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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 Sundav 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

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Fr. Victor, Fr. Francesco and Deacon Joseph and myself, I would like to thank all those who remembered us by their thoughtful cards, wonderful gifts and well wishes. Your thoughtfulness is gratefully appreciated.

Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord!

Praying for you and your families!

In Christ,

Fr. Pawel

## THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK Monday, January 9th, Baptism of Our Lord.

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Religious. St. Marguerite was born in Troyes, France, on Good Friday, April 17, 1620. Marguerite arrived in Montreal in 1653 and is rightly considered cofoundress of Montreal. In 1658, she opened the first school in Montreal and also organized an extern Congregation, an innovation at that time. She died in Montreal on January 12, 1700. Her last generous act was to offer herself as a sacrifice of prayer for the return to health of a young Sister. On October 31, 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized her and gives the Canadian Church its first woman saint.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD 2017 Deadline to submit essays for the Friars' Student Writing Award is January 13, 2017. Win Great Prizes! Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2017. The Theme is "Reconciliation - The love of Christ compels us" (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Students should read the above Scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay: As the Christian world reflects on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517) and after reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, discuss the main obstacles to Christian reconciliation and ways to overcome them based on your own experiences. First Prize: iPad Air 2 (64 GB). Second Prize: Kobo Aura H2O. Third to Sixth Prizes: one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline: January 13th. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). For more information, call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403 or 1-855-441-4077.

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- To log out when you're finished, click on "My Account" and then "Sign Out".

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.

2017 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please write your name on the registration form next to the envelope boxes. Please use current year's envelopes only to ensure your donations get credited to you. There have been envelopes that are assigned to parishioners who cannot find their envelopes. Please ensure that the envelopes you have have your names printed on the sticker on the envelope box.

SPECIAL NEED The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary Immaculate Parish is seeking help for a mature male parishioner who is in need of low cost housing. We are seeking an apartment unit, a basement apartment or shared accommodations to assist this parishioner with housing expenses. The parishioner needs to remain in the parish area in order to provide supplementary care for a disabled adult child but can no longer afford his current living accommodations. If you have housing available for this purpose, I would you to please leave a message and ask for Sal Crimi at 905-717-9827 or e-mail at sydprhsmi@gmail.com.

## MARK your CALENDAR



Fr. Pawel invites you to our Valentine's Gala on <u>February 10<sup>th</sup></u>. Tickets will be sold this weekend in the main foyer of the Church! Please get

your tickets to avoid disappointment.

**SMI YOUTH GROUP** meets on January 8th after the Sunday 4:30 p.m. Mass in the parish hall.

**SMI-CWL GENERAL MEETING** – The first General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League for 2017 will be held on Tuesday, January 10, starting with Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m. All Ladies of the Parish are invited to attend and discern if this Ministry is for you. Refreshments will be served.

**SMI-CWL Religious Store and Fr. Pawel's Book Club** will be open after all masses the weekend of **January 14-15** in the church foyer. Please make sure you purchase your books for the Book Review on **January 18**.

MOTHERS' GROUP Our parish is starting a Mothers' Group. Do you want to be refreshed? Inspired? Meet other Catholic moms? Then come out to our first meeting on **Tues.**, **January 17**<sup>th</sup> in the Meeting Room at 7 p.m. Please call the parish office to pre-register.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!! Our Fr. Pawel Book Club presents the "3rd Book Review & Tea Time with Fr. Pawel" at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18th in the Parish Hall. Please secure a copy of the book to be discussed – "7 Secrets of the Eucharist" and "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass.". Available at the CWL Religious Store and at the Office. Please note the date change. Facilitator for this evening: Fr. Francesco

SMI-CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & TEA – The Catholic Women's League invites all the Ladies of the Parish to its ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE/TEA SOCIAL to be held on Sunday, January 22. This year, we will start our Tea Social after the 11:00 am and 12:30 pm masses and open until 3:00 pm. Come and learn more about the CWL mission, goals, objectives, spiritual, educational and social events, outreach ministry and more, and help discern if this Ministry is for you! All Ladies of the Parish and current CWL Members are highly encouraged to attend. JOIN US for tea, pastries, canapés. WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!

