vita religiosa. Per vivere l'esperienza della fede bisogna sapere stupirsi; quando uno smette di stupirsi, smette di aprire il proprio cuore a quello che va di là delle cose, quindi perde la dimensione di trascendenza che nella fede è necessaria. Bisogna stupirsi. Ma lo stupore non sembra sufficiente perché qui la gente si stupisce ma non nel modo giusto, e Gesù la rimprovera con le parole che svelano il contenuto del cuore dell'uomo: *“Di certo voi mi citerete il proverbio: Medico, cura te stesso. Quanto abbiamo udito che accadde a Cafarnaò, fallo anche qui, nella tua patria!”* (Lc 4, 23). E vuol dire: in realtà quello stupore è per gli abitanti di Nàzaret l'attesa del miracolo che diventa pretesa, la trasformazione della salvezza di Dio in un beneficio materiale; invece di attaccarci a Dio, ci attacchiamo ai doni di Dio. I segni ci sono certamente dati ma solo come segni, piccole trasformazioni che rendono possibile la fede, ma che rimangono tanto piccole da lasciare spazio alla libera scelta dell'uomo. In Gesù ci è data la salvezza abbastanza chiaramente perché noi nell'amore di Dio possiamo credere; ma ci è data abbastanza oscuramente perché noi non siamo costretti a credere nell'amore di Dio. Quello che ci viene chiesto è un'adesione libera del nostro cuore. La salvezza non qualcosa di precostituito, è il dono di poter vivere liberi, è la forza di potere rischiare l'atto dell'amore. Non vuol dire: siccome siamo salvati, allora l'atto dell'amore per il prossimo non è più rischioso, non ci costa più fatica, non è più impegnativo. No, rimane impegnativo e rischioso. Solo ci viene dato il coraggio di rischiare.

AVVISI

1. Vi si invita all'adorazione eucaristica ogni venerdì all'1.00 alle 6.50pm
2. Le buste per le offerte per il 2016 sono a vostra disposizione nella sala parrocchiale.
3. 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).

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2016 Cardinal Collins has also announced a special archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on Saturday, February 13th at 4:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Kim Parish in North York. His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th or 50th + wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2016 to join him for Mass and a reception. Loved ones and family members of those honoured are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honoured couples, pre-registration is required. Visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register. Questions can also be directed to Dane & Anne MacCarthy at 416-964-8694.

MASS INTENTIONS		Jan. 31 – Feb. 6
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Domenico & Pasqualina D'Agostini
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Joe & Don Ranieri +Nazzareno Cristini +Paolo Tanel +Tony & Vincenzo Cosentino +Nicola e Maria Carusi +Angela Palma +Leonzio Donatelli e Armando
	11:00 a.m.	+Vecchiarelli & Rotundo Families
	12:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for Daria Lloyd's 80th Birthday
	4:30 p.m.	+Maria Kowalewski
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Maria Piccolo
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Micheline Gilbert
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Liliy Chan
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	+anna Soriano +Antonio Pelaccia Tommaso e Chiarina Annicchiarico +Michelina & Antonio Colaricco Roman & Wood Families +Naughton Family Members
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Nick & Maria Caraea +Crescenza & Pasquale Iapaolo & deceased family Intentions of Granziella & Giuseppe Mazzobel Intentions of Lucy

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose Chang, Joe Cinno, 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, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Gabriella Ludwinski, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Maria Medeiros, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Louise, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Giovanna Nonni, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Mike Sartor, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan

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