THE "RCIA GRADUATES" will hold their next meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 in the MEETING ROOM (room at the foot of the south stairs close to the washrooms). If you are a graduate and wish to deepen your faith and renew friendships, please join us. You may email Adam at adamgiancola@gmail for the short text we will be discussing.

**THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY - DVD presentations by Jeff Cavins** will start in our Parish on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Please call the parish office to order your study kit.

**SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES** is available to help if you feel guilty or depressed about an abortion you had or encouraged someone to have. You can speak to Fr. Vince Heffernan at 416-261-7135 or Mrs. Angelina Steenstra at (905) 430-7990.

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8 gennaio 2017 - Solennità dell'Epifania del Signore La Provvidenza misericordiosa, avendo deciso di soccorrere negli ultimi tempi il mondo che andava in rovina, stabilì che la salvezza di tutti i popoli si compisse nel Cristo. ... Tutti i popoli, rappresentati dai tre magi, adorino il Creatore dell'universo, e Dio sia conosciuto non nella Giudea soltanto, ma in tutta la terra, perché ovunque «in Israele sia grande il suo nome» (cfr. Sal 75, 2). Figli carissimi, ammaestrati da questi misteri della grazia divina, celebriamo nella gioia dello spirito il giorno della nostra nascita e l'inizio della chiamata alla fede di tutte le genti. Ringraziamo Dio misericordioso che, come afferma l'Apostolo, «ci ha messo in grado di partecipare alla sorte dei santi nella luce. E' lui che ci ha liberati dal potere delle tenebre e ci ha trasferiti nel regno del suo Figlio diletto» (Col 1, 12-13). ... Tutto questo, lo sappiamo, si è realizzato quando i tre magi, chiamati dai loro lontani paesi, furono condotti da una stella a conoscere e adorare il Re del cielo e della terra. Questa stella ci esorta particolarmente a imitare il servizio che essa prestò, nel senso che dobbiamo seguire, con tutte le nostre forze, la grazia che invita tutti al Cristo. In questo impegno, miei cari, dovete tutti aiutarvi l'un l'altro. Risplendete così come figli della luce nel regno di Dio, dove conducono la retta fede e le buone opere. Per il nostro Signore Gesù Cristo che con Dio Padre e con lo Spirito Santo vive e regna per tutti i secoli dei secoli. Amen. (S. Leone Magno).

"Oggi al celeste Sposo s'è congiunta la Chiesa: poiché nel Giordano egli ha lavato i suoi peccati. Accorrono i Magi con doni alle nozze regali; e s'allietano i convitati dell'acqua mutata in vino. Il soldato battezza il Re, il servo il suo Signore, Giovanni il Salvatore. L'acqua del Giordano è stupita; la colomba testimonia: la voce paterna risuona: Questo è il mio Figlio, nel quale mi sono compiaciuto: ascoltatelo (Rito Ambrosiano, Epifania)".

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MASS IN	TENTIONS	Jan. 8 - 14
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Ida & Alphonse De Santo
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Maria Bomba
		+Pacitto Family
		+Augusto Brunetta
		+Vincenzo e Luisa Iafrate
		+Antonino e Alberigo Catallo
		+Agostino e Maria Luisa
		Catallo
	11:00 a.m.	+Antonio Gaiani
		+Sergio & Angelina Durante
	12:30 p.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 p.m.	+Domenico Pileggi
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Severino Bucci
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Venera Castronuovo
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Rechel Lisozzi
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+ Thomas & Joan Alexander
FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	+ Giuseppe Giusti
	7:00 p.m.	+Herbert, Catherine &
		Patrick Paxton
		+Lawrence Donahue
		+Matthew Narine
		+Mary Abbo
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Carol Morra
		+Frank Caldarola
		Intentions of Kenneth Steele
		+Stephen Tsao

#### 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, Francesca Di

Domenico, 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

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK:** Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Mila Aquino, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado,

